

# **MINUTES**

**For approval at the 4-25-11 meeting**

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2011**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting was aired live by Comcast and taped by Comcast and Verizon.

The Middleborough Police Department in conjunction with the DEA will be holding the National Take Back Drug day on 4/30/11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the police station. Residents are encouraged to drop off any unused/expired prescription drugs to be disposed of properly.

The COA & Middleborough Friends are holding a Pancake breakfast on 5/7/11 at the COA to benefit the COA.

The Lion's Club 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is to be held at the Oak Point Clubhouse Grand Ballroom, 200 Oak Point Drive with a social from 6:30 PM to 7 PM followed by dinner at 7 PM. Tickets are \$28 per person. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Susan Beaulieu, 3101 Oak Point Drive.

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes of 4/4/11.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Middleborough Veterans' Council Memorial Day activities

Veterans' Council Adjutant, Paul Provencher, addressed the Board to review the schedule of activities. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve all Memorial Day activities and the use of Town Hall, if needed.

Falconeiri Hill

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve applying commemorative name Falconeiri Hill to an unnamed summit in Middleborough, MA (Plymouth County) 1.1 km (0.7 mi) W of Woods Pond. The name is intended to honor Dominic Falconeiri (d.2004), a lifetime area resident and World War II veteran who survived Pearl Harbor and who made significant civic contributions to the area.

Change orders from Stantec

Water Superintendent Joseph Silva addressed Board to explain need for change orders. Jeff Faulkner, Stantec Project Manager addressed Board. A question and answer period ensued. Various Selectmen voiced their displeasure and lack of confidence in the project. Selectman Spataro voiced that the change order does not come with his support.

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Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, for discussion, Board voted unanimously to delay change order, allowing Water Superintendent Silva to go back to contractor/project designer and return with a revised change order.

Board Representatives – Various Committees

Town Moderator Wayne Perkins addressed Board. He began by offering his congratulations to Selectmen Frawley and Quelle. The Town Moderator reviewed a list of committees, requiring Selectmen representatives, for which he is the appointing authority. He additionally noted that the EMS Committee appointments all expire in May. A Selectman representative is not required to serve on this committee, however, presently, Selectman Allin Frawley is serving on this committee as a citizen at large. The Police Station Building Committee presently has Chairman Rullo serving. The Capital Planning Committee and DPW Building Committee were being represented by Selectwomen Duphily and Brunelle. Selectman Frawley volunteered to serve as the Selectman representative on the Citizens Environmental Health Impact Committee. Selectman Quelle volunteered to serve as the Board of Health representative on the CEHIC. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to recommend these appointments to the Town Moderator. Selectman Frawley noted that he had been under the impression at last meeting that he had to step down from EMS Committee, but has since learned that it is not necessary. He will continue to serve until at least May, unless otherwise indicated. Selectman McKinnon volunteered to serve on the DPW Building Study Committee. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rullo, Board voted unanimously to appoint Selectman McKinnon as the Board's representative on the DPW Building Study Committee. Town Moderator Perkins reminded the public that Town Meeting is 6/6/11 and that it is important to have a quorum.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to appoint Selectman Frawley as the Board's representative to the Capital Planning Committee.

Selectman McKinnon volunteered to continue to represent the Board on SRPEDD commission. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to appoint Selectman McKinnon as the Board's representative.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS & LICENSES**

Sewer Extension Request - Valley Road Estates

Attorney Michael O'Shaughnessy addressed Board representing Anders Martenson on his request for sewer extension, Valley Road Estates, Middleborough. Consulting Engineer Doug Schneider also present. Mr. Schneider has come up with a new plan, which they are hoping will help towards getting their sewer extension. Mr. Schneider presented his plans to the Board. Wastewater Superintendent Todd Goldman addressed the Board and represented that this extension is not allowed. Chairman Rullo noted that

