

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 4, 2013**

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

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

**UNANTICIPATED**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS**

Selectman Frawley wished a Happy Birthday to Alexandria Pimental who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday.

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectmen McKinnon, Board voted to approve 2/20/13 meeting minutes. Four in favor. Selectman Rullo abstained.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve 2/25/13 meeting minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

David Payne of Capeway Rovers addressed Board. Chairman read into the record, all dates requested for One-day liquor licenses. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman read aloud Sunday Entertainment license requested dates. Motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, with discussion by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve Sunday Entertainment license.

Chairman read aloud Saturday Race dates. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman read aloud Practice dates. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve.

Applicant Dennis Barbato addressed Board. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve a Common Victualler license for The Boston Tavern, 58 E. Grove Street

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve an Entertainment license for The Boston Tavern, 58 E. Grove Street for Monday through Saturday 8 PM to 12 AM.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve amended Storage of Flammables license for 760 Center Street.

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Town Manager explained letter he drafted to Legislative Delegation from the Board re infrastructure funding. Discussion ensued. Selectman Frawley read aloud the last paragraph of the proposed draft letter. Motion made by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Chairman Rullo, to send letter to Legislative Delegation, with discussion by Selectman McKinnon. Town Manager noted that part of his discussion with State Representative Calter was how we build consensus around our Rotary design preference. Town Manager will work on incorporating some suggested language into letter and Board will address at its next meeting. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> withdrawn.

Board discussed its Annual Town Report. Board agreed it was satisfied with the report as drafted by Chairman Rullo.

Board reviewed suggestions for improvements in the Town's FY13 Audit.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES**

School department Manager Kathy Piatelli informed Board that she and School Superintendent Roseli Weiss would be presenting the School department budget & asking for the Board's support for the Statement of Interest (S.O.I.) for Middleboro High School. Presentation moved forward. Chairman thanked the representatives of the School department for the presentation. A question and answer period ensued. Board members thanked Ms. Piatelli and Dr. Weiss for their presentation.

Selectman Frawley read, into the record, the Statement of Interest vote of the Board, as follows: "Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 4, 2013, the Middleborough Board of Selectmen, Middleborough, MA, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form that will be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority MSBA by no later than April 10, 2013, for consideration in FY2013, for the Middleborough High School located at 71 East Grove Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

Priority # 2 - Elimination of existing severe overcrowding.

Our current facility restricts our ability to fulfill our mission. Constraints involve space, equipment and technology. The classroom environment has changed. In an effort for us to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment we have converted three (3) classrooms into computer labs. There are eight (8) classrooms which have been taken over for specialized instruction; Special Education programs, Alternative High School, Severe Special Education classrooms and the LINKS Program. This leaves us with eleven (11) less instructional classrooms.

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Priority #3 - Prevention of the loss of accreditation.

A Commission visit in June 2007 prompted the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges to place Middleborough High School on warning status for facility based issues.

Priority #5 – Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in the schoolhouse.

The present boiler system is original equipment that was installed when the schoolhouse opened in 1971. Despite on-going maintenance to maintain the current system, a modernization of this nearly 40 years' old technology will result in significant efficiencies and cost savings. Single pane, original windows in 25% of the building result in rain and wind coming into the classrooms. The original ventilation system is inadequate, loud and obtrusive. The electrical capacity is inadequate to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment. The lack of power, outlets and data drops results in jury rigging the whole building.

Priority #7 – Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

Our accreditation warning includes concerns with antiquated science labs, high class sizes and inadequate space for health services, conferences with parents, and storage. An addition may provide for immediate storage and meeting concerns but will not address the structural deficiencies we face in bringing a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment to our students.

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Middleborough to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief, the statements and information contained in this Statement of Interest and attached hereto are true and accurate and that this Statement of Interest has been prepared under the direction of the district school committee and the undersigned is duly authorized to submit this Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The undersigned also hereby acknowledges and agrees to provide the Massachusetts School Building Authority, upon request by the Authority, any additional information relating to this Statement of Interest that may be required by the Authority.” Upon

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motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the Statement of Interest.

Town Manager presented Board with his final budget recommendations. Board recognized and commended the Town's department heads for continuing to work within their budgets and the Town Manager for his work. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve the level funded budget as recommended by the Town Manager.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to send letters of appreciation to all of the volunteers who worked in the shelter during the recent blizzard.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to send letters of appreciation to DPW, Police, & Fire personnel as well.

Town Manager noted letter of retirement from DPW Director Andrew Bagas, effective May 2, 2013. Chairman noted that the Town will miss Mr. Bagas.

Town Manager noted draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant presented to the Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

At 9:00 PM, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy relative to Collective Bargaining and not to return into Open Session. Roll Call: S. McKinnon, Yes; B. Quelle, Yes; A. Frawley, Yes; S. Spataro, Yes; A. Rullo, Yes. Ended at 9:35 PM.

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Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary  
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