

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

March 16, 2015

Chairman opened meeting at 6:45 PM by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Selectmen A. Frawley, L. Dalpe, J. Knowlton, D. Stewart and S. McKinnon; Town Manager R. Nunes and Executive Assistant J. Shanley.

Board conducted School Building Committee candidate interview with resident Shane Oates.

UNANTICIPATED

Chairman asked Town Manager to invite DPW Director Chris Peck to come in before the Board to talk about street paving.

Arthur Battistini addressed the Board to announce that he was involved in the event for Miss Middleborough and Miss Lakeville this past weekend. He shared how impressed he was with the candidates and wished them all well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

Board and public made various announcements.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve 3/2/15 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve 3/5/15 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve 3/9/15 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign Warrants for week ending 3/14/15.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted to sign the Oliver Estate Purchase & Sale Agreement. Selectman Dalpe updated the Board and explained the Agreement. OECD member Jane Kudcey addressed the Board. Chairman confirmed through Selectman Dalpe that the Town is not purchasing the property by signing this Agreement. Signing this Agreement is just the next step in pursuing grant funding. It was confirmed that Town Meeting makes the decision whether or not to purchase this property. Historical Commission member Jane Lopes addressed the Board. Selectman McKinnon acknowledged the work that Selectman Dalpe has invested in this endeavor and expressed his individual concerns, which were addressed by Selectman Dalpe. Four in favor. Selectman McKinnon opposed.

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Upon motion by Selectman Stewart and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to provide a written commendation for Police Sgt. Stephen Verhaegen, retiring after 42 years with the Middleborough Police Department.

Discussion ensued relative to appointing members to the School Building Committee. Each Selectman offered how impressed they were with all of the applicants. Each Board member offered their individual top three choices with Jennifer Wrynn and Jennifer Wolfe being everyone's two out of three. Robert Desrosiers was the top choice for three out of five members of the Board. Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to make the following appointments to the School Building Committee:

Parent Representative

Jennifer Wolfe

Community Representatives with Architecture, Engineering and/or Construction Experience

Jennifer Wrynn

Rob Desrosier

Selectman Knowlton offered his concerns that the Committee is so large (17 members). Selectman Dalpe noted that the Committee will be required to have at least 9 members present to have a quorum. Each member will receive a letter and appear before the Town Clerk to be sworn in. Chairman asked the Town Manager to post the first meeting. Names must be submitted to the SBA by 3/30/15.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve application for amended Fuel Storage license, changing the name of the land owner only, for 2 West Grove Street.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve SOI for the Henry B. Burkland Elementary School for replacement or renovation of the building.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

SRPEDD representative addressed the Board to discuss the development of a regional transportation plan & to hear concerns within the Town (attachments). Draft is due by the end of June. The first step in the process is public outreach, which is why they are asking the public officials where it sees public transportation deficiencies. Selectman McKinnon asked what the Town has to do at the Industrial Parks to make it so that people want to come re Rail Freight line system. There must be businesses that need to run freight. More freight that runs via rail, leads to fewer trucks traveling and causing wear & tear on roads. He suggested a bicycle path along the

distance of the river between the two points. SRPEDD representative replied that they could come in and discuss and start some feasibility studies. SRPEDD representative, Jackie, is paid to go around to all of the Towns to discuss bicycle trails. Selectman Knowlton asked if they have a website where people can share some of the problems they are having. The website is: www.srpedd.org and there is a spot in there to leave general comments. Selectman Knowlton would love to see rotary mentioned in a couple of spots. He would like to see the support. SRPEDD representative agreed. Chairman thanked them for dedicating the one-year TIF money towards the Rotary project and offered that the Town will be in touch with Jackie Smyth. Selectman McKinnon offered his appreciation for the resolution that has mitigated the numerous crossover accidents at Route 495. Resident Glenn Montapert shared concerns about, and asked if, the travel speed of the Cape Flyer can be slowed down and if they could help in doing something about the Trash train that goes through Town and stinks and has had two fires already while parked on Centre Street. Resident Brian Giovanoni pointed out that there is no way to cross the street at the traffic light on Route 44 at the intersection at Plymouth Street and the KOA and Oliver Mill Park. He offered that he brought it up in 2007 and suggested that maybe some thought could be given to even just a button for a crosswalk. SRPEDD representative responded that now is the time to address something like this. It makes sense with a campground and Tourist attraction. He offered that they can keep hounding them since a button for a crossing is fairly inexpensive.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Two items:

Recreation Complex Feasibility Study – the CPC voted to fund. It will be an ATM Warrant article.

Wastewater Plant vote be continued to 3/30/15

CORRESPONDENCE

#6 Selectman Stewart noted Verizon FIOS notice.

#7 Selectman Stewart noted a Rabies Clinic to be held Saturday, March 28, 2015 in Lakeville.

#2 Selectman McKinnon noted receipt of the Plymouth County Pension Assessment.

#3 Selectman McKinnon noted letter to Senator Pacheco re Narcan.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:43 pm.