

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

February 25, 2013

Chairman opened meeting at 7:05 PM by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Selectmen A. Rullo, A. Frawley, and S. McKinnon, Town Manager C. Cristello and Confidential Secretary J. Shanley.

UNANTICIPATED

Selectman Frawley noted an email he had received from resident John Condry informing him that, on Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 p.m., thousands of cities around the world will go dark for one hour during Earth Hour, WWF's annual campaign to raise awareness of the environmental challenges we all face, such as climate change. Selectman Frawley encouraged the community of Middleboro to also take part in Earth Hour by turning off all non-essential lights in and around government buildings and by promoting the event and encouraging landmarks and businesses in the community to join in.

Selectman Frawley reported that he had been at the EMS Committee meeting the other night and would like to reiterate his thanks to all department heads, again, for their contributions during the recent blizzard, especially, Fire Chief Benjamino, who had stayed at the Fire department for four days straight. The Chief noted to Selectman Frawley that Brewster Ambulance, and especially, Jeff Jacobson of Brewster Ambulance, went above and beyond the call of duty during the blizzard. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to send letters of appreciation to Brewster Ambulance and Jeff Jacobson. Selectman Frawley also reported that, per the Fire Chief, Brewster Ambulance had received a higher grade, during the last quarter, through a grading survey, than any ambulance service we've ever had. Glenn Montapert asked how the survey is done. Selectman Frawley explained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

Chairman read aloud correspondence from Health Officer Jeanne Spalding recognizing former Animal Control Officer Jayson Tracy for his past six years of employment with the Town and the many contributions he made. Chairman also extended his appreciation to Jayson for all he's done for the Town and wished him well.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve 2/4/13 meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve 2/4/13 Executive Session meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve 2/11/13 meeting minutes.

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NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve the Disabled American Veterans' Forget-Me-Not Drive from June 28 to July 4, 2013.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Joseph Gallant of 21 Winterberry Hill Lane as Constable, effective 2/28/13 through 2/28/14.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to authorize Chairman to sign Subordination Agreement re Façade Grant Agreement & Covenant for 25 Wareham Street.

Bill Taylor of MG&E addressed Board to explain request for petition from Verizon to place pole 12S on Fuller Street due to storm damage. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve petition.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to sign Agreement for Nursing Services with Lakeville.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve name "Reedy Way" for an access path located at 121 Wood Street.

Selectman Quelle joined meeting at 7:15 PM.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted to award bid for borrowing re Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Plans to Century Bank in the amount of \$400,000 at a .50% interest rate. Three in favor. B. Quelle did not vote.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Michael Jackman, Aid to Congressman William Keating, addressed Board and distributed a handout of contact information for the Congressman's office staff. He informed the Board that they would like to be proactive to any issues that arise. Chairman asked that he return to the Congressman's office and ask him to ask the parties to reach across the table and start working together. Mr. Jackman agreed to deliver the message. He also noted that the best and easiest number to reach them at is the Plymouth office, 2 Court Street, Plymouth, MA, 508 746-9000. Town Manager noted, for the Board, that he has spoken with Mr. Jackman about the Middleborough Rotary and he has agreed to come out and review/discuss in the future.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager noted correspondence from DPW Director Andy Bagas offering his appreciation for the diligent efforts of the Highway, Sanitation, Water, and Wastewater employees during the recent blizzard. The Town Manager echoed his comments.

Town Manager gave the Board an update as to where the Town stands with its snow budget.

Town Manager noted correspondence re Town Hall rental/sign requests that have been approved.

Town Manager noted a letter that will be sent to business owners advising them that the Town has decided to renew the services for, and will continue to participate in, another three-year promotional campaign conducted by CGI Communication, Inc., an Internet technology service aimed at providing a positive impact for promoting the public and the private assets of the Middleborough community.

Town Manager distributed a Five-Year Forecast to the Board and reviewed its status. It will require level funded budgets with no increases this year. He will give the Board a full recommendation at its next meeting. The Town will be able to maintain current services. He will also have the draft ATM Warrant ready for the Board at its next meeting.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Edgeway Mobile Home Park – Application for license

At 7:36 PM Chairman reviewed previous meeting re Edgeway Mobile Home Park – Application for license and noted that Attorney Burke had been hospitalized and has been unable to follow through with a meeting between him, the proposed buyer of the Park, and the Town Manager. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to continue the matter to 3/11/13 at 7:30 PM.

