

MINUTES

For approval at the 10-6-08 meeting

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes****September 29, 2008**

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted to approve 9-15-08 meeting minutes.
Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to approve 9-15-08 Executive Session meeting minutes.
Unanimous vote.

Board welcomed School Superintendent, Dr. Robert M. Sullivan. Dr. Sullivan reviewed the Statement of Interest (SOI) re Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted as is presented on the attached "Form of Vote" from the Middleboro Public School Department with the date of the meeting being 9/29/08 and date of the Statement of Interest as being 10/17/08.
Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted to amend 10/17/08 date to 10/24/08.
Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS**KENO To Go**

Board discussed regulatory issues that it has had with Gas Depot.
Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to not write any negative comments relative to this matter.
Four in favor. One opposed.

Use of Town Hall Parking Lot – Central Baptist Church (*Trunk or Treat* program)

Robert Dunphy addressed the Board to speak on behalf of the church. The church is organizing the event, but the public is welcome to contribute and participate. Mr. Dunphy also asked for a member of the Board to serve as a judge regarding the decoration of vehicles.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to approve the request and authorized Chairman Bond to represent the Board.
Unanimous vote.

EMS Committee's Request for Secretary

Town Manager to forward request to COA Director A. Priest for possible use of Sr. Tax Work-off program and various for any interest. Board's secretary to contact. W. Warner and update him.

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Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to re-appoint Eileen S. Gates (Town's Representative) and Carolyn Gravelin as members to the Commission on Disability with terms to expire 6/30/11.

Unanimous vote.

MHS Student Council Homecoming Parade

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to approve request for parade.

Unanimous vote.

Board's secretary to copy Council's letter to Police Chief.

I.T. Department Surplus Equipment for disposal

R. Dunphy offered to provide the name of a company he deals with that recycles surplus equipment. Board will discuss with I.T. Director at 8 PM this evening during his appointment before the Board.

Water, Wastewater, Trash Lien List

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted to approve the FY '09 Water Wastewater/Trash Lien List.

Unanimous vote.

Executive Office of Transportation

To be addressed at 10-6-08 meeting of the Board after gathering feedback from various departments.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, & LICENSES

Wayne Christian re Use of Town-owned property (church-63 Miller Street)

Mr. Christian addressed the Board to ask if this property could be used as a food pantry. Board directed Mr. Christian to discuss possibilities with the Town Manager. The final use of the building will have to go through an official RFP process. Mr. Christian will contact the Town Manager to visit the site.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Meeting dates – Board agreed to return to its weekly meeting schedule.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, & LICENSES

Veterans' Agent Paul Provencher

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to approve the Veterans' Day Parade on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2008, the use of the Town Hall Building, and the requested Poppy permit for 11/6/08-11/11/08.

Unanimous vote.

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Revisit Trash Fees for 100% Service Connected Disabled Veterans and their Wives
Make an adjustment to its policy to take into consideration the life tenancy issue.

Selectwoman Brunelle asked that all policies of the Board be discussed sometime in the next few months to bring the entire Board up-to-speed and to review for changes. Chairman Bond asked for history of money taken in and money spent. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to approve request. Four in favor. One abstained.

OECD Director A. Nalevanko re OECD Update

She reports to be impressed with Durkee Brown re Winthrop Atkins Feasibility Study, which she will discuss further at the Board's 10/6/08 meeting.

CGI Video Production – There has been a delay as the contact person that had been assigned to her, is no longer there.

CHAPA Grant – She provided a map to the Board for review – She is drafting the letter, which she will provide for the Board's next packet for approval.

South Shore Housing Technical Assistance re potential grants, inclusionary zoning, 40R, community preservation – narrowing down the scope of the project.

TIF – extending invitation to public for an informal educational session set for next Monday, October 6, 2008 here at Town Hall. This will be advertised in the Middleborough Gazette. Now is the time that she is getting annual reports on TIF compliance issues.

Jane Lopes asked about Sapphire Engineering article in the Gazette saying that they are going to the Town of Taunton. Town Manager announced that we've known all along that we've been in competition with Taunton, however, we have to wait for the final outcome.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to put Special Town Meeting Warrant Article discussion on for next week and to break into two meetings. Unanimous vote.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

I.T. Director Roger Brunelle addressed the Board. Board presented question to Mr. Brunelle regarding Mr. Dunphy's offer to dispose of the equipment. Mr. Brunelle indicated that this is not an issue and shared that he had also contacted a company to do the same. He will discuss with Mr. Dunphy directly.

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Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to approve I.T. Department's request for declaration of Surplus Equipment for disposal. Unanimous vote.

Town Manager recognized Mr. Brunelle and the financial staff and thanked them for getting the tax bills out on time.

