

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

June 17, 2013

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, and Town Manager C. Cristello.

UNANTICIPATED

Police Chief requested the Chairman sign Permanent Civil Service Employee list, which the State requires be signed annually and posted in a public area. Upon motion by Selectman Knowlton and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to authorize Chairman to sign.

Selectman Dalpe addressed the South Middleborough railroad crossings at Miller & Spruce Streets. She spoke with Senator Pacheco's office last because we are having more problems with the vehicles that are there for repair that go on the rails and yet the gates are not coming down and traffic was going through at a close collision course. The gates were coming down when there were no trains there and people were getting impatient and going around them. The actual mechanism and the tracks, at that point, are owned by MA Coastal Rail. They came down Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. She saw the technicians monitoring, working on, making sure everything was in working order. The train came through slow on Friday night, but she and the technician had to remove two adults riding ATV's and three young children with fishing poles from the rails as the train was approaching. The sound of the ATV's drowned out the sound of the train approaching. We do have the correct people there working on fixing the problems. Resident Sherri Swindle addressed the Board and reported that one of the technicians told her that they have to be at the site because all of the electronics in the box and the gates are too outdated to handle this train. This is the safety mechanism that is supposed to keep the public safe. Resident Anne Cavanaugh gave status update re cleanup at the site. Selectman Frawley suggested that the Board agree to assign a point person to communicate on these issues. He recommended that the public report each and every incident to the Police department so that it is documented.

Selectman Dalpe has been attending the Plymouth County Group Travel Committee & MA Office of Tourism. Middleborough is literally not on the map. She has done a lot of networking there and has found a lot of opportunities for Middleborough businesses and attractions to get free advertising on the internet through all of these organizations. We have a campaign called Brand USA going on in the State and the Country marketing to areas outside of the Country and we are up 17 percent in tourism from those areas. Local businesses can get an advertisement out to those people as well. MA is 6th in the Country for tourism of people coming to visit from outside of the Country. Judy Bigelow Costa and someone from Plymouth County here to outline the opportunities and what we need to do to outline our opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

The 4H club and drama crew will hold a performance of "The Big Bad" at Town Hall on Saturday, June 22nd.

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Selectman Frawley attended Steven Schofield's retirement party on Saturday night and presented him with a proclamation from the Board. Mr. Schofield was a member of the Middleborough Police force for 34 years. Selectman Frawley offered his thanks to Officer Schofield for his many years of service.

Selectman Frawley attended the Father's Day breakfast at the South Middleborough Grange. He highly recommends it to others.

The Badger Wilderness Guides Nemasket River Cleanup was on Saturday. Middleborough Mess Movers and Middleborough Litter Lifters were also active in Town this weekend.

Selectman Quelle commended the MHS Baseball team for bringing home the State Championship.

Chairman welcomed new DPW Director Christopher Peck. Mr. Peck introduced himself to the public.

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

MINUTES:

None voted. The 6/3/13 regular and E.S. and the 6/10/13 regular meeting minutes will be voted on 7/1/13.

WARRANTS:

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman, or his designee to sign Warrants for week ending 6/14/13.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Manager noted that the contract amendment with Environmental Partners for OPM services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade was not ready. Board postponed action.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve the ranking of OPM firms as recommended by the Police Station Building Committee as follows:

- Daedalus
- Pomroy Associates
- PMA Construction Services

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve Betterment Agreement for 40 Silo Lane in the amount of \$13,634.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve Betterment Agreement for 57 Lakeshore Drive in the amount of \$11,372.

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Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to nominate Andrea Priest as the Town's representative to the Old Colony Elderly Services Board of Directors for 2013-2014.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to declare Library equipment as surplus, as presented on the attached.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

Edgeway Mobile Home Park (continued from 6/10/13)

At 7:30 PM, Board continued the matter re Edgeway Mobile Home Park re request action on a criminal complaint concerning the \$100.00 per day fine for operating a Manufactured Home Park without a license. Upon recommendation of the Chairman to table the matter indefinitely, motion made by Selectman Frawley, for discussion purposes, and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, to table the matter indefinitely. Discussion ensued. Motion failed 5-0. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to table for two weeks, specifically, to 7/1/13 at 7:35 PM.

Peter Richer and Aaron Smith of Waste Management gave presentation re Waste Management Landfill modifications Board asked questions. Chairman asked Town Manager how successful the clothe recycle bin has been. Town Manager asked DPW Director Chris Peck to look into and report back. Chairman confirmed with Mr. Richer that the air quality issues of the past appear to have been rectified. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to allow Waste Management to move forward with their permitting process. Board thanked Mr. Richer & Mr. Smith and noted that the modifications look great.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager noted that we received a quick response from FEMA that they will not reimburse us for our snow removal costs re 2013 Blizzard.

We received the letter from our State Representatives to Richard Davey of MA DOT re railroad crossings & impacts of Cape Flyer train.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report is available re the Wampanoag Casino in Taunton. Ruth Geoffroy is reviewing & will bring issues of concerns to the Board at its next meeting.

Chairman asked Town Manager if there is anyone we can ask to fight for snow removal reimbursement since the Town's snow amount was only 1/2" below the required amount for reimbursement. Chairman asked if we could ask our State Representatives to assist us. Town Manager responded that he would ask our Federal Representative.

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CORRESPONDENCE

#2 Selectman Quelle noted Badger Wilderness Guides Golf Tournament on 8/24/13.

#6 Selectman Quelle noted correspondence from Department of MA VFW re VFW Post 2188-Membership Criteria.

#8 Selectman Quelle noted Ann Cavanaugh's letter re Railroad crossing.

#8 Selectman Dalpe noted that the Cape Cod Flyer brochure simply states it travels from Boston to Buzzard's Bay, without any mention of traveling through Middleborough.

#7 Selectman Dalpe noted that Edgeway Mobile Home Park now has Cable TV.

#7 Selectman Knowlton offered that he was very pleased to see a two-year project completed.

#4 Selectman Knowlton is looking forward to trying to be at the Canoe & Kayak trip on the 22nd.

#9 Chairman McKinnon asked the Town Manager if we are coordinating the Dam Safety law revisions with someone. Town Manager offered that Conservation is working on the Pratt Farm Dam.

Selectmen Dalpe and Knowlton will attend Friendly's re-opening ceremony on July 22nd and present a proclamation from the Board.

Upon motion by Selectman Quelle and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to adjourn meeting at 8:50 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Executive Assistant
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