



Town of Middlefield Board of Selectman

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SELECTBOARD MEETING

2023-06-12

Present:

Chair Ann Marie Visconti Member Curt Robie, Tamarin Laurel Paine

Town Administrator Sean Curran, HRMC Linda Cernik

Guests: Adair Laurel Cafarello, Joseph Kearns, Doreen Black, Judith Hoag, Wayne Suriner, Ron Radwich, Skip Savery and Jonathan Freiermuth.

- **Convene Meeting:** Meeting opened at 6:30
- **Review/Sign Warrants:** Warrants were signed.
- **Chair:** Motion was made and seconded to approve Ann Marie as Chair, motion passed.
- **Hilltown Research Management Cooperative: HRMC Administrator** Linda Cernik, helps manage all the transfer stations, operations and grants in 10 towns in MA.
 1. Williamsburg will continue running the mattress program. It's not cost effective for Middlefield to receive mattresses. They need to be stored clean and dry to keep costs down as a soiled mattress could cost us up to \$200 in fees.
 2. Middlefield ranks high on inspections with only minor infractions. The pre inspections will be done in August for the October inspection. Massachusetts Fire Technologies, Inc are behind on their fire extinguishers inspections at the dump and throughout the Town. This needs to be done before October.
 3. Wayne will call Linda before the snow flies to get the electronics bin swapped out. The Town should purchase a paper compactor. Skip and Wayne should check out the new refurbished one in Peru.
 4. The Waste Management broke the railing at the recyclable bin years ago and has not repaired it. Linda said to use the grant to fix it and she will call Chris Carbone about reimbursement.
 5. CRMK can pick up household items that do not move out of the gift shop. Sean will contact Hank Sayer to get a container that will store scrap metal for free. .
- **TA** Sean Curran was sworn in as town administrator and started his position on July 6. Sean suggested reformatting the Selectboard meeting by having the Selectboard at their own table which would make it more efficient to follow Robert's Rules of Order. An All Boards meeting will be scheduled after Labor Day.
 1. Sean has applied for a grant to help with costs for the Town Park.
 2. Town Emails were discussed. Several members agreed to have one location for all emails in office. Sean recommended that the Selectboard have individual passwords. The Treasurer requested to have her town email configured. Phone service needs to be evaluated at Town Hall.

- **Overage Account:** Skip Savery updated the board about an unpaid salt bill. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$9,542.88 from the Police Account 60201.01 of \$11,000 to cover the overage from unpaved roads. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- **FTC Update:** Judy Hoag reported that the Council on Aging voted to ask for the Selectboard's recommendation in order to look into the FRTA's contract proposal for senior transportation. The Board will read the material and the FRTA's representative will be asked to attend the Selectboard's August 9th meeting.
- **Planning Board:** Chair of the Planning Board, Doreen Black, discussed the Public Hearing that they held last Saturday.
- **Church update:** Curt, Sean and Mark Doane are scheduled to attend a zoom meeting tomorrow morning at 11:00 concerning the Church's status.
- **Library Wage Increase:** Adair recommended that the Library director be given an increase in her salary to conform to minimum wage. A motion was made and seconded to increase the library salary to \$9,360, which will be an increase of \$1,800. Motion passed. The Treasurer will be informed.
- **Reserve Fund Transfer:** Five late bills were requested to be covered by the reserve fund. The Finance Committee asked the Selectboard to approve the bills in advance of the 5o'clock meeting on the 17th. The Chair will attend that meeting at 5:30 to approve the bills.
- Made a motion to adjourn at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne C. Lemieux