

# **MINUTES**

**For approval at the 12-1-08 meeting**

**Middleboro Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes****November 24, 2008**

In attendance were Selectmen A. Bond, P. Rogers, M. Duphily, and M. Brunelle.

Chairman began the meeting by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to approve 11-12-08 minutes, subject to the following correction under Correspondence: #7 change language from "previously read aloud" to "previously recognized".

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to approve 11/12/08 minutes.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to approve 11/17/08 minutes.

Three in favor. Selectman Bond abstained.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to approve 11/17/08 Executive Session minutes.

Three in favor. Selectman Bond abstained.

At 7:05 PM Chairman opened public hearing on application made by GAF Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Carver-Middleboro Cranberry, Co., Inc. for an Earth Removal Permit for property located at south of Stone Street & east of Wall Street, Assessors Map 55, Lots 3572 and 4463 for purposes of constructing and squaring off cranberry bogs and a tailwater recovery pond. Glenn Amaral of GAF addressed the Board. Chairman read aloud comments submitted by DPW Highway Superintendent D. Boucher and Conservation Agent P. Cassady. Selectman Spataro arrived at 7:06 PM. Residents of Augustus, Leeland Way, and Captain's Hall were in attendance and reported that they, as abutters, did not receive written notice of the hearing. The Assessor's certified list was received by the applicant on 10/24/08 and names the area in question as Greystone Realty. Michael McGurthy of 11 Captain's Hall stated that the homeowners need more time to digest the information. Their community is exposed to tension towers, not knowing that this building was going to happen and tree line is going to vanish with the construction of this cranberry bog. Board gave copies of complete application packets to the residents to review. Selectman Rogers recommended that the residents call Mr. Amaral with questions or concerns. Wendy Pavo of 16 Leeland Way spoke and proposed that they be able to walk the site with Mr. Amaral. Mr. Amaral will give them contact information. Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted unanimously to continue hearing until 12/15/08 at 7:05 PM.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to appoint Melissa Oddi-Morrison as a member to the Commission on Disability.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted to accept and sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town of Middleborough and the Library Staff Association, Local 4928, MLSA, AFT Massachusetts, AFL-CIO.

Three in favor. Selectman Spataro opposed. Selectwoman Brunelle abstained.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to appoint Deborah Hurley and Margaret (Peg) Holzemer as members to the Cultural Council.

Janes Lopes requested copies of the cost comparisons/savings comparisons on the Library contract as like the other union contracts. Town Manager to provide tomorrow.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS & LICENSES**

Veterans' Agent P. Provencher addressed the Board and informed the Board that the fundraiser for Sgt. Michael Downey will be held on December 5, 2008 from 6PM - 10 PM at the VFW in Brockton. The funds will help assist the family with converting the house to handicapped accessible for Michael who is currently in rehabilitation. Agent Provencher has tickets available for sale. Checks can be made payable to Brockton High School (BHS) BECA. Sgt. Downey was injured by a road side bomb in September and lost both of his legs. He is from Middleborough. Contractors are being sought to rehabilitate his home. Selectwoman Duphily asked that Agent Provencher talk with Jane Lopes and have something included in the paper on the matter. Agent Provencher indicated he had done so earlier today. Selectman Spataro noted that those organizing the fundraiser recognized and praised Veterans' Agent Provencher for reaching out to them immediately and for his contribution of ideas to assist with the fundraising efforts.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to approve request from the Attorney General's Office to use the Selectmen's Hearing room on 12/3/08 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to hold a training session for local boards of health on their powers and responsibilities under the Manufactured Housing Act.

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**HEARINGS, MEETINGS, & LICENSES**

Board heard from ACO. Board heard from dog owner Dennis Bell & Gina Driscoll of 569 Wareham Street relative to a complaint filed by Terri & William Wagner of 571 Wareham Street. Mr. Bell indicated that the dog is no longer on site. It has been given to another family in Town who will keep it indoors which should remedy the barking issue. Board concluded issue moot.

Jane Kudcey of the Office of Economic and Community Development department to discuss the CHAPA Grant. Jane explained and asked for support of the formulation of a committee to be called the Middleborough at Home (MAH) committee. Following discussion on the issue, the Town Manager explained that it is important to the Town to have this in place as it helps the Town in obtaining grants because it is something that the State rewards. Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board voted unanimously to support the formation of the MAH Committee to be composed of 5 members either department heads or residents for a one-year appointment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Town Manager reviewed his recommendations for an increase in Liquor license fees. Town Manager indicated that he intends on researching other Towns in an effort to develop a more detailed justification for the increase in fees. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to approve the increase in liquor license fees as recommended by the Town Manager.

