

# **MINUTES**

**For approval at the 3-30-09 meeting**

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**Middleborough Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 23, 2009**

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

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Dumphily, Board voted to approve minutes of 3-16-09.

Three in favor. P. Rogers abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman read aloud Warrant for Annual Town Election. Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Dumphily, Board voted to sign Warrant for the Annual Town Election.

Three in favor. P. Rogers abstained.

Super Petroleum, 381 West Grove Street – KENO To Go – no objection by the Board.

Chairman read aloud letter from Middleborough Historical Association, Inc. requesting waiving of fees for use of Town Hall on November 14, 2009 to celebrate the Town's 340<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to approve request.

Three in favor. P. Rogers abstained.

Historical Association President Nancy Gedraitis addressed the Board and gave a brief overview of the Association's plans to celebrate. The Historical Society has named Jane Lopes or Michael Maddigan to act as security.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES**

Frank Albani appeared before the Board and gave a presentation of the Soule Homestead Education Center Selectmen's Report. Mr. Albani presented a slide show for the Board. The Center has kept in touch with the Health Department and is in compliance with state regulations. The Center has become CORI certified and will run CORI on all staff and all volunteers. Over 4,000 volunteer hours are contributed each year to keep the organization going.

Chairman said a few words about the history of the Center and thanked the representatives of the Center for sticking with the plan. The Center was here last year with an interest in extending its lease with the Town. The MA Cultural Council wanted a guarantee that the Center will still be there in 2012 prior to providing the Center with further grants. Mr. Albani indicated that the Council appears to be confident that the Center will be there. Selectman Spataro commended Mr. Albani and the Center for its due diligence in consistently and successfully managing its budget, allowing the Center to be successful. Selectwoman Brunelle, pointed out that this was a project with which someone had vision and that it has been carried forward. She noted that the Center has truly been an asset to the Town. Everyone has done an incredible job maintaining the vision. She offered her appreciation for the efforts of all involved. Saturday, May 2, 2009 is "Earth Day - Sheep Day" at the Center. Board thanked Mr. Albani.

Town Manager presented the FY2010 Budget. See attached.

Town Manager to send memo inviting department heads in on 4-6-09 for the opportunity to discuss the budget, if interested. In response to a question presented by Jane Lopes, the Town Manager indicated that Town employees and retirees insurance is included in the budget being presented. Town Manager indicated that it's more likely to see a reduction in hours as opposed to whole people. Ms. Bassett asked if the snow and ice deficit includes the plowing of unapproved roads. Town Manager responded that it does include them. Town Manager explained that this is something he recently became aware of, and which he plans on discussing with the Board in the future.

Board revisited Trash Collection fees. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to accept Town Manager's recommendation for quarterly trash fees, lowering the fee from \$54 to \$52, effective 7/1/09. Three in favor. P. Rogers abstained.

Chairman asked if Board had any recommended changes for the draft Annual Town Report of the Board of Selectmen. Board agreed to thank all Town departments, department heads, and employees for continuing to provide services to the community with the manpower and budgets they have had over this past year, expressing the Board's appreciation. Selectman Spataro would like to strike the reference to the "Enfield Paranormal Society". Board agreed to keep reference in place. Chairman read aloud the draft report. Charter comment will end with components of existing needs of our community. The word "acting" will be taken out before reference to Fire Chief G. Russell. "Mr. Russell" will be changed to "Chief Russell".

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Recommendation to sign contract with appraiser for the Commercial Development District Property on Wareham Street to move forward and get property developed. Three bids were received.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted to award bid to Paul Reynolds, the lowest bidder, and authorized Town Manager to sign contract.

Three in favor. P. Rogers abstained.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to authorize Chairman to sign letter supporting Pro-Home Inc., subject to minor changes in language, as recommended by Chairman.

Three in favor. P. Rogers abstained.

Town Manager updated Board regarding Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant application sent on March 13, 2009.

The Office of S.E. Economic Development (SEED) will be sponsoring a Business Tactics & Access to Credit Workshop next week here at Town Hall intended to assist business owners and residents.

#### **OTHER**

Selectman Spataro requested time on next week's agenda to discuss Economic Development.

Selectwoman Duphily mentioned the Stacey Ann LeRoy Foundation dinner dance event held last weekend in memory of young woman who passed away a few years ago.

No comments presented by the public.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#6 - Passport Day is 3-28-09 - put notice on bulletin board.

#2 - Recover Act - U.S. Department of Justice - has been given to Police Chief.

#8, 9 & 10 - retiree letters re health insurance - Board has not taken any vote yet.

#17 Edgeway Homeowners Association - asking for a meeting - Chairman indicated that Town Manager is working on regulations and will present in few weeks (new regulations). At that time, Board may want to appoint new liaison.

Town Manager to draft letter. We look forward to talking with them sometime in April.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy relative to Collective Bargaining. Roll Call: S. Spataro, Yes; M. Duphily, Yes; M. Brunelle, Yes; P. Rogers, Yes. Chairman announced Board would not return into Open Session. Ended at 9 pm.

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The Board discussed Water and Wastewater issues related to the proposed resort casino. The Staff presented proposals from Tighe & Bond, Amory Engineering, and Jacques Whitford. The staff also presented proposals from Tighe & Bond and CDM on the design of wastewater improvements. The staff's recommendation is to contract with CDM. Mrs. Brunelle joined the meeting at 7:30 PM.

The State also presented information on a hospital study to assess the demand for hotels in Middleborough both with and without a resort. The staff also discussed hiring a consultant to pursue federal funds for infrastructure improvements in support of our economic development efforts.

The State also asked the Board to increase the funding for Economic Development Director Anna Nalevanko so that she would have more time to spend on economic development activities.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted unanimously to approve using \$13,209 from resort funds for that purpose.

Selectwoman Duphily left the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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

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