

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

October 26, 2015

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

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

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

UNANTICIPATED

Members of the audience made announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Board and audience made various announcements.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve 10/5/15 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve 10/5/15 Executive Session meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve 10/13/15 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve 10/13/15 Executive Session meeting minutes.

WARRANTS

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to sign Warrants for week ending 10/24/15.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to discontinue use of existing voting equipment and to begin using new voting equipment in the next allowable election. Town Clerk Allison Ferreira addressed the Board. Selectman McKinnon asked the Town Manager to make sure the voting equipment, stored in the Town Hall annex, has its own designated storage room. Town Manager agreed.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to award bid for Road Salt, Magnesium Chloride, Calcium Chloride and Ice Ban Bids FY16.

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Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to authorize payment of invoice for S. Coast Media Group.

Town Manager presented Town Counsel's opinion re Weston Forest & Disc golf course. Board members offered feedback. The Town Manager offered that he and Fran Cass will be touring various Town properties over the next couple of weeks and will keep disc golf in mind for a potential site. Mark Belanger addressed the Board to suggest that Town Counsel does not explain why disc golf is not an allowed use in a park through his opinion and asked that the Board request clarification of that specific point. Derek Adamiec, Chairman of the Weston Forest Committee, addressed the Board. He asked for clarification of point #3 offered by Town Counsel. He let the Board know that the Committee does have plans to suggest a variety of possible uses for the forest. He asked the Board to look into installing signs on the roadway alerting the public to the location of the forest. Town Manager asked that he send him an email/memo with details of exactly what the Committee wants the signs to say and where it wants to locate them. Mark Belanger addressed the Board and reiterated his request that Town Counsel clarify the aforementioned points of his opinion.

Selectman McKinnon began discussion re various Board, Committee, and/or Commission charges. He created a list of suggested information to put together for each group to formulate something official, in writing, that can serve as a future handout. He suggested the members of the Board of Selectmen research a handful each. Selectman Knowlton noted the Board had each of the Committees in to provide an update of its activities and recommended that this practice continue.

Neil Rosenthal addressed the Board to say that Town Counsel was asked for his opinion and that's what was given. Derek Adamiec responded. Joshua Quackenbush addressed the Board to read a definition of parks and recreation. Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to have the Town Manager ask Town Counsel to clarify why disc golf is not allowed as a recreation activity in a park.

Selectman McKinnon will get the list of all committees and pass out groups to each member of the Board to research. Donna Johnson of Faye Avenue addressed the Board.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Upon motion by Selectman Stewart and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to continue the Earth Removal hearing re Pentwyn Farm, Sonia Drive to 11/16/15 at 7:30 PM at the request of Attorney Robert Mather.

Unexplained Paranormal Research provided presentation for the Board of unexplained voices recorded in the Town Hall building. Board asked questions.

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Joseph Cornish provided presentation re Oliver House Historic New England Preservation Restriction. Community Preservation Committee Chairman Jane Lopes addressed the Board. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to sign, subject to the review by the Commission on Disability on Wednesday, 10/28/15.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager presented the FY16 Strategic Plan First Quarter Performance Tracker report.

Selectman Dalpe left the meeting at 9 PM. Selectman Dalpe returned to the meeting at 9:03 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

#9 Selectman Knowlton noted the COA opening of Libby's Café on every Wednesday.

#10 Selectman Stewart noted correspondence from the Stidhams re trash cleanup – Taunton River site entrance

#8 Chairman Frawley noted MA Audubon Road-Stream Crossings & Culvert Replacements workshop.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session at 9:56 PM to discuss strategy relative to Leasing of Real Property and not to return into Open Session. Roll Call: S. McKinnon, Yes; L. Dalpe, Yes, J. Knowlton, Yes; D. Stewart, Yes; A. Frawley, Yes. Ended at 10 PM.