Goals & Objectives

Each Board member voted the Goals & Objectives based on their individual opinion as to the level of importance of each (refer to attached list of Goals and Objectives).

**Selectman Bond**

- #2 – 1
- #13 – 3
- #11 – 2

**Selectwoman Brunelle**

- #8 – 3
- #11 – 2
- #20 - 1

**Selectman Rogers**

- #2 – 1
- #14 – 2
- #15 – 3

**Selectwoman Duphily**

- #5 – 1
- #7 – 2
- #1 – 3

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**Selectman Spataro**

#3 – 3

#14 – 2

#17 – 1

The **end result** was:

#11 and #14 are top priority

#’s 1, 3, 8, 13, 15 are 2<sup>nd</sup> priority

#’s 2 and 7 are next

#’s 17 & 20 are last

Board discussed consolidating by combining #’s 3, 11 & 17  
13 & 14 & 16  
7 & 8

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted to appoint Andrea Priest as Town’s GATRA Advisory Board representative.  
Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to approve request by Don Boucher to fill vacant in Truck Driver/Laborer Sanitation Division.

**BILLS**

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to approve payment of bill in the amount of \$5, 670 payable to SouthCoast Media Group, Inc.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted unanimously to approve payment of bill in the amount of \$1,820 payable to SouthCoast Media Group, Inc.

**OTHER**

Selectman Rogers brought the Board’s attention to a newspaper article regarding the proposed train line coming up from New Bedford through Middleborough. The newspaper article stated that Middleborough Town officials welcome this. He questioned who those officials are. Brian Giovanoni addressed Board and stated that he had attended a meeting here in the Selectmen’s meeting room awhile back during which both The positives and negatives were discussed, but no position by the Town was taken. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to send letter to Kristina Eagan that we have taken no position on the matter.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Selectman bond noted receiving notice of immediate response plan by Roux Associates re Rockland Industries Site.

Selectman Spataro noted #'s 2 & 7 regarding job postings in the Conservation office and the Board of Health office. Selectman Spataro asked if the Health office position was temporary to which the Town Manager responded in the affirmative.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy relative to contract negotiations. Roll Call: S. Spataro, Yes; M. Duphily, Yes; M. Brunelle, Yes; P. Rogers, Yes; A. Bond, Yes. Chairman announced Board would not return into Open Session.

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Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Charles J. Cristello, Town Manager

Date: November 5, 2008

Subject: Goals and Objectives

Below please find the 20 goals that you brainstormed at a recent meeting. The next step is to set your priorities. I will have all 20 goals on large sheets of paper on easels for your meeting. I suggest on Wednesday evening that each of you vote for three goals in order of your own individual priorities. Your highest priority goal would have a value of 3, your next priority would have 2 and your final priority would have 1. We would then tally up the votes and those goals with most votes would be the priority goals for the year.

- 1.) Use electronic means to distribute weekly packets
- 2.) Upgrade the website
- 3.) Have two new businesses come to Middleborough
- 4.) Work with CLG to find stabilization and school department funding without override
- 5.) Make sure bridges are safe and open
- 6.) Work with Lakeville on water issue to ultimate resolution
- 7.) Beautify downtown
- 8.) Improve Nemasket River and Oliver Mill Park
- 9.) Increase tourism with tax incentives to people already in town running stables (dude ranches), businesses with horses (waive stable fees), get trails tied up
- 10.) Support of land bank or CPA to buy up 61A option land

- 11.) **Economic Opportunity Search Committee – reactivate Business & Industrial Commission (letter from all three boards)**
- 12.) **Energy Efficiency**
- 13.) **Comprehensive rules and regulations accessible to the public**
- 14.) **Update of Charter (ballot for April)**
- 15.) **Getting a DPW Superintendent**
- 16.) **Establish By-laws Committee to organize them better**
- 17.) **Develop economic base to promote existing businesses**
- 18.) **Rock Village School/Washburn Mill**
- 19.) **Improve sound system in Selectmen Meeting Room**
- 20.) **Full-time Custodian for Town Hall Buildings**

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.