MINUTES

For approval at the 1-24-11 meeting

Middleborough Board of Selectmen **January 10, 2011**
Meeting Minutes

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

In attendance were Selectmen A. Rullo, M. Duphily, S. McKinnon and S. Spataro, Town Manager C. Cristello and Confidential Secretary J. Shanley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Vice Chairman Rullo announced that Chairwoman Brunelle's Mother-in-law had passed away and offered the Board's condolences to the Brunelle family.

The meeting was aired live by Comcast and Verizon and taped by Comcast.

Selectman McKinnon asked for a moment of silence in honor of the victims from Saturday's shootings in Arizona.

Suzanne Dube announced that the Friends of the Library will hold a gala called "Users Standing Together" at the Town Hall on Saturday, 4/9/11 at 6 PM. They will hold an additional event called "Love Your Library Day", which is free to the public and will be held at the library on Saturday, 2/12/11 at 6 PM. Ms. Dube informed Board that she spoke with State Representative Calter today and he will come in anytime in February. Arrangements may be made by contacting his legal aide.

Vice Chairman Rullo noted that Monday, January 17, 2011 is a legal holiday. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously not to meet next week due to the holiday.

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Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve 1/3/11 meeting minutes with corrections to page 3 as requested by Selectwoman Duphily.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve 1/3/11 Executive Session meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS
Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted unanimously to evoke Chapter 44 31D to allow deficit spending for snow removal.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve Town Hall rental request b Louise Dery-Wells, LICSW for 3/19/11.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to award Trailer Mounted Sewer Cleaner bid to Howard Fairfield LLC, 373 SW Cutoff Road, Worcester, MA 01601 in the net amount of $48,138.00 plus the optional items to be determined by Superintendent Todd Goldman, as recommended by DPW Director A. Bagas. Selectman Spataro asked if this piece of equipment is made in the United States. Town Manager did not recognize the name, but will find out.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to award the Backhoe bid to Case of New England, 800A Hartford Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 in the net amount of $91,710.00 plus the optional items for a total bid of $102,155.00.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve Town Hall lawn sign request by MHS Class of 2011 for 1/12/11 through 1/20/11.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager noted memorandum from Wastewater Superintendent Todd Goldman to DPW Director A. Bagas informing him of the new effluent water reuse program in the solid handling building.

Town Manager noted that he had included the Capital Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of 12/2/10 and 12/9/10 in his report and that the Committee would be prepared to give presentation before the Board in the coming weeks.

A representative of the Department of Public Health was at Town Hall today to talk about their grant program to encourage Towns to regionalize their public health services. They would like to create six new public health districts. The purpose of today's meeting was to explain request for information put out by the Department of Public Health.

Town Manager attended a meeting this past Friday with the towns that are looking at having a regional dispatch center. They continue to work towards establishing a strategy for doing a feasibility study.

Selectman Spataro commended Todd Goldman and Andy Bagas and their staff for keeping the expenses of the Water and Highway departments down. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to issue letters of commendation for their personnel files.

Selectman McKinnon spoke with Town employee who indicated that we may have a lot more truck traffic in the future. He suggested that perhaps the Middleborough Police department should have its own inspectional department, noting that the Abington Police Department has one. The State Police will train. The Town could catch overloaded trucks and impose a fine. Brian Giovanoni addressed Board and offered that the Town of W. Bridgewater had tried this and stopped due to being seen as anti-business/stopping commerce.

CORRESPONDENCE

#4 Selectwoman Duphily noted letter from the Rock Village Church thanking the Board for allowing the church to use the Town Hall lawn to hold its annual live Nativity pageant.

#5 Selectwoman Duphily noted Building Department Permit Fee schedule.

#7 Selectwoman Duphily noted that the Herring Fishery Commission had provided the Board with the final version of the updated Commission Bylaws.

#8 Selectwoman Duphily noted the Health Department monthly receipts report.

#5 Selectman McKinnon noted that the totals on the FY10 & FY11 Building department receipts report is down $44,090 and he expected, with the medical center being built, that the figure would be greater. Town Manager explained that we only have 1/3 of their permit fees and that it will be in phases.

Town Manager noted that nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's office.

OTHER
Selectwoman Duphily asked if there is any way for contractors in Town to make suggestions on improving permitting process. Town Manager responded that they can call or email him with suggestions.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy relative to Pending Litigation and not to return into Open Session. Roll Call: A. Rullo, Yes; M. Duphily, Yes; S. McKinnon, Yes; S. Spataro, Yes.

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Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
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