

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2010**

Acting Chairwoman M. Brunelle opened meeting by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Selectmen M. Brunelle, M. Duphily, S. McKinnon and A. Rullo

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted unanimously to approve 2/22/10 meeting minutes, subject to clarification of Chairman Roger's vote.

Senator Marc Pacheco addressed the Board and indicated that he was present to discuss recent inaccurate public information. He submitted the attached Op Ed to clarify his position relative to gaming. See attached. Senator Pacheco offered some brief comments regarding the state budget. He agreed to attend a future meeting for further discussion on the matter. Chairwoman welcomed questions. Chairwoman thanked Senator and offered that the Board would like to have him back at the end of March.

**NEW BUSINESS**

B. Giovanoni addressed Board to review request by Middleborough Friends to place sign on Town Hall lawn.

Upon motion by Selectman Rullo and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted to approve request by Middleborough Friends to place a 4'x8' sign on the Town Hall lawn from 4/1/10 to 5/1/10 to advertise its Pancake Breakfast to benefit the COA on 5/1/10 with the agreement that the sign will be moved from time-to-time.

Three in favor. Chairwoman abstained.

Selectwoman Duphily disclosed that she is a member of the Middleborough Friends and is voting as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS & LICENSES**

Fire Chief L. Benjamino addressed the Board re designating the Town as a Heartsafe Community. He publicly thanked Board, Caroline Fahey, and firefighters for their support. Fred Fowler from Region V EMS addressed Board to recognize the Town of Middleborough as a Heart Safe Community. He read aloud a proclamation And presented Chairwoman with certificate and two signs for the Town, which she gave to the Town Manager and asked that Mr. Bagas work with the Fire Chief to have the signs installed. Chief announced that he will holding employee CPR training for low fee on 3/29/10 at Town Hall and on 3/31/10 at the COA.

Soule Homestead Director F. Albani addressed Board and presented annual report presentation. See attached. Chairwoman thanked Mr. Albani and members.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to set date of Special and Annual Town Meeting for May 17, 2010 at 7 PM. Three in favor. M. Brunelle abstained.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS & LICENSES**

Police Station Study Committee

Police Chief B. Gates addressed Board to discuss the position of the Committee relative to the potential land swap of the former St. Luke's Hospital property being offered by Mrs. O'Donnell. After discussion on the matter, the following vote was recorded. Upon motion by Selectman Rullo and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted to ask Planning Board to investigate zoning and for the Town Manager to gather information from the Planning Board and the Assessors. Three in favor. M. Brunelle abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Rullo, Board voted to appoint Nancy Lee Darst of Hingham, MA as special counsel to file a motion on behalf of the Town in the Bankruptcy Court for relief from the automatic stay arising from Laura Jo Amaral's Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, as requested by Town Counsel D. Murray. Three in favor. M. Brunelle abstained.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted to approve request by Builder's Club/Kiwanis (Nichol's Middle School branch of the Kiwanis Club) to use the lawn of the Town Hall for a fundraising yard sale to benefit the activities of the Builder's Club on 5/22/10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a rain date of 5/23/10 at the same hours. Board asked for further explanation of what they do. Three in favor. M. Brunelle abstained.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to approve the appointment of 2010 Election Officers as presented on the attached. Three in favor. M. Brunelle abstained.

Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board voted to approve the re-appointment of Richard Roth to the Board of Registrars for a three year term. Three in favor. M. Brunelle abstained.

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Water Department – Well Contract Change Order Approval

Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted to approve contract value increase due to Supplemental Agreement No. 1 in the amount of \$6,310.00

Three in favor. M. Brunelle abstained.

**HEARINGS, MEETINGS & LICENSES**

Community Septic Management Program – Water Pollution Abatement Trust Notes

Chairwoman read the attached into the record. Upon motion by Selectman Rullo and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted to approve.

Three in favor. M. Brunelle abstained.

Finance Committee Chairman R. Pavadore addressed Board and introduced Diane Stewart as the individual that the Committee is asking to appoint. Ms. Stewart addressed Board and gave review of her experience and offered that she would like to serve on the Committee to give back to her Town. She has attended the last three Committee meetings and is on the election ballot.

