

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

January 28, 2013

In attendance were: Selectmen A. Rullo, S. Spataro, B. Quelle, and S. McKinnon, and Town Manager C. Cristello.

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

Meeting was broadcast live by MCCAM and recorded by MCCAM and Verizon.

UNANTICIPATED

Discussion amongst the Board and those in attendance ensued regarding the recent visit by the Mass DOT to the Town of Middleborough.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

Board wished Middleboro Gazette Editor Jane Lopes a Happy Birthday.

Chairman reminded the public of the new reduce disposal program at the Middleborough Landfill. Residents may dispose of textile items in the Bay State Textile trailer located at the Brook Street Landfill.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve the 1/14/13 meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the item under New Business re local housing authorities was prematurely placed on the agenda. This item will be addressed at the Board's 2/3/13 meeting.

Industrial Communications President Michael Umamo addressed Board to discuss the request for a letter by the Board to Mass DOT re Industrial Communications anticipated construction of a telecommunications tower facility on the curb cut, subject to property located at 137 Main Street. A question and answer period ensued. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve sending the letter, as prepared, to Mass DOT.

Jane Kudcey of OECD addressed Board to discuss request for Board's signature on the Inter-local Agreement with the Town of Fairhaven re FY'13 CDBG Grant application. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to sign the Inter-local Agreement.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to email his signature for any additional documents re FY'13 CDBG Grant application, as necessary.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Town Clerk Allison Ferreira addressed Board to explain her request for the Board's support to fill the following vacancies by including the balance of these unexpired terms on the upcoming Annual Town Election ballot of April 6, 2013, pursuant to MGL Ch. 41, S. 10:

- One vacancy on the Park's Commission with an unexpired term of 2014
- Once vacancy on the Housing Authority with an unexpired term of 2016

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to support the request.

Board reviewed the following FY'14 Town Budgets:

- Health department
- Planning department
- Sealer of Weights & Measures
- Building department
- Police department
- Fire department
- Selectmen
- Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager reviewed the enterprise fund balances over the past three years, which the Board had requested at the last meeting. The spreadsheet shows that both the water and wastewater funds have increased over the past two years reflecting the rate increases that have been approved to support future capital projects. The trash balance has decreased due to the rate reduction that was approved two years ago.

Town Manager also noted the correspondence with Mass DOT over the design of the Plymouth Street Bridge. He will be lobbying the Mass DOT Central Office staff to review the design after more than a year of delay to start the project moving forward again.

CORRESPONDENCE

#4 - Selectman McKinnon noted correspondence on the Governor's budget proposal. Town Manager reported that he is not going to use the increased numbers until he hears some positive confirmation from the legislature. He is meeting with Representative Calter this week.

#6 - Selectman McKinnon, also, again, congratulated Chief Benjamino on another successful grant award.

#8 - Chairman Rullo volunteered to attend the Open Space Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to adjourn meeting at 9:25 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary