

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

May 5, 2014

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

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

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

UNANTICIPATED

Chairman reiterated that the Park's department annual canoe race will be held on May 10th starting at 11 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Selectman Knowlton thanked the Middleborough Friends for the COA breakfast this past weekend.

Selectman Knowlton noted that the Massasoit State Park cleanup is rescheduled for this Sunday.

Selectman Knowlton attended the Cultural Council Recognition Reception, as did Selectman Dalpe, at the library. He extended thanks to the Cultural Council for all it does.

Selectman Dalpe attended the Volunteer Recognition dinner last week and offered her thanks and congratulations to the volunteers for all that they do.

Selectman Dalpe noted that she had attended the Cultural Council Recognition Reception and that they had raised \$5,500.

Selectman McKinnon attended the COA breakfast. It was a great event with a great turnout. They had more people this year than last.

Selectman Stewart noted that the 2014 Farmer's Market will be held at the Oliver Mill Park starting on Saturday, 5/31 and run each Saturday through 10/11/14, weather permitting. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Selectman Stewart noted that the Police department will hold a public auction on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at the Police Station.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve the 4/14/14 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve the 4/23/14 workshop meeting minutes.

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WARRANTS

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman, or his designee to sign Warrants for week ending 4/26/14.

NEW BUSINESS

Veterans' Council Adjutant announced the Memorial Day activities. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve the Memorial Day activities, as presented. The town Hall lawn sign request will be addressed through the Town Manager's office.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to set the Summer Water Management Mandatory Water Restriction effective immediately through 9/30/14. Board asked Town Manager to put on website.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of 2nd Hand/Junk Dealer license for Autumn's, 29 Center Street.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to approve a 2nd Hand/Junk Dealer license for Eco-Tot, 51 Center Street.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to name Judy MacDonald as Custodian of 122 Cedar Street, Middleborough, MA and to authorize her to auction the property.

Motion made by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Dalpe to select artwork numbered (4) as the front cover and artwork number (1) as the back cover of the Annual Town Report. Amendment made by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Dalpe to give credit within the ATR for artwork where due. Board voted unanimously in favor of the amendment. Board voted unanimously on selections. Selectman McKinnon offered applause to the students responsible for the submitted artwork for their skill and creativity. Town Manager brought the Board's attention to Caroline LaCroix's suggestions for selecting artwork next year. Chairman requested the Board's Executive Assistant add to future agenda items for August or September. He offered congratulations to the students whose artwork was selected.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to approve the STM/ATM Warrants.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve Town Manager's recommendation for a 2% Cost of Living increase for Non-Bargained employees as presented.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve the Town Manager's revised budget recommendations. Town Manager reviewed the changes.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Ted Eayrs addressed Board to present ATM Article #8 – Police Station building. Neil Rosenthal, member of the Police Station Building Committee presented the project costs. Selectman Dalpe asked if the Committee could confirm that the center of the newly renovated police station building would serve as a community room. Police Chief Gates confirmed and explained that we can host police training, and if we do, we would get 4-5 free seats during the training. Some training seminars cost as much as \$500 per seat. Selectman Stewart asked how close to the 12.1 million anticipated costs the project is truly expected to cost. Town Manager confirmed that 12.1 million is the exact cost based on the bids already received. Chairman Frawley asked questions. Project Manager, Joe Sullivan, addressed Board to provide answers. The goal is to complete the project within 14 months. Police Chief confirmed that the 911 Call Center being built will be able to house a regional 911 call center in the future. Project Manager confirmed that the renovated and newly built building will be energy efficient and as green as possible. Selectman Knowlton asked if there are any bonuses for completing the project early. Project Manager offered that there are not. They do have liquidated damages of \$1,000/day for every day that the project is not completed. It is in the best interest of the general contractor to complete the project within the fourteen months, if not sooner. Ted Eayrs offered that this is a really important project for the Town to undertake at this time. This is the time to do it, but they can't do it without the support of the Board and the Townspeople. It requires a 2/3 Town Meeting vote on 5/27/14 and it requires a vote on the debt exclusion override on the ballot on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Town Manager explained that we are not in position to fund the first year's expense of the project through the Town's Operating budget. This is why a Debt Exclusion is necessary. CPA Chairman Jane Lopes explained that the Police Station Building Committee is seeking \$500,000 from CPA money, which will be voted on by the CPA Committee on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to place Police Station Debt Exclusion question on the 6/14/14 Election ballot as follows:

“Shall the Town of Middleborough be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of constructing additions and renovations to the Police Station, including, but not limited to, the employment of professionals and equipping and furnishing said building and all other costs incidental and related thereto?”

Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to send letter of support for the Police Station Renovation & Addition project to the CPA Committee.

Capital Planning Committee Chairman Steve Morris gave brief overview of the following ATM articles:

#9 New Police Cruisers & New Portable Radios – Police Department

He offered the names of all Committee members and explained that the Committee meets beginning in December up to Annual Town Meeting and then begins again in the fall. The Committee has taken tours of multiple Town buildings/structures. The radios are \$7,000.

#10 New Command Vehicle & Personnel Protective Equipment – Fire Department

The Personnel Protective Equipment is \$5,000. The Command Vehicle is used to transport maps/contains equipment to set up emergency command center.

#11 New Pick-up Truck & Used Cabs/Chassis-DPW and New Mower-Parks Department

The Parks department mows multiple Town properties. The vehicle will double as two vehicles and a new plow is needed. DPW Chris Peck recommended moving the sanders onto new trucks since it is the trucks that are rotted. This would save the Town \$300,000, costing approximately \$20,000 instead.

#12 Parking Lot Improvements & New Roof-COA, Replace Voting Booths-Elections Department, Replace Carpeting-Library, Replace Vehicle-Animal Control Department.

#13 Bathroom Renovations & Replace Intercom System-Elementary Schools Complex & Elevator Repairs-Memorial Early Childhood Center.

#14 New Boilers & Hot Water Heaters-Nichols Middle School.

#15 Bathroom Renovations, New Lighting & Ceiling Tiles-High School.

#16 Purchase Staff/Classroom Computers, Printers, Fileservers, LCD Projectors & Instructional Technology, Computer Network Infrastructure, Servers 7 Related Hardware & Software-School Department.

Upon motion made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to support Articles #9-16 for Capital Planning.

Chairman Frawley credited Chairman Morris and the Committee for narrowing down the original dollar amounts requested from \$4 million to \$1,451,977. Selectman McKinnon reiterated same.

#19 Administrative, Debt Service & Preservation Project Expenses-CPA.

CPA Chairman Jane Lopes presented this article as a house-keeping article. The Committee is required by law to spend at least 10% on each of the three areas. Discussion ensued. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to support Article 19 as presented in the ATM Warrant.

#20 Housing Authority's Nemasket Apartments Window Project-CPA.

Jo Ruthwicz explained that this article's purpose is to preserve affordable housing for the elderly. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to support Article 20.

#21 Stabilize Building Envelope of Soule Homestead Barn, Woodshed & Farmhouse-CPA.

Jo Ruthwicz explained this article. Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to support Article 21.

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#22 Stabilize Building Envelope of Green School-CPA.

Jane Lopes explained this article. Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Stewart, Board voted unanimously to support Article 22.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

#1 Selectman Stewart noted correspondence from Barbara Holton and offered that she is requesting a response. Town Manager will draft a response. Chairman explained that residents can't request hearings. The Board of Health would arrange for a hearing, if necessary.

Town Manager updated Board re the Rockland Industries site.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Executive Assistant
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