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the Board only has authority, acting as the Board of Health, and only if this were a health emergency. This clearly isn't a health emergency and doesn't fall under definition of service sewer area.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to deny request and encourage Attorney O'Shaughnessy to bring request before Town Meeting. Selectman Spataro disclosed that he is member of Middleborough Friends and Mr. Martenson will be putting a roof on the Animal Control shelter. Selectman Spataro noted that he has no direct dealings with Mr. Martenson and voted on matter as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

SRPEDD Appointment

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to appoint Town Manager Charles J. Cristello as the Town's SRPEDD JTPG representative.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS & LICENSES**

Frank Albani – Soule Homestead Annual Report

Mr. Albani presented Soule Homestead's annual report. He noted that "Sheep" day will be held on 5/7/11 and that a list of additional events may be found on the website: [www.soulehomestead.org](http://www.soulehomestead.org). This weekend will be the electronics & appliances recycling event here at Town Hall. Individuals can join Soule Homestead by printing registration form from online and submitting a \$25 fee. Selectman Frawley noted that Soule Homestead holds concerts in July & August 7/9 – 8/20 (3 or 4 each month) and that the Harvest Fair is 9/17 & 18 (always 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September). Selectman Frawley requested that a link be added to the Town website leading to the Soule Homestead web link. Selectman Spataro commended Mr. Albani's work and the work of Soule Homestead. Mr. Albani acknowledged the appreciation of Soule Homestead for the recognition.

**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

Meeting Schedule Week of 4/18/11

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to not meet during holiday week of 4/18/11.

SRPEDD Appointment

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to appoint Ruth McCawley Geoffroy as SRPEDD Commission Planning Board representative and JTPG Alternate.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS & LICENSES (continued)**

EMS Committee – recommendation on ambulance service contract

EMS Chairman Gene Turney addressed Board to present the Committee's recommendation. The Committee recommended that the bid be awarded to Brewster Ambulance Service.

Town Manager supports the Committee's recommendation. Fire Chief Benjamino addressed Board. Chairman Turney explained that the low bidder, Stat Ambulance, was not recommended by the Committee for various reasons. Fire Chief offered that he is not a voting member, but can only share his professional opinion. Mr. Turney offered that he is very impressed with the operation that Brewster has. He additionally shared that Brewster Ambulance representatives told the Committee that they would meet the IFB requirements by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Turney noted that they audit every single transport; we have a Fire Chief on duty daily; and the EMS Committee all of which will provide oversight. EMS Committee member Brian Giovanoni offered that he, personally, found that Brewster exuded confidence in all of its answers to questions posed by the Committee. Mark and George Brewster addressed Board. Chairman Rullo presented that the question is how do you intend to meet the requirements of providing the service. The Brewster's responded that they will meet or exceed the requirements and are willing to put in their contract whatever is being verbally agreed to by them tonight. They also explained that they are looking at housing facilities in Middleborough through a realtor. The Brewster's committed that there is no question that they will have housing facility by 7/1/11. Selectman Frawley informed the Brewsters that he was very impressed with their presentation at the EMS Committee meeting the other night because every answer was that Brewster Ambulance will comply with all requirements. He read aloud what they are committed to offering. The Brewsters noted that they are willing to put all of that into the contract. Board thanked the Brewsters. Town Manager announced he was making a full disclosure that AMR came in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour with a second bid that would have been less than the bid by Brewster Ambulance. The Town Manager informed the Board that he supports the EMS Committee's decision not to entertain the bid from AMR that was submitted after the deadline. He further explained that AMR interpreted the Town's IFB as indicating that we would have allowed for them to come in later.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to award contract to Brewster Ambulance Service, selecting the "Primary Service", and asked Town Manager & Fire Chief Benjamino to incorporate all those items discussed/offered/agreed to this evening into the contract between the Town of Middleborough and Brewster Ambulance Service.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager noted that the Town Hall Cupola has been taken down and that every effort will be made to have it put back up as soon as possible. He thanked OECD Director Anna Nalevanko for having had written the grant that will fund part of this project. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board

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voted unanimously to send letter of thanks to Anna Nalevanko. Jane Lopes asked the Town Manager if the Town now waits for Annual Town meeting to go out for bid. Town Manager responded no, and that we will have a bid out contingent upon Town Meeting.

