

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 3, 2014**

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

In attendance were: Selectmen S. McKinnon, A. Frawley, B. Quelle, L. Dalpe and J. Knowlton; Town Manager C. Cristello and Executive Assistant J. Shanley.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS**

Chairman asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Seven-year-old Jesse Heikkila who passed away on Sunday after a long illness.

Selectman Frawley said hello to his daughter who was watching the meeting from home.

Selectman Dalpe attended the retirement luncheon on Friday for Lt. Mackiewicz and presented Mr. Mackiewicz with a proclamation on behalf of the Board for his 37 years of service to the Town.

Selectman Dalpe announced that the MA Office of Travel & Tourism has donated \$25,000 to be utilized by the Tourism Committee. Chairman thanked Selectman Dalpe and congratulated her on a job well done.

Town Manager announced that, weather permitting, there will be a Police Station Building Committee meeting this Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7 PM in the Selectmen's hearing room.

Brian Giovannoni announced that on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Nichols Middle School the School Committee will meet on the Wellness policy, Capital Plans for Schools, voting on the transfer of the Green School to the Board of Selectmen and voting on the new School calendar.

**MINUTES**

To be voted on 2/10/14.

**WARRANTS**

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman, or his designee to sign Warrants for week ending 1/31/14.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted to set terms for the Tourism Committee members as presented on the attached, with terms ending on 7/30 of the specified year. Chairman McKinnon advised Selectman Dalpe that the Town's Charter requires that the Committee develop a Statement of Purpose, which she duly noted. Four in favor. Selectman Dalpe abstained.

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Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve a One-day All Alcohol liquor license for The Bartending Service of N.E. for 2/15 from 7 p.m. – 12 a.m. at Town Hall.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Wright Pierce Invoices: Pilot Testing \$19,432.02 and Schematic Design \$42,648.04.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Kathleen Foye as a member of the Historical Commission.

Chairman explained the purpose of tonight's discussion of 4 Lovell Street property complaints. Building Commissioner addressed Board to report that he, Fire Chief Benjamino, Captain Carl Reed and the attorney for the estate, Attorney Sherman had the opportunity to visit the site last Friday. The last time they visited this property was in 2004 and nothing much has changed. The estate's representative agreed to comply with a punch list developed by the Building Commissioner and the Fire Chief. Chairman asked if there is any possibility of having a chain link fence installed. Building Commissioner responded that it can be asked of the estate, but not required. Chairman confirmed with him that the only danger of holes in the floors is on the second floor. Building Commissioner confirmed that it does not appear anyone has been inside the house. A female resident named Ashley of 6 Lovell Street, who purchased her home in 2012, addressed Board. She was led to believe that this property was going to be leveled. She has been cleaning up the yard. She insists that the property is not clean and that there are bags of trash on the property. She's had to pay \$900 in repairs to her property (fence) due to a tree from that property damaging her fence. She does not want to see someone, especially a child, to get hurt as they do play on that property. Anything that we can do is better than doing nothing. Building Commissioner offered that the Attorney for the estate is going to contact him this week and he will ask him when they intend to tend to the punch list. A male resident of Lovell Street addressed Board. He reported that the soffit on the house is pulled away about one foot as well as holes on the side of the house, both of which are entrances for squirrels. There are trees on the property that are rotting and may pose a hazard. Building Commissioner will advise the Attorney. Adam Bond noted that there is an estate battle and suggested that perhaps the Building Commissioner can ask for the Probate Court docket number that the residents may be able to utilize in getting assistance in forcing cleanup of the property. Building Commissioner agreed that he can ask for it, but can't guarantee it will be provided. Chairman noted that, the Board does have the authority to order that a fence be installed if it gets to that point. Resident, Mr. Gillis, addressed the Board to say that he doesn't understand how the Fire Chief can be concerned for his men to go into this dwelling, but there isn't concern for a contractor. Chairman explained that contractors have experience repairing situations such as this.

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Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to issue the decision on the Site Assignment Hearing re the Middleborough Landfill. The Decision will be published within 7 days as required.

