

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

October 19, 2015

In attendance were: Selectmen S. McKinnon, J. Knowlton and D. Stewart; Town Manager, R. Nunes and Executive Assistant J. Shanley.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to authorize Selectman McKinnon to run tonight's meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Board made various announcements & recognitions.

MINUTES

None

WARRANTS

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign the Warrants for week ending 10/17/15.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Change Order #1.

Board discussed RFP for Town Hall annex. Town Manager to discuss with Town Counsel the possibility of adding some incentive language and allowing some re-design. Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve Betterment Agreement for 152 Wareham Street.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve real estate tax payment to the Town of Plympton for 0 Prospect Street.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve Cape Cod Getaway MS Bike Ride, contingent upon approval by Police & Fire Chiefs.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve the use of Town Roads for the Jesse Heikkila Foundation 2nd annual Bat Run on 9/18/16. Selectman Stewart recused herself from discussion and abstained from voting.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve FY2010 CDBG Block Grant for \$10,000.

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Josephine Ruthiwicz addressed the Board to explain the Committee's wish to change the name of the Middleborough At Home Committee to Middleborough Affordable Housing Committee. Upon motion by Selectman Stewart and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously approve.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to appoint to reappoint and appoint members of the MAH as presented on the attached.

Upon motion by Selectman Stewart and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to reappoint & appoint members of the Herring Fisheries Commission as presented on the attached.

Clare Cole, Chairman of the Cultural Council addressed the Board. Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to appoint members to the Cultural Council as presented on the attached.

Veterans Services Officer Paul Provencher addressed the Board to present the 2015 Veterans' Day activities. Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve, as presented, with the exception of the request for a sign on the Town Hall lawn and the request to place a sign on the corner of Routes 105 and 28.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to award the bid for Construction of the Mizaras Gravel-Packed Well to F. G. Sullivan Drilling.

Upon motion by Selectman Stewart and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve a One-day All Alcoholic beverages liquor license to the Bartending Services of New England for Middleborough Friends Halloween ball at Town Hall on 10/24/15 from 7 pm to 11 pm. Selectman Knowlton recused himself from discussion and abstained from voting.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Town Moderator addressed the Board to discuss the Oliver House Committee. He asked that the Board members forward him any expectations it has for this Committee, including how often it provides the Board with updates. He is looking for seven members. He has received some letters of interest and is looking for more.

Joe Lynch gave presentation re Middleborough Industrial Park @ 495.

Chairman opened public hearing on Tax Classification hearing at 9 PM. Diane Maddigan of the Board of Assessors addressed the Board. The Board of Assessors recommended keeping the tax rate at 5%. Board asked questions. Chairman asked to hear any further discussion. Hearing none,

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Chairman declared hearing closed. Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve as follows:

\$15.95 residential

\$16.98 business

Weston Forest Committee report on Committee activities

Derek Adamiec, Chairman of the Weston Forest Committee addressed the Board. He offered that the forest is seriously underused and the Committee had brainstormed about uses for the property. The Committee had moved forward with disc golf course because it believed it to be past practice by the Committee. The Committee had meetings with the Town Manager that indicated other uses for the forest were wanted. Selectman Knowlton confirmed with Mr. Adamiec that the Committee has agreed to cease & desist until there is clear direction from Town Counsel. In response to questions by Selectman Stewart, Derek replied that he did not go to the EPA re any possible environmental impacts. Josh Quackenbush addressed the Board.

Jim Knox of Tispaquin Street addressed the Board and offered that when a project like this is proposed, we should know the scope. He has several questions and the answers were not provided before this project began. He will attend the Forest Committee meeting tomorrow night.

Bob Lessard addressed the Board. He read aloud a letter written by resident Kathleen S. Anderson, also the Chairman of the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Advisory Committee to the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and provided a copy. Josh Quackenbush addressed the Board in response. Adam Bond of 8 Rock Street addressed the Board. It's his understanding that this Committee is an advisory committee, and as such, is charged with "advising", only. He suggested providing a written document of the Board's expectations for each Committee.

A male resident addressed the Board concerned with taking a local source and turning it into a regional source. He would like to see the Planning Board look this over, as experts, in what the traffic could be.

Carl Reid addressed the Board

A female resident from Purchase Street addressed the Board. She's researched the Weston Forest Committee website and the disc golf course website. The impact will spread throughout the forest and affect all of the animals. She is concerned that there is not enough parking. She is concerned about trash, it will be an expense for the police department, and when there is an injury, the Town will be sued, not the Weston Forest Committee. She cannot see what the Town will gain from this golf course.

Kevin Quackenbush addressed the Board.

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Mary Nash of Faye Avenue addressed the Board. She thinks we need qualified people who are objective to look at this, such as the Planning Board.

Judy Holbrook of Faye Ave. She raised concerns about it being in the WRPD.

Kathy Holmer from Purchase Street expressed concern about the narrow width of Purchase street/traffic/safety concerns.

Faye Johnson offered that, as a guiding principle there is no charter to explain what this land is for outside of the Will.

Bob Lessard addressed the Board. He asked the Town Manager to ask Town Counsel about Zoning and Planning issues. Town Manager responded that he has already presented those questions to Town Counsel.

Josh Quackenbush addressed the Board and offered to meet with anyone, and will walk the forest with them too, if wanted.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager presented his report as is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE

#11 Selectman Knowlton noted West Nile Virus memo from the Health Officer.

#2 Selectman Stewart noted correspondence re Kiwanis event: Flags of Valor.

#12 Selectman McKinnon noted correspondence from Verizon re Outdoor Channel.

#13 Selectman McKinnon noted the Draft Temporary Solution Statement for 255 Plymouth Street from the Conservation Commission.

#3 Selectman McKinnon noted the MAHB Certificate Program from MA Association of Health Boards.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session at 9:27 PM to discuss strategy relative to Police Personnel and not to return into Open Session. Roll Call: J. Knowlton, Yes; D. Stewart, Yes; S. McKinnon, Yes. Ended at 9:45 PM.