

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

March 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.

UNANTICIPATED

Selectman Knowlton reminded everyone that the Board cannot respond to anonymous correspondence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION

Chairman asked that everyone keep the Town Moderator, Wayne Perkins, in their thoughts and prayers in response to minor medical procedure he has undergone.

Selectman Dalpe announced that the Middleborough May Flower Lodge will celebrate its 150th Anniversary tomorrow, March 4, 2014.

Brian Giovanoni announced that the School Committee will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM and will be discussing the revised anti-bullying policy. On Thursday, April 3, 2014, the Committee will discuss the school budget.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve the 2/10/14 Executive Session meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted to approve the 2/24/14 regular meeting minutes. Four in favor. Selectman Quelle abstained.

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 2/28/14.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to appoint Meghan McDonald to the Commission on Disability.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to declare 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Sedan (Car 95) VIN#2FAFP71W43X137438 as surplus.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve a One-day All Alcoholic beverages liquor license for Muckey's Liquors on 4-9-14 from 5 PM to 10 PM at 200 Oak Point Drive.

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Town Manager gave overview of letter of support re Shoe Shop Place Development project. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to authorize Town Manager to ask our State Representatives to join in asking for promised funding.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve payment of invoice from Atlantic Design Engineers, Inc. for peer review of Earth Removal application for 288 Thompson Street. The applicant is to reimburse the Town for this expense.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager presented the Board with its budget books and spoke briefly about the budget review process and the status of the budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

2 Selectman Dalpe will attend the Plymouth County Development Council Transportation Breakfast on 3/28/14.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Board welcomed Arthur Battistini of Battistini's Bakery, Inc. Mr. Battistini addressed the Board with his presentation re leasing 1 South Main Street. He proposed an opening timeline of June with the hope of an approval this evening and terms of an agreement to be determined in Executive Session within the next two weeks. He assured the Board that the timeline is reasonable for construction per his contractors. His business is already incorporated and a checking account has been established. He can't move forward without a lease. He reviewed his academic degrees in the field of bakery and noted his position as a teacher at Middleborough High School. He is working with one marketer in Town, someone he grew up with. He estimates approximately hiring four employees. He agreed with Selectman Dalpe when she explained that the lease fees will be based on an annual TIF. In response to questions by Selectman Quelle, Mr. Battistini clarified that the bank wants an approval for the space of the lease prior to approving financing, not necessarily the lease itself in place. Selectman Knowlton indicated that he is ready to offer his approval of this lease. Town Manager offered that, if the Board is ready to move ahead with this, he would meet with Town Counsel to work out a lease agreement. Historical Commission Chairman Jane Lopes asked if there are any plans to do anything in the conference room that would affect the architecture. Mr. Battistini explained his plans for the room, which would not affect the architecture. Chairman asked to hear any further comments or questions. Hearing none, Chairman declared hearing closed. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to award the proposal to Arthur Battistini, subject to a mutually agreed upon lease agreement.

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Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Executive Assistant
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