Health Officer Jeanne Spalding addressed Board. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve and sign Agreement for Nursing Services between Middleborough and Lakeville.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES**

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing re WRPD application by Cumberland Farms, Inc. for 90 & 92 E. Grove Street, Map 65, Lots 299 & 112 and 147 Wood Street, Map 65, Lot 372 to 2/20/14 at 8:15 PM.

Green School Committee representative Wayne Perkins addressed the Board and gave an overview of the history of the Green School. He then presented the Committee's request to take a portion of Town owned property and subdivide it and add it to the Green School property for parking. The Board voting to do this would allow for a Town Meeting warrant article, which would be necessary to combine the two parcels. It will require some engineering. The Committee has another donation. Jeff Youngquist of Outback Engineering has agreed to do this for us. This entire project has been done through donations. Selectman Quelle asked if there is a plan to leave a certain amount of vegetation between the building and the abutter's property. Committee member Lincoln Andrews responded by explaining that he knows the abutter and has spoken with him and it is a non-issue. Selectman Dalpe asked if the Committee would consider utilizing the building as a stop for information about the Town. Mr. Perkins offered that the Board will have say in what the building will be used for, but absolutely. Selectman Dalpe asked that the Committee get information to the OECD as it is compiling information about the Town. Selectman Quelle confirmed that there is opportunity for gas hookup and electricity. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve the request. Mr. Perkins also requested that the Board consider providing a letter of support to the CPA for funds on behalf of the Green School Committee project. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to authorize its Executive Assistant to send letter on behalf of the Board.

Lee Hartmann, Plymouth Planning & Development Director provided presentation re Plymouth's Tourism Development Plan. Destination Plymouth is a private non-profit group. Selectman Frawley thanked Mr. Hartmann for presenting the information. Mr. Hartmann offered that there are great resources already available for the Town of Middleborough to utilize. Selectman Dalpe offered that Destination Plymouth has been great in working with her in obtaining the grant our Tourism Committee has recently received. Glenn Montapert asked how many international visitors they had when they first started and how many they have today. Mr. Hartmann responded that it's a growing

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market. Selectman Dalpe added that MA is up about 2 million visitors from a couple of years ago when they measured it. Also, the international market is picking up. In the entire country, we are 5<sup>th</sup> for tourism. We've just had several airlines open up at Logan so the international tourism is expected to explode. Brian Giovanoni thanked Mr. Hartmann and noted that, at some point, we have to bite the bullet and fund this. Selectman Dalpe noted that Plymouth doesn't have enough hotel space and they are always referring people. We have a number of large hotels here in Town and may see our hotel tax increase. Chairman thanked Mr. Hartmann and credited Selectman Dalpe for her continued efforts in the tourism endeavor.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager noted a letter received from Ronald Andrew at Oak Point suggesting that when we replace our existing recycling bins, we make a plan to re-cycle or re-use the current barrels.

Town Manager reported that they had a meeting last Monday with MA DOT and their representatives of CSX. He noted a written report re the meeting which Glenn Montapert had provided.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

#1 Selectman Quelle offered thanks to everyone who's worked so hard to see the rotary concerns get to this point.

#1 Selectman Knowlton echoed what Selectman Quelle said. Many people worked on this and deserve credit.

#1 Selectman Dalpe noted that Senator Pacheco did request a Rotary Design Task Force to make sure that this doesn't fall through the cracks with the surrounding communities and Secretary Davey has agreed to that.

#2 Selectman Dalpe announced the New England Blues Festival to be held on 3/15/14, which is an event Supporting Veterans.

#1 Selectman Frawley volunteered to serve on the Rotary Task Force. Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted to appoint Selectman Frawley as the Board's representative. Selectman Frawley offered his thanks to Town Manager C. Cristello, Planning Director Ruth Geoffroy, the State Representatives and Senator Pacheco for all of their efforts in bringing the rotary matter forward. Chairman would like to offer letters of thanks to all, including SRPEDD. Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to send letters of thanks. Chairman offered thanks to everyone who has been working on this for many, many years.

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Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

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Jackie Shanley, Executive Assistant  
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