

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

April 14, 2014

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

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

In attendance were: Selectmen A. Frawley, L. Dalpe, J. Knowlton, D. Stewart, and S. McKinnon; and Town Manager C. Cristello.

UNANTICIPATED

Judy Bigelow Costa offered her own personal thank you to the volunteers and Plymouth Destination, MA Office of Tourism, Middleborough Cultural Council, Middleboro on the Move, Selectmen Dalpe and Stewart and everyone else who helped promote the beginning of tourism. Resident Karen Blair anticipates opening the Farmer's Market at Oliver Mill Park this season. Anyone interested in joining the market may contact her.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted to support having a farmer's market event at the Oliver Mill Park.

Sherrie Swindle of the Friends of the Herring Run Committee offered that there were over 2,000 people who attended the Herring Festival. She credited KOA and GATRA for their outstanding assistance. They received a lot of positive feedback from those who attended as well as from the vendors. People travelled from New York, New Hampshire and Cape Cod to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

Selectman McKinnon noted that the Herring Festival started as a spark and he commended everyone who contributed in making it a huge success.

Selectman Dalpe offered that, last year, she brought in a map from MA Vacations.com on which Middleborough did not appear. This year, Middleborough not only appears on the map, but it is in the center of the map.

Selectman Knowlton offered that he had attended the American Legion Operation Comfort Warrior fundraiser last week. He applauded the Legion.

Residents may tour the MPD on 4/26/14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for anyone who would like to see, first-hand, the condition of the present station. The Drug Take Back Day will coincide. Residents who are looking to dispose of prescription drugs safely may bring them to the station for proper disposal.

Chairman Frawley offered thanks to the Parks department, the Middleborough/Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission, to Selectman Dalpe, the Friends of the Herring Festival, and Glenn Montapert. He offered that he couldn't be more proud of the Town.

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Judy Bigelow-Costa offered that former OECD Director, Anna Nalevanko would have been smiling over the events of the Herring Festival.

MINUTES

None.

WARRANTS

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign Warrants for week ending 4/12/14.

NEW BUSINESS

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 4/12/14.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to sign Brett D. DeBoyes and Lynn K. DeBoyes to Town of Middleborough P&S Agreement re 59 Cross Street well site-land.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve the Clerical Union M.O.A.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve employment contract for Jacqueline Shanley, Executive Assistant to Board of Selectmen.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve a 3% step raise for Jacqueline Shanley.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of Certificates of Registration for Fuel Storage-2014, subject to the receipt of all required documentation being filed with the Town Clerk's office.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of Second Hand/Junk Dealer/Pawnbroker/Old Metals licenses, subject to receipt of all required documentation being filed with the Selectmen's office.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager noted spreadsheet he had distributed to the Board showing the \$131,000 that the Town will be getting from the state Pothole Fund for drainage repairs and crack sealants. DPW Director Chris Peck is working on a list of what areas he would like to allocate the repair funds to. We have to spend it by December.

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Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to send Governor a letter asking him to release Chapter 90 road funds and to copy to state legislators and forwarded to surrounding communities asking for their support.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Jane Lopes of the CPA Committee addressed Board and introduced newest member Peter Reynolds. Committee members Mark Belanger, Mo Franco, Dave Thomas, Janet Miller, Jo Ruthwicz, and Peter Reynolds were also in attendance. She noted that Michael Maddigan had to resign due to work conflicts and that it was a tremendous loss to the Committee/Town. The Committee and the Board were meeting jointly to appoint a replacement for this vacancy. Ms. Lopes read aloud a letter of interest from Kimberly French. Ms. Lopes also shared information provided by a second candidate, Judy Gallagher and a third, Richard McNair. Selectman Knowlton asked how the three candidates know that there was a vacancy to which Ms. Lopes explained that it was advertised in the Middleboro Gazette several times and possibly in the Enterprise newspaper. Chairman asked that, in the future, it also be sent to the I.T. department to be placed on the website. Motion made by CPC member M. Belanger and seconded by CPC member M. Franco to appoint Kimberly French as a member of the CPC. All members of the CPC and the Board of Selectmen voted in favor of appointing Kimberly French as a member of the CPC filling the unexpired two-year term of Michael Maddigan, effective 4/14/14 through 6/30/15.

Resident Jo Ruthwicz addressed the Board to announce that the Town Hall records archival project is underway. She offered that Town Clerk Allison Ferreira had provided her with some photographs, which she then put on display. She explained that a “test run” was given to some employees who were able to locate their files within 30 seconds. The Town Clerk’s office is working on a database to identify/locate all files. In response to Selectman Knowlton, Town Manager explained that, with today’s scanning abilities, we are more able to give away copies of documents without expense.

Taxpayer Lincoln Andrews noted ATM Warrant Articles 22 & 23 the CPC has approved \$125,000 of taxpayer money and in the process, there is a lengthy application that has to be provided and there is no way for the public to access this to see how the funds are being spent. He suggested that there be a mechanism put in place to make it accessible to the public. CPC Treasurer Mo Franco addressed the Board and offered that the Committee can post this document to the Committee’s website and also send it to the Town Manager for the Town’s website. CPC member Mark Belanger offered that he is behind in posting to the website and will get it accomplished in a couple of weeks.

Board reviewed ATM Warrant Articles 6, 7, 17, 18, 27, 28, 29, & 31.

RECOGNITIONS

Glenn Montapert Friends of the Herring Run offered thanks to the Police department and Brewster Ambulance for their contributions in keeping the public safe during the Herring Festival.

CORRESPONDENCE

#2 & #3 noted by Selectman Stewart and that she appreciates the Conservation Agent always being on top of the issues and keeping the Board informed.

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Town Manager offered that there is a Court ordered mediation meeting scheduled with the Tracy's.

#5 Selectman Knowlton noted job opening – I.T. Administrative/Technical Assistant.

#2 & #3 Chairman offered the Board's assistance to the Conservation Agent on either/both of these matters should she need it.

Town Moderator Wayne Perkins reminded the public that Special and Annual Town Meeting is on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at Middleborough High School.

UNANTICIPATED

Selectman McKinnon raised the outstanding designation of Selectmen representatives to CEHIC. Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to appoint John M. Knowlton as the Selectman's representative to CEHIC. Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to appoint Stephen McKinnon as the Board of Health representative to CEHIC.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session at 9:15 PM to discuss strategy relative to Collective Bargaining and not to return into Open Session. Poll vote: J. Knowlton, Yes; D. Stewart, Yes; L. Dalpe, Yes; S. McKinnon, Yes; and A. Frawley, Yes. Ended at 9:40 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Executive Assistant
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