

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

January 7, 2013

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

Selectman McKinnon had participated as a judge at an Oratorical program held by the American Legion from which they select a winner to go to Washington DC. Selectman McKinnon congratulated resident Tim Torchio for winning.

Selectman Frawley announced that the Buzzard's Bay Coalition received a grant for \$60,000 for the Rocky Gutter Wildlife Corridor project in Middleborough, which is going to help conserve 29.4 acres of land that provides an important buffer to the head water wetland area that contain wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities.

Brian Giovanoni announced that the Republican Town Committee will be awarding the annual scholarship for the essay writing program on 2/9/13 at a sponsored luncheon at Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to adopt the Order of Taking for Londonderry Lane.

Upon motion by Selectman Quelle and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to adopt the Order of Taking for Silo Lane.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to accept resignation by Gene Turney as the retirees' representative to the Town's Insurance Advisory Committee.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to appoint Charles Armanetti as the retirees' representative to the Town's Insurance Advisory Committee and to re-appoint Gail Twomey as an alternate member of the Town's Insurance Advisory Committee.

Upon motion by Selectman Quelle and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to appoint Joseph Urbanski and Ray Jarvis as volunteer Observers to the Middleborough-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission with terms ending 9/30/13.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted to approve Betterment Agreements for 50 Fairview Street and 6 Cliff Street, as presented.

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Police Chief Gates addressed Board. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve Conditional Offer of Employment to Brian W. Fitzgerald, 19 Washburn Street, as a recruit Police Officer, subject to conditions as presented by the Chief of Police.

Chairman noted that, as of today, Little John's Restaurant, dba Shooter's Steakhouse & Sports Bar has paid the outstanding water lien with cash after having had paid by check with insufficient funds. Discussion ensued. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted to schedule a hearing for 1/14/13 for disciplinary action against Shooter's Steakhouse & Sports Bar. All in favor.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

At 7:25 PM Josephine Ruthwicz & Jane Kudcey addressed Board to discuss the Star Mill Affordable Housing Lottery. They will be taking applications for 2/20/13 with first preference to Middleborough residents. Applications are available at the Library, the Town Clerk's office, the Housing Authority, and online middleboroughoecd.com and click to the right: residences at Star Mill. Town Manager will look into having it linked to the Town's website.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT FY14 BUDGET REVIEWS

Board reviewed the following Budgets with the specified Committees and Departments:
Finance Committee/Law Department/Zoning

Town Clerk-elections & Registrations/Conservation

Treasurer-Collector-Debt Service-Employee Fringe Benefits-Unclassified

Town Accountant/Assessors

Selectman Quelle left the meeting.

John Ewas and Adam Bond, Legal Counsel to Mr. Ewas, addressed the Board to present his request to redeem from tax taking 4 Vine Street. Lengthy discussion ensued. Board heard from various individuals, including Mr. Ewas, Attorney Bond, and Treasurer/Collector Judy MacDonald. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously not to redeem 4 Vine Street from tax taking.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager noted promotion of Highway department employee Jeffrey Jenness to Heavy Equipment Operator prior to the holiday.

CORRESPONDENCE

Selectman McKinnon noted his displeasure with Xfinity raising its prices again.

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Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted to adjourn meeting at 9:30 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
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