

MINUTES

For approval at the 1-9-12 meeting

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

December 19, 2011

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, S. Spataro, A. Frawley, and B. Quelle, Town Manager C. Cristello and Confidential Secretary J. Shanley.

The meeting was broadcast live by Verizon and MCCAM and recorded by MCCAM.

UNANTICIPATED

Selectman Frawley noted that he will try to attend the MMA Annual Conference in January. Selectman Quelle offered that he will as well.

Selectman Frawley requested that the Board look at the 8/17/11 meeting minutes of the Permanent Cable Committee meeting for a possible ethics violation. The matter will be placed under future items on the Board's agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Selectman Spataro noted the impeccable work done to restore the nativity set located across the Street. Chairman offered that it was fabulous work.

Selectman Spataro and the Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Chairman thanked the Board's Confidential Secretary, Jackie Shanley and Town Manager Charles Cristello for all they do and for keeping up with the heavy workload.

Selectman Quelle noted the drug bust in Town last week and offered that the Board will continue to support the Police Chief in any way it can to continue to fight these crimes.

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Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve 11/16/11 Executive Session meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, board voted unanimously to approve 12/5/11 regular meeting minutes

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve 12/5/11 Executive Session meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve 12/12/11 regular meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve a Common Victualler license for Mandarin Kyoto restaurant, 321 West Grove Street.

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Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve the 2012 Common Victualler licenses as presented & recommended by the Health department.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to sign letter to Secretary of State asking for emergency funding for the Town Hall Cupola project.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to sign thank you letter to the State Ethics Commission for holding the Conflict of Interest presentation. Selectman Frawley offered thanks to Caroline LaCroix for arranging for the presentation.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to declare Water department 1997 Ford Ranger Pickup truck VIN #1FTCR1OU3VTA54653 as surplus.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve early closure of Landfill Drop-Off area for 12/24 & 12/31. Selectman Quelle offered that he had been contacted by a resident who noted that the Town's Agreement with Waste Management requires that they pick up litter within 1,000' of the entrance. Town Manager will ask them to look into.

The SERSG 2012 Contract Award for Services will be addressed at the Board's next meeting on 1/9/12.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to sign consent letter for the refinancing of an Affordable Housing property.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve RFP for Washburn Mill & Freight house property.

The request by MEA to place "Happy Holiday" sign on Town Hall lawn was cancelled.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign "No Trespass" orders for certain Town properties. Town Manager noted that areas of specific concern are the Two Town Hall buildings and Kramer Park. Police Chief addressed Board and offered that with these orders in place, we can give a warning, and if individuals don't abide, they will be arrested. It will also make it clear that these areas are under surveillance.

Fire Chief Lance Benjamino's Employment Contract

Chairman noted that Fire Chief Lance Benjamino is doing a tremendous job and that the Town is truly lucky to have a professional like him to run its fire department. Chairman noted that the Fire Chief will receive an increase in salary effective 7/1/12. Town Manager also offered that Chief Benjamino is an outstanding professional and everything you would want in a Fire Chief. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the employment contract between the Town and Fire Chief Benjamino.

Town Manager's Performance Evaluation

Chairman explained the Town Manager employment performance evaluation process. He noted that the Town Manager has done an outstanding job this past year, receiving a score of 2.6 out of 3 for his leadership. Chairman also noted that the Town Manager recognized that he needs to improve paying attention to staff development and performance. Chairman read several accomplishments by the Town Manager. The Selectmen individually offered positive comments on the Town Manager's performance. Town Manager offered his thanks and that he is looking forward to continuing to work for the Town.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager noted that he recommends that the Town create a memorial in John Glass (Everett) Square to honor former Economic and Community Development Director Anna Nalevanko, who passed away suddenly in September.

CORRESPONDENCE

No comments made.

Upon motion made by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to adjourn meeting at 8:50 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
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