Town Manager noted that Chapter 90 award for FY'12 is \$879,139.

The MA Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced that the Town of Middleborough Health Department is receiving a Public Health District Incentive Planning Grant in the amount of \$30,450 in response to the proposal submitted for planning to develop the Southeast Regional Health District. Town Manager offered his thanks to Health Officer Jeanne Spalding for her leadership role in taking on this grant. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to send letter of thanks to Jeanne Spalding.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to send letter of thanks to Chief Gates for his efforts in obtaining a grant for computer software.

Town Manager noted letter he sent to North Carver Water District Commission Chairman Michael Bumpus. The Town of Middleborough will continue to provide billing & maintenance services to the Town of Carver until they are able to do it on their own.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review Current Objectives & Assignment of Responsibilities

Chairman suggest Board assign the lead and come back later with review of objectives He asked if the new members are interested in any particular item. Selectman Frawley responded that he is interested in the ring road.

Review & Adoption of Board's Rules & Procedures

Selectman McKinnon clarified that he was looking for set of procedures for those attending meeting. Though, he acknowledged that the Board needs procedures as well. Board agreed each member would review the draft and discuss/adopt at its next meeting.

**BILLS**

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$192.50 to SouthCoast Media Group for the printing of the Annual Town Election Warrant.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

#1 - Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to send letter of thanks Jason Roth for his service as a member of the Finance Committee.

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**CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

#3 Selectman Frawley asked how he would sign up/pay to attend the MA Sustainable Community Conference. Board explained that attendance/payment is independent.

#5 Selectman Frawley noted that he did not understand the meaning of this letter from MA DOT dated 4/1/11 re National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) Bridge Rating and Posting. Other members of the Board agreed.

#7 Selectman Frawley noted correspondence from City of Melrose re Regionalization of I.T. Services. Town Manager noted that he has left a telephone message for the Mayor.

#9 Selectman Frawley asked questions re information contained within the Cable Committee meeting minutes dated 3/17/11. He asked how we arrived at rate-of-pay for Cable Transition Coordinator position. Chairman Rullo responded that the Board of Selectmen didn't, but rather the Cable Committee did. Selectman Frawley indicated that he would discuss with the Town Manager later. Selectman Frawley also noted an authorization for Committee member Roger Brunelle to spend up to \$5,000 on office equipment for the Cable Transition Coordinator. Selectman Frawley questioned whether this amount is reasonable vs. excessive. Town Manager will look into and report back.

#8 Selectman Quelle raised correspondence re: Request for MG&E Annual Operating Budget. Town Manager suggested waiting until tomorrow as he anticipates a response from the MG&E.

#6 Selectman McKinnon offered that he will reach out to SRPEDD to see if he can get an R.F.I. (Request For Information) going for contracted facilities maintenance, i.e., HVAC.

**OTHER**

Ellen Grant addressed Board to note that the House of Representatives passed redistricting. As a member of the Republican Town Committee, Brian Giovanoni offered that he is going to look into.

Louisa Brown of Wesley Circle addressed Board and asked if she and the other residents of Edgeway Mobile Home Park will receive a copy of the Edgeway Decision. Chairman Rullo responded that they would.

Resident Charles Renfrew expressed that he disagreed with awarding the ambulance service bid to Brewster Ambulance Service. He shared his concerns that they are not going to be able to service the Town for various reasons. One reason he gave is that they appear to have a limited number of ambulances. EMS Committee member Brian Giovanoni responded that they have 11 ambulances in Boston and will put at least 3 and up to 6 in Middleborough, and quickly. Selectman Frawley offered that EMS Committee meetings are open meetings and reminded Mr. Renfrew that he is welcome to attend. He further explained that all of the Committee's information re the Ambulance Service study is

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available to him and offered to share his information with Mr. Renfrew. Selectman Frawley noted that the EMS Committee did its due diligence.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to adjourn meeting at 11 PM.

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Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary  
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