Town Clerk & Town Counsel re Consideration of Dual Election

At 7:39 PM Town Clerk Allison Ferreira addressed Board and provided a written and verbal review of what had been discussed at the Board's previous meeting as well as an update of information she had obtained since. Selectman Frawley thanked Ms. Ferreira for the work she had put into gathering and providing this information. He commended her willingness to put in extra work for no extra pay. He noted he could not be in more support of what she is recommending. Chairman Rullo also offered that he was also pleased with what she has presented. Selectman McKinnon offered his appreciation and acknowledgement to Ms. Ferreira for all that she had put into this. Motion made by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, for discussion, to combine the Annual Town Election and the Special State Primary to both be held on 4/30/13 with the new polling hours of 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Selectman Quelle recognized the work put forth by Ms. Ferreira, noting that it is, as always, of the highest quality. He additionally apologized to her that a politician quit and by doing so, it has created a tremendous amount of additional work for Town Clerks across the Commonwealth. He shared his view that combining the elections, creates partisanship. Chairman offered that he finds the reasons set forth to go forward with the dual election to be valid. He doesn't believe this is about partisanship. He offered that this is about our local election and the more people we can draw from, willing to run for municipal government, is to the benefit of the

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Town. Brian Giovanoni offered his concerns that combining the elections may be partisanship, yet also that by not combining the elections, the Town may not receive reimbursement by the State for the Special State Primary election. Resident Thomas White offered that he thinks the dual election is a great idea. He thanked the Town Clerk. He offered that it is his opinion that it will offer him the opportunity to go to the polling place once, not twice; to find a babysitter once, not twice; and to save gasoline. He does not believe it has anything to do with partisanship. He hopes the Board votes in favor as it is the right thing to do and makes common sense. Adam Bond addressed Board offering that part of the Board's job is to save the Town money, and combining the elections saves the Town money.

Maureen Franco, candidate for School Committee, spoke in favor of the dual election, noting that she runs the risk of an additional candidate having the opportunity to run against her, but she welcomes it as an opportunity to work even harder. She thinks it makes sense for Middleboro to keep it efficient. Sara Cederholm, also running for office, spoke in favor of holding a dual election, noting that it would be efficient. Selectman McKinnon offered that those who vote will pay attention to the candidates and the choices they have. The Town Clerk offered that it was her responsibility to provide the information to the Board, and noted that she wants whatever is best for the Town. Selectman Frawley noted information presented, specifically, the positives presented. Selectman Quelle offered that, as a Republican, he should be 100% in support of the dual election, because they have a better turnout, but to him, this is about more than that. It is about the Town Charter and it is not the Town's job to bring people out to the polls. He doesn't want local candidates to be dragged into this. He thanked the Town Clerk again for everything she has contributed in putting this information forward. Board voted three in favor. Selectman Quelle opposed.

Buddy's Pizza – Request for Change of Hours on liquor license

Christopher Mastrangelo addressed Board, noting that business is going well for him. Selectman McKinnon asked if there were any abutters present. None came forward. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve request for change in hours. Hours of operation approved as Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. until 1 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

#14 Selectman McKinnon noted Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 2/25/13 Reserve Fund History report. He asked Town Manager if we can find out if the soil investigation is deep enough to design an addition to the Police department building.

#3 Selectman Frawley noted correspondence from Edgeway Homeowner's Association, specifically, Request/List of Reasons the Association finds that the Park's license should not be renewed.

#4 Selectman Frawley noted correspondence from Morgan MHP Mass, LLC, specifically, Notice of Intent to Sell Hillcrest Mobile Home Park.

#6 Selectman Frawley noted correspondence from the Town of Rehoboth re MA Gaming Commission-Draft Regulations: Surrounding Communities. He offered that he appreciates their

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comments. He also offered that there is a Special Gaming Commission meeting on 3/21/13 of which he plans to attend.

#10 Selectman Frawley noted correspondence from Loretta Baldwin re deteriorating emergency vehicle access to Crest Drive and asked Town Manager to ask A. Bagas to look into. Town Manger responded that it is taken care of as we learned that it is Lakeville's responsibility to take care of it. It had been an oversight.

#16 Selectman Frawley noted correspondence from Fire Chief Benjamino re Blizzard Initial Damage Assessment and again offered credit to the Chief and his team.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:24 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
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