Upon motion by Selectman Rullo and seconded by Selectman McKinnon Board and Committee members voted by Roll Call “to appoint Diane Stewart as a member of the Finance Committee, serving an unexpired term

S. McKinnon YES  
A. Rullo YES  
M. Duphily YES  
M. Brunelle YES  
R. Pavadore YES  
J. Ruth YES  
D. Baldwin YES  
G. MacPherson YES”

Mr. Pavadore noted that the Committee will be one member short as Joe Thomas did not take out papers to continue to serve.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

Town Manager noted his letter dated 3-5-10 to the Department of Transportation noting that the Town has been working with the Campanelli Companies to move forward with improvements to Rte 18/28 from Campanelli Drive to the Middleborough Rotary.

**OTHER**

M. Solimini asked if the Board has received any feedback from the Tribe re letter recently sent. Chairman answered that the Board has not received a response.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- #19 Noted correspondence from John J. Fahey re 31 Atwood Ave.
- #4, 14 and 26 all grants – send to A. Nalevanko
- #14 To be sent to Soule Homestead
- #15 Local Aid Alert – cuts in local aid – urges all residents to contact local legislators to hold levels where they are. Selectman Rullo urges public to send emails to local representatives.
- #7 – Noted that A. Nalevanko had done presentation on community block grant and this looks like significant grant
- #8 DEP – gas flare for the landfill – hopefully a temporary gas flare can be put in to resolve odor problems
- #11 MA Operational Services Division Outreach – bulk purchasing can be done – noted that we currently circulate to all departments
- #13 Plymouth County Cooperative Extension – gardeners – you can go to website and review as it has a lot of information about the winter moths
- #17 Chernobyl Children Project – gave website address. Selectwoman Brunelle noted that folks from Middleboro have acted as hosts in past years to these children. They are no longer going to be bringing children here, but instead are going to be sending a group of volunteers there to help the children – first time will be 4/17/10.
- #18 COA Resource Fair for Elders, Disabled and Unemployed
- #24 Round 16 MPPF Grant Program
- #25 Letter from Margo King – file with Edgeway Mobile Home Park file
- #29 H1N1 Clinics to be held on 3/19 and 3/26 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm. Please call ahead for an appointment at 508 946-2408.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Duphily and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session at 9:23 PM to discuss strategy relative to Collective Bargaining. Roll Call: A. Rullo, Yes; M. Duphily, Yes; S. McKinnon, Yes; M. Brunelle, Yes. Chairman announced Board would not return into Open Session. Ended at 9:43 PM.

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Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE: March 1, 2010

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Eileen S. Gates, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Appointment of Election Officers

Please appoint the following Election Officers for 2010

**Precinct 1:** Arthur Turcotte  
Laurette Turcotte  
Linda Eatherton  
Barbara Landolfi  
Susan Duggan  
Gaynel Bradford  
Meredythe Salvucci  
Robert Eatherton

**Precinct 4:** Donna Moquin  
Audrey Sgro  
Janice Westgate  
Alfred Mackiewicz  
Deborah Parsons  
Marie Clory  
Josephine Ruthwicz  
Theresa Washburn

**Precinct 2:** Betty Johnson  
Elizabeth Wainwright  
Donna Stewart  
Florence Cadillic  
Janet Walker  
Arlene Dickens  
Beverly Moquin  
Lillian Craig

**Precinct 5:** Karen Nice  
Kathleen Foye  
Linda Gordon  
Wendy McCormick  
Susan Beaulieu  
Cheryl Reimels  
Margaret Washburn  
Danielle Nice

**Precinct 3:** Deborah Ginn  
Patricia McManus  
Louise Wright  
Judith Clark  
Mary Ieronimo  
Anna Blanchard  
Carol Piccolo  
Susan Bell

**Precinct 6:** Joan Ayube  
Marjorie Bragg  
Lois Hawks  
Shelly Murphy  
Isabelle Minkle  
Georgia Iverson  
Jeanne Turney  
Judith Thompson

Also, please reappoint **Richard Roth** to the Board of Registrars for a three year term.

