

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

January 13, 2014

Chairman opened meeting at 7:00 PM by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Selectmen S. McKinnon, A. Frawley, B. Quelle, L. Dalpe and J. Knowlton; Town Manager C. Cristello and Executive Assistant J. Shanley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jane Lopes of the Middleboro Gazette extended an invitation to the Board, Town Manager, and the Board's Executive Assistant to attend the Open House for Frank Albani of Soule Homestead on Sunday, January 26, 2014 from 2 – 4 PM at Town Hall.

Selectman Frawley announced the Run for Your Lunch through All Are Welcome.

Selectman Dalpe announced the first Herring Festival at Oliver Mill Park. For more information visit Facebook at Friends-of-the-Middleborough-Lakeville-Herring Run or email Selectman Dalpe.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted to approve the 12/16/13 regular meeting minutes. Four in favor. Selectman Dalpe abstained.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve the 1/6/14 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve the 1/6/14 Executive Session meeting minutes.

WARRANTS

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign the Warrants for week ending 1/10/14.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Kudcey of the OECD addressed the Board. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to sign letter to Representative Keating to support extending the 1/15/14 exception to USDA definition of a Rural Community as having 20,000 residents or less.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Nancy Parks as an alternate member of the Agricultural Commission for a three-year term ending on 6/30/17.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve Betterment Agreement for 404 Marion Road in the amount of \$16,698.

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Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve signing the employment contract for Town Accountant Steve Dooney.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve signing the employment contract for Town Manager Charles J. Cristello. Chairman requested that all contracts be posted to the Town's website.

Selectman Dalpe spoke about the formation of a Tourism Committee and gave a brief review of all applicants and their qualifications. It was agreed that after the Committee's first meeting, Selectman Dalpe will bring the matter of setting term limits before the Board. Jane Kudcey spoke and offered that she will offer support to the Committee in her position through the OECD. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to appoint the following individuals to the Committee:

- Judy Bigelow-Costa
- Glenn Montapert
- Sherri Heartlen-Neeley
- Oliver stone
- Mary stone
- Leilani Dalpe

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to submit comments to the Mashpee Wampanoag Environmental Impact statements.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Board welcomed Janine Delaney, Municipal Recycling Coordinator for DEP. Ms. Delaney offered handouts to the Board followed by PowerPoint presentation. Those in attendance offered comments. Board thanked Ms. Delaney and Mr. Peck for the presentation and information.

Permanent Cable Committee

Board welcomed the Permanent Cable Committee. Committee Chairman Robert Silva addressed the Board. Selectman Knowlton asked if the Committee negotiates the increases we are seeing in cable costs. Mr. Silva explained that it not within the Committee's authority. Chairman asked if this issue comes up again, that the Committee bring it to the Board's attention to which he agreed. Selectman Dalpe asked how much input the Committee has to request certain programming. The Committee can register complaints/inquiries with the Comcast representative, but Comcast regulates its own programming. The Board gives Comcast the license to operate. The Committee was able to pay the expense involved in getting cable to Edgeway Mobile Home Park. Selectman Quelle offered that the local channel has been a great tool for the Town. Karen Foye spoke about Video on Demand and will eventually be able to identify which shows are watched on our local access. Lakeville had helped us while we straightened out services for Edgeway Mobile Home Park, but is now doing its own thing. Money that comes in goes into the General Fund. Karen offered that we do a lot of sharing with Lakeville relative to programs and access to

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programs. Chairman Silva offered that the Committee has given more than 1 million dollars back to the Town since 2006. They are trying to tie the Water department into the INet system. Selectman Dalpe offered her appreciation to the Committee for all it does. The Committee will appear before the Board in March to present its annual report.

Green Energy Committee

Green Energy Committee members introduced themselves as did MG&E representative Sandy Richter. Committee Chairman Jeff Stevens offered that the Committee reviewed energy uses in the municipal buildings over the past four years and found ways to conserve energy. The Committee continues to find ways to conserve. Selectman Knowlton offered his appreciation to the Committee. Chairman Stevens spoke about the significant amount of money that the Committee was able to save the Town by utilizing Bristol Plymouth school services for labor and seeking funding through the Pierce Trustees to cover expenses. Sandy Richter offered that the Committee just completed an assessment of the Town library. She noted that the MG&E has been able to provide conservation energy audits. They had provided energy audits to the Housing Authority and the Authority is now in the process of implementing energy saving improvements. Selectman Frawley agreed and applauded the energy saving steps taken at the COA. He commended the Committee and offered his appreciation for all of the efforts by these Committee members. Chairman Stevens offered that the Committee is on the lookout for projects and asks that if Town government or anyone hears/knows of any funding resources that could be used for energy conservation, to please make the Committee aware. Selectman Quelle offered his thanks to the Committee. He asked questions about costs involved with leaving equipment/lights on when no one is in a room. Chairman Stevens offered that it may cost .20/night to leave a computer on. He noted that 1,500 computers in the schools, if left on, would cost \$300/night in electricity, therefore, they are now being shut off. We've reduced our energy use by over 30%. Chairman McKinnon asked if the Committee has looked at the Sewer Treatment plant project and/or the Police Station building project. Mr. Stevens responded. Sandy Richter offered that they did a scoping study and they took a good long look at the upgrades of the Treatment Plant plans and made some significant recommendations. The MG&E will be keeping a close eye on the project as it develops.

Weston Forest Committee

Chairman Bob Lessard addressed the Board and introduced the members of the Committee and offered that they manage of 200 acres of land. He offered that they dealt with moths eating the trees and dealt with a significant drought. The Committee does not advertise. The Committee meets quarterly at the firehouse, including tomorrow night. Selectman Knowlton asked if the Committee is looking for volunteers. Chairman Lessard responded that they've had a few people assist. The Committee wants people to come out and explore. Selectman Dalpe asked the best way to contact the Committee so that she can get them on the website relative to the Tourism project she has undertaken. Committee member Harry Pickering would be the contact. The Committee members confirmed for Selectman Frawley that dogs must be leashed while in the forest. The Committee also recognized that residents offer help in keeping the forest clean. Selectman Quelle offered his thanks to the Committee for all it's done. Selectman Knowlton asked if it's possible to mountain bike on the trails, to which Mr. Lessard responded that he knows someone who has. Chairman thanked the Committee for coming in.

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager noted correspondence/ mailing to Middleboro Homeowners by American Water Resources and advised the public to be aware that this is a private company, having nothing to do with the Town of Middleborough.

We did not get the MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant this year. We will have to take a look at it again.

Town Manager noted correspondence from the Town's Auditors.

Town Manager noted the Five-year Forecast. The Governor's budget recommendation will come out in about one and one half weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

#2 Selectman Knowlton noted the YMCA Winter Gala on 1/25/14.

#3 Selectman Quelle noted correspondence from Comcast re business services.

#4 Selectman Quelle noted correspondence from National Grid re Natural Gas Safety Information. He asked if we've gotten the trains moved back from the gas lines yet. Town Manager responded.

Town Manager offered that the Edgeway Homeowner's Association has filed for a Rent Increase and he suggested that they put together something in writing re the modifications that they are seeking and hopefully we can come to a similar agreement with the Association as the Board did with the former owner. The hearing(s) will be coming before the Board within the next month.

Chairman McKinnon offered that this evening he noted a pile of dirt falling down on Plymouth Street from NSTAR's removal of all living trees. He requested that some DPW employees visit the area and clean the roadway from this debris and that NSTAR be charged for the expense of utilizing these employees or to have NSTAR do it. Town Manager offered that NSTAR is still in the area.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:02 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Executive Assistant
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