Discussion re Goals & Objectives

R. Brunelle addressed the Board:

- He wants to put the Board's packets up on the website or scan and email directly to the Board members. He will provide ink cartridges and paper to Board members to print only what it wants/needs from home.
- He would like to update the website, but he does not have the time/money. If the Board is willing to make the commitment, it will require more help, time, and money. He explained that he needs a vote of the Board. He is looking for the Board's commitment. He is trying to keep business controlled.

R. Dunphy pointed out that it will also be a commitment of time by the Town Departments.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session at 8:45 PM to discuss strategy relative to pending litigation. Roll Call: M. Brunelle, Yes; P. Rogers, Yes; S. Spataro, Yes; M. Duphily, Yes, A. Bond, Yes. Chairman announced Board would return into Open Session. Ended at 9:44 PM.

Goals and Objectives

Selectman Spataro

- Get at least two new businesses to come to Town
- Work with Collaborative Leadership Group

Selectwoman Duphily

- Update/repair bridges in Town of Middleborough
- Finalize issues with Lakeville
- Extend beautifying Town
- Bring back the Nemasket River and the Oliver Mill – working with Conservation
- Packet for all New Selectmen

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Selectman Bond

- Increase tourism by giving tax incentives to those who are already in Town (for those who run ranches/stables – waiving stable fees and encouraging those businesses to grow, negotiate up the trails in Town, cross-country skiing, long-term revenue) support of a land bank or the CPA.
- Fund and improve the quality of the schools.
- Need for an Economic Search Committee – Town needs a glossy that says “come to Middleborough, we’re wonderful...” Searching for companies to invite by sending a packet to recruit businesses to come to Town.
- Energy Efficiency
- A comprehensive policy book
- Update the Town Charter – start a Charter Committee – it could be put on an Annual Town Meeting ballot.

Selectman Rogers

- Get DPW Superintendent– Have Town Manager formulate and come back at end of November.

Selectwoman Brunelle

- Reorganize the Town Bylaws
- Central policy manual
- Economic Development – need to develop a great economic base
- DPW Commission
- Establishing a new Health Board
- Rock Village School
- Washburn Mill
- Improve sound system and communication in meeting room (w/in this next year)
- Re-establish a full-time custodian position (w/in this next year)

TOWN MANAGER WILL GROUP IN SOME ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR BOARD’S REVIEW AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Has received 49 resumes re Fire Chief position. Interviews to be conducted, but may take longer than anticipated. His goal is to narrow down to top five.

Relative to vacant buildings – storage, his recommendation is to lease or dispose of.

Two Fridays ago he, the Town Planner, and OECD Director visited Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. Found out the main spin off of those resorts is that they are/were hotels - proved most beneficial. Housing does become an issue, especially an employee issue. Compliance with code/overcrowding has proved to be a real problem. School impacts

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include language. They plan on going back to talk to some more people in few weeks Found out that the Tribes run their own mutual aid services.

OTHER

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to approve change of hours on Monday for its secretary from 8 AM – 12:00 Noon. Unanimous vote.

Board agreed to invite DPW Building Study Committee and Police Building Study Committee come in and give status update on 10/27/08.

CORRESPONDENCE

#6 – Selectwoman Duphily is looking into what can be done about Nemasket River clean up.

#20 - Job posting re permanent and call firefighters - Selectwoman Duphily inquired as to if we can ask Chief to wait on hiring until new Fire Chief is hired. Selectwoman Brunelle pointed out that this has already been advertised in the Brockton Enterprise.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and Seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to move forward.

Four in favor. One opposed.

#9 A.G. Office Chairman read aloud notice re round-table meetings re Rising Energy Costs.

#24 Liquor license violations – Secretary to keep informed re ABCC Hearing results.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted by Roll Call to adjourn meeting at 10:45 PM. Roll Call: M. Brunelle, Yes; P. Rogers, Yes; S. Spataro, Yes; M. Duphily, Yes; A. Bond, Yes.

Unanimous vote.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
To BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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Form of Vote

The following form of vote should be used by both the City Council/Board of Aldermen, Board of Selectmen/equivalent governing body AND the School Committee in voting to approve this Statement of Interest.

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on _____, the Board of Selectmen of Middleborough, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated _____ for the Mary K. Goode School located at 31 Mayflower Avenue which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which Middleborough may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future

Priority #2 - Elimination of existing severe overcrowding. There are an inadequate number of general education classrooms and special subject area classrooms. The Goode School uses 7 classrooms in the Burkland School.

Priority #5 - Replacement, renovation or modernization of the heating system in a schoolhouse to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in the schoolhouse. The heating system for the 1957 wing of the Goode School has not been updated since. The windows in the 1957 wing are the original windows.

Priority #7 - Replacement of an addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. The Goode School is being utilized to its capacity. Areas that were originally designed for storage of materials are being used for office space and for small group work areas. There is insufficient space for tutorial sessions. The Goode School is unable to provide a library program; there is no space available to create a library.

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Middleborough to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.