Over the course of the past year, various state legislators, including myself, have filed a number of different bills that would authorize the expansion of gaming in Massachusetts. The fact that each of these bills proposes something a little different can certainly create some confusion, and I feel that it is important to explain the content of the proposed pieces of legislation and offer you my position on them.

As many readers may already be aware, I have long been a strong proponent of expanded gaming. I believe that a combination of slots at the tracks **and** full-fledged resort casinos is the best scenario for the Commonwealth, and I firmly believe that such a combination would greatly benefit our state by creating thousands of jobs and generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue. This revenue could be used for local aid to cities and towns, as well as for funding education, health care and other services. Expanded gaming will certainly not be a remedy that cures all of the effects that the global recession has had on our state, but as one important piece of a broad economic development strategy it will certainly help.

As a result of my stance on expanded gaming, I have signed on as a co-sponsor to a number of gaming bills filed by my colleagues. I do not think each of these bills is perfect, however being signed on as a co-sponsor will allow me to take an active role in helping to shape the legislation. For example, I co-sponsored a bill in the House of Representatives entitled "An act establishing and regulating resort-style entertainment in the Commonwealth" (H4068), which was filed by Representatives Brian P. Wallace and Martin J. Walsh. This bill would allow for three resort casinos throughout the state. I agree with the vast majority of this bill, except for one glaring issue: Plymouth county is not included as a possible resort casino site. As a co-sponsor, I have been able to speak with the lead sponsors of the bill, and they have indicated to me that there will be no problem in amending the House Bill to include Plymouth County.

Even though I am confident the House bill will be amended, I felt so strongly that Plymouth County should not be excluded from the legislation that I filed my own version in the Senate, which explicitly includes Plymouth County, two days after the House version was filed. (H4068 was filed on 1/14/09; my Senate version was filed on 1/16/09.) The bill I filed carries the same title as the House bill, and is numbered S2042. Within S2042 there are three clearly defined gaming market areas, each of which will have the opportunity to license up to one resort casino. On lines 156 through 158, the bill defines these three market areas as "Region 1 – Suffolk, Middlesex and Essex counties; **Region 2 – Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth counties**; Region 3 – Worcester, Hampden, Franklin and Berkshire counties." Any community within any of those counties that receives local approval could be a potential host community.



There are some facts about S2042 that I would like to make especially clear. Firstly, as the Town of Middleboro is part of Plymouth County, it is included in my bill and has always been. The main reason I filed my own version of the House legislation was to make sure that Middleboro and Plymouth County were included. Secondly, any use of the term "Bristol County market" in S2042 refers to the entire Region 2 market as I originally defined it, which includes Bristol along with Norfolk and Plymouth counties.

It does not refer solely to Bristol County, and it is not intended to. I can understand how this may be confusing, and a change in language from "Bristol County market" to "Region 2" might be an improvement. This change, however, is not needed in order for Middleboro to be included, and if the language is eventually changed it will serve solely as a way to eliminate confusion.

Recently Speaker of the House of Representatives Robert DeLeo announced his plans to file his own gaming bill that would allow for two resort casinos as well as slots at the tracks. I am pleased that he is embracing stand-alone resort casinos and slots at the tracks, however I believe that three resort casinos would better serve the Commonwealth than the two he proposed. Also, he has not yet specified what the casino market regions will be in his bill, though I intend to work closely with his office and the chairs of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to ensure that Southeastern Massachusetts is one of the specified sites.

I would also like to note that the full texts of all pending bills are available online at the official website of the Massachusetts Legislature (<http://www.mass.gov/legis>). As stated above, the bill I presented is entitled "An Act Establishing and Regulating Resort-Style Entertainment in the Commonwealth", and is filed as Senate Bill 2042.

I hope I have been able to shed some light on the scope of the proposed legislation and my reasons for supporting expanded gaming. I sincerely believe that a comprehensive gaming bill that includes slots at the tracks and three resort casinos will have an extremely positive impact on Massachusetts, and I intend to fight hard to see that a bill of this nature is passed as soon as possible. For more information on my position on gaming and other issues, feel free to visit [www.marcpacheco.org](http://www.marcpacheco.org).

