MINUTES

For approval at the 4-7-14 meeting

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Middleborough Board of Selectmen **March 31, 2014**
Meeting Minutes

Chairman opened meeting at 7:05 PM by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

UNANTICIPATED
Selectman Frawley announced that he was approached by a reporter over the weekend about Smart 911, which is a program that would give the public an opportunity to provide a profile of personal information, such as photo identification and the status of who lives in the home, as helpful information in an emergency situation.

Chris Wainright of 54 Pearl Street addressed the Board to offer his displeasure at the $10 fee being charged by the Town for copies of birth and death certificates. He offered that he would like the Board to do something about it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Dalpe attended the MA DOT breakfast meeting last week. The big projects discussed, that the DOT will be undertaking in Southeastern MA, were the

- 3rd bridge over the Cape
- widening Route 3
- The Middleborough rotary

Selectman Dalpe recognized Glenn Montapert for having had received the President's Volunteer Service Award for 2013. His name appeared in USA Today on Thursday. He was nominated by his employer.

Selectman Dalpe announced that the Tourism Committee had to expand the Vendors line for the Herring Festival. For anyone who wants to participate as a vendor, Sheri Swindle must be contacted at 508 930-4889 and provide you with confirmation.

Selectman Frawley announced that State Representative Tom Calter will hold a drug prevention presentation called "Do You Know What You Need To Know?" at Plymouth North High School starting at 7 PM relative to the Opiate and Heroin overdose crisis we are having in Southeastern, MA and across the country. For more information, contact Abby Elmore@hotmail.com. He is attending and encouraged all parents throughout the region to also attend.

Happy Birthday acknowledgements were extended to Selectman Dalpe by her husband, her students & their families, and all of those in attendance.

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Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve the 3/24/14 regular meeting minutes.

WARRANTS

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to authorize Chairman or his designee, to sign Warrants for week ending 3/28/14.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Wright Pierce invoice for Schematic Design in the amount of $73,662.86.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Wright Pierce invoice for Pilot Testing in the amount of $5,715.30.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Wright Pierce invoice for Task II Permitting Assistance in the amount of $1,875.05.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Wright Pierce invoice for Subcontractor Services in the amount of $10,829.98.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve a One-day All Alcoholic beverages liquor license for the Bartending Service of N.E. for 4/12/14 from 7 PM to 12 AM at Town Hall for the Herring Run Festival event.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve a One-day Beer & Wine liquor license for the Bartending Service of N.E. for 4/12/14 & 4/13/14 from 12 Noon to 4 PM at Oliver Mill Park for the Herring Run Festival Beer Garden.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to declare 1998 Chevrolet Blazer, white, VIN #1GNDT13W9W2300249, as surplus.

Chairman McKinnon thanked representatives of Brewster Ambulance for the positive experience the Town has had since they began providing services to the Town of Middleborough. Selectmen Knowlton and Frawley also commended Brewster Ambulance. Selectman Frawley recognized that they have a good working relationship with the Fire Chief. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to approve a three-year contract with Brewster Ambulance.

Town Manager spoke briefly about his budget recommendations. Discussion ensued re state funding of Chapter 70 monies. Chairman asked Town Manager to provide a sample letter on the Town's website for residents who wish to write letters in support of Chapter 70 monies to the state legislators. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Knowlton, Board voted unanimously to approve the Town Manager's budget recommendations.

HEARING, MEETINGS, LICENSES

The continuation of the Edgeway Mobile Home Park hearing re request action on a criminal complaint from 1/27/14 began. A brief discussion ensued. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Dalpe, Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing to 6/2/14 at 7:30 PM.

Chairman noted that the K.O.A. request for a variance to allow deluxe cabin units to remain on site from 12/31-3/1 had been withdrawn by the applicant. Resident Barbara Holton addressed Board and asked that the hearing be opened despite the withdrawal of the request by the K.O.A. Chairman took matter under advisement.

Town Manager's job performance evaluation

Chairman McKinnon noted that the Town's financial picture is far better than it has been in years. The auditors have increased our bond rating to AA, putting us in an excellent position with borrowing because of it. He further noted that the service level of the Town has improved. Selectman Frawley offered that he comes by Town Hall at all hours and the Town Manager is always here. He also recognized the Town's credit rating improvement. Selectman Dalpe recognized the bond rating, the fabulous negotiations with the various unions, and that the Town Manager has a willingness to listen. If she would like to see any improvement, it would be to see a little more hands-on management of employees in order to catch issues before they turn into problems. Selectman Knowlton offered that he thinks the Town Manager is doing the job that he needs to do, and shouldn't be required to attend Town functions. If he had an area of growth, it would be to continue to see a more consistent reach out to our legislative delegation. Chairman McKinnon offered his appreciation for the guidance the Town Manager has given him and his hope that Mr. Cristello feels supported by this Board as much as it feels supportive of him. Chairman announced that the Town Manager's final score by the Board was a 2.7 out of 3. Town Manager offered that it is like a team sport and recognized the contributions of others. He extended his appreciation to the Board.

Chairman noted that the Town Elections will be next Saturday and the Board will have a new member.

#3 Selectman Dalpe noted that it is disturbing that the documentation hasn't been filed yet re the Vegetation Management Plan. Patricia Cassady, Conservation Agent addressed the Board and offered that NSTAR feels it is exempt from filing with the Conservation Commission. They fall under the Department of Agriculture. The Commission may have NSTAR into the 4/17 meeting. Chairman offered something in writing if it would be helpful and asked her to pass that along to her Chairman.

#5 Selectman Knowlton noted BP Regional Technical School is holding its FY15 Budget Meeting on 4/1/14.

Fire Chief offered that the Smart 911 is a free service to citizens if it's in your jurisdiction. You would sign up on line. It is not in our area code at this time. The Fire department already does something like this. He isn't certain that it is free to municipalities.

Chairman offered thanks to Selectman Ben Quelle for having had served on the Board for the past three years. Town Manager noted that Mr. Quelle was detained by unanticipated circumstances at his place of employment.

Upon motion by Selectman Dalpe and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session at 8:04 PM to discuss strategy relative to the review of 2013 Executive Session Minutes/Collective Bargaining (all bargaining units)/Pending Litigation/To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and not to return to Open Session. Roll Call: L. Dalpe, Yes; J. Knowlton, Yes; A. Frawley, Yes, and S. McKinnon, Yes. Ended at 8:30 PM.

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Jackie Shanley, Executive Assistant
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