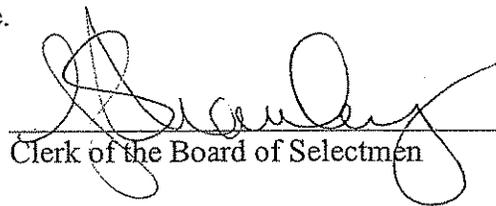
I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middleborough, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held March 8, 2010, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was passed, all of which appears upon the official record of the board in my custody:

- VOTED
- (1) That the Town shall issue a bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000 (the "Bonds") pursuant to Chapters 29C and 111 of the General Laws and a vote of the Town passed October 5, 2009 (Article 17), which authorized a total borrowing of \$300,000, for a community septic management loan program (the "Project");
  - (2) that in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds the Treasurer is authorized to issue an interim loan note or notes (the "Notes") from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000;
  - (3) that each Bond or Note shall be issued as a single registered security, and sold to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust") at a price determined pursuant to the Loan Agreement;
  - (4) that the Treasurer is authorized to determine the date, the form, the maximum interest rate and the principal maturities of each Bond and Note, and to execute a Loan Agreement or Agreements with the Trust with respect to the sale of the Bonds and Notes, such date, form and maturities and the specific interest rate or rates of the Bonds and Notes to be approved by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer as evidenced by their execution of the Bonds or Notes;
  - (5) that all action taken to date by the Town and its officers and agents to carry out the Project and its financing, including the execution of any loan agreement by the Treasurer, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; and
  - (6) that the Treasurer and the other appropriate Town officials are each hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary and convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote, including execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement or Agreements and the Project Approval Certificate and Regulatory Agreement or Agreements relating to the Project.

I further certify that the vote was adopted at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in the office of the Town Clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of the town at least 48 hours, including Saturdays but not Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds or Notes were taken in executive session, and that the official record of the meeting was made available to the public promptly and remains available to the public, all in accordance with

G.L. c.39, s.23B as amended. I further certify that the vote has not been amended, supplemented or revoked and remains in effect on this date.

Dated: March 8, 2010



Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

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(Please Note: The following statements are an essential part of the permanent note record. Read them carefully before signing this certificate. Advise Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP of any inaccuracy.)

**Town of Middleborough, Massachusetts**

**\$300,000 Community Septic Management Program Interim Loan Note**

CERTIFICATE

We, the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Town of Middleborough, Massachusetts, certify that we have signed the \$300,000 zero percent Interim Loan Note (the "Note") of the Town dated March 1, 2010 and payable on the Closing Date. The Note bears the Town seal, which is also affixed to this certificate.

We further certify that Loan Agreement No. T5-97-1077-H with the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust") dated as of January 6, 2009 providing for the Interim Loan evidenced by the Note, and that Project Approval Certificate and Regulatory Agreement No. T5-97-1077-G with the Department of Environmental Protection relating to the Project financed by the Note have been signed by the Treasurer or other duly authorized official of the Town and we hereby confirm those Agreements. Capitalized terms used in this certificate and not otherwise defined shall have the same meanings given those terms in the Loan Agreement and Chapter 29C of the General Laws (the "Enabling Act"). The Loan Agreement and the Project Approval Certificate and Regulatory Agreement are sometimes referred to collectively in this certificate as the "Agreements".

We, the Selectmen and the Treasurer, also certify as follows:

1. Authority. The Note is issued pursuant to the Enabling Act, Chapter 111, Section 127B½ of the General Laws (the "Applicable Bond Act") and a vote of the Town passed October 5, 2009 (Article 17), which authorized a total borrowing of \$300,000.

Execution of the Agreements was further authorized, ratified, approved and confirmed by a vote of the Selectmen passed March 8, 2010 (the "Selectmen's Vote").

2. Other Debt. No other debt has been incurred under that vote of the Town.

3. Representations under Section 2 of the Loan Agreement.

(i) The Town is a Local Governmental Unit as defined in the Enabling Act with full legal right and authority under the Enabling Act and the Applicable Bond Act to authorize,

execute and deliver the Agreements, to execute, issue and deliver the Note, to undertake the Project, and to carry out and consummate all transactions contemplated by the foregoing.

(ii) The Town has duly and validly authorized the execution and delivery of the Agreements and the Note and all approvals, consents and other governmental proceedings necessary for the execution and delivery of any of the foregoing or required to make them the legally binding obligations of the Town that they purport to be in accordance with their terms have been obtained or made.

(iii) No action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body is pending or, to our knowledge, threatened seeking to restrain or enjoin the execution or delivery or performance of any of the Agreements or the Note or the carrying out of the Project; or contesting or adversely affecting the validity of the Agreements or the Note or the power of the Town to assess and collect taxes, rates and charges to pay the Loan Repayments; and neither the corporate existence of the Town nor the title to office of any of us or any other Authorized Officer of the Town executing the Agreements or the Note is being contested.

(iv) The authorization, execution and delivery of each of the Agreements and the Note, and performance of each of them, will not constitute a breach of, or a default under, any law, ordinance, resolution, agreement, indenture or other instrument to which the Town is a party or by which it or any of its properties is bound.

(v) The Loan Agreement, the Interim Loan and the Note are valid obligations of the Town, for the payment of which its full faith and credit are pledged, enforceable in accordance with their terms and the terms of the Enabling Act and the Applicable Bond Act, and payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest (to the extent not paid from other sources) from taxes which may be levied upon all taxable property within the territorial boundaries of the Town, without limit as to rate or amount.

4. No Default. As of this date, no Event of Default or Default, as applicable, and no event which with the passage of time or the giving of notice may become or may be declared to be an Event of Default or a Default, has happened and is continuing under either of the Agreements.

5. Loan Questionnaire. The statements and information set forth in the Loan Questionnaire submitted by the Town to the Trust in connection with the Interim Loan are true and correct in all material respects on this date as if made on this date.

6. Use of Project and Interim Loan Proceeds.

(a) No Reimbursement. The proceeds of the Interim Loan and the Note may be used, in part, to reimburse the Town for capital expenditures previously made. Any such expenditures were made pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §20A and the rules and regulations of the State Director of Accounts and any such expenditure was documented by a "Report of Advance of Funds in Lieu of Borrowing" filed with the Director. Any such

expenditures were made within 18 months prior to this date. At the time of the filing of any report referred to above the Town reasonably expected to reimburse the expenditures with the proceeds of a borrowing.

(b) Prior Bonds or Notes. No proceeds of the Interim Loan or the Note will be used to pay or retire any bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness previously issued by the Town.

(c) Use of Proceeds. The proceeds of the Interim Loan and the Note will be used by the Town to fund a Community Septic Management Program pursuant to G.L. c.111, §127B½. The Town will requisition funds from the Trust pursuant to the Loan Agreement only to the extent the Board of Health of the Town has entered into an agreement or agreements with owners of residential property relating to the repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems on such residential property to be financed with such funds pursuant to G.L. c.111, §127B½.

We, the Selectmen, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk, further certify as follows:

(a) Authorization, Execution and Delivery of Documents. The Loan Agreement, the Project Approval Certificate and Regulatory Agreement and the Note have been duly authorized, executed and delivered. None of those instruments has been amended or supplemented since its date (except such amendments or supplements which have been approved by the Trust or the Department, as applicable) or repealed and each such instrument remains in full force and effect as of this date.

(b) Signatures and Incumbency. The signatures of the Treasurer and the Selectmen as appearing below are the genuine signatures of the persons who held those offices when the Agreements and the Note were signed and when they were delivered.

(c) Proceedings. No proceeding essential to the execution, delivery or issue of the Agreements and the Note has been repealed or amended except as stated in paragraph (1) above, and no proceedings have been taken relating to the Agreements and the Note other than those certified to Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP.

(d) Bylaws. The bylaws or votes described below are the only bylaws or standing votes of the Town affecting the authorization, sale or issue of the Note, including the calling and conduct of town meetings, or the authorization, execution or delivery of the Agreements, and there has been no change therein affecting those matters in any way except as may be indicated below:

Town of Middleborough Bylaws as revised through September 24, 2001.

(e) Home Rule. The Town has not adopted a home rule charter and the Town has not amended or repealed any special law relating to the Town through the use of home rule procedures.

(f) Selectmen's Vote. Attached hereto is a true copy of the Selectmen's Vote, which has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect on this date.

(g) Development Districts. The Town has not established any development districts pursuant to G.L. c.40Q.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2010  
(Date of delivery of the Note -  
to be left blank until delivery)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Marcus C. Saylor*  
*Richard P. Saylor*  
*Steph J. Saylor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Selectmen

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

(Town Seal)

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No. 1

United States of America  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

\$300,000

TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH  
COMMUNITY SEPTIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM INTERIM LOAN NOTE

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: Three Hundred Thousand Dollars

The Town of Middleborough, Massachusetts (the "Borrower"), for value received, promises to pay to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust"), upon presentation and surrender hereof, the Principal Amount specified above, or such lesser amount as shall have been advanced from time to time to the Borrower on account of this note in accordance with the Loan Agreement hereinafter referred to, on the Closing Date (as defined in the Loan Agreement) at the principal corporate trust office of U.S. Bank National Association, in the City of Boston, Massachusetts. The date and amount of each advance made on account of this note shall be endorsed on the Schedule of Advances on the reverse hereof by an authorized officer of the Trust. No interest shall accrue and be payable on the Principal Amount of this note.

This note is issued pursuant to Chapter 29C and Chapter 111, Section 127B½ of the General Laws as amended for the purpose of financing costs of a community septic management loan program in anticipation of the proceeds of a loan to the Borrower under and pursuant to Loan Agreement No. T5-97-1077-H dated as of January 6, 2009 between the Trust and the Borrower (the "Loan Agreement"). This note shall mature on the Closing Date (as defined in the Loan Agreement) and is a general obligation of the Borrower and the full faith and credit of the Borrower are pledged to the payment of the principal of this note.

Dated: March 1, 2010

TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

Countersigned:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Margaret C. Dughey*  
*Richard P. Kelly*  
*Stephen J. Medina*

(TOWN SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Selectmen

**Soule Homestead Education Center  
2009 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

- 1 **School and Group Visits:** In 2009, 1,243 children and 384 adults attended children's educational programs at Soule Homestead Education Center. (In 2008, 961 children and 215 adults attended.) Scout, Day Care, Home School, and Public Schools groups from the towns of: Middleboro, Brewster, Bridgewater, Carver, Halifax, Holbrook, Kingston, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, Taunton and Wareham attended Children's Programs in 2009. Our programs are Mass. Curriculum Frameworks based.
- 2 **School Vacation Programs:** Vacation programs are held in Feb., April, July, Aug., and Dec.
- 3 **Community Gardens:** 11 families cared for Community Garden plots in 2009. Middleboro High School special needs students again planted and cared for a 20' x 60' pumpkin patch. Soule Homestead has provided a safe, open-air learning environment for these children for over 16 years at no charge to the Town of Middleboro. Groups participating in children's education programs also worked in areas of the Community Garden as well as the back fields.
- 4 **Traditional Craft Workshops:** In 2009 Soule Homestead Education Center had 56 workshops with 307 people participating. (In 2008, 71 workshops with 401 people). Subjects such as Quilting, Basket Weaving, Cheese Making, Star Gazing, Wood Carving, Organic Gardening, Chair Caning, Pottery, Landscape Painting and Rug Braiding were offered.
- 5 **Summer Folk Concerts:** S.H.E.C. hosted 8, Saturday evening folk concerts in July and August featuring local performers. Between 40 - 50 people attended each night. We have a well-organized music committee made up of 7 area residents.
- 6 **Earth Day / Sheep Day:** Over 100 people attended this event. Among the many activities and demonstrations, Rich Seaman of Sheepdog Junction gave a sheep herding demonstration and shearer, Andy Rice, educated and entertained as he worked.
- 7 **Harvest Fair / Folk Festival:** Our major annual fundraising event on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19th & 20th, 2009 went very well. Over 1000 people enjoyed the family fun, educational exhibits, vendors, hay rides and folk music. Over 80 people volunteer to help with the Fair, including high school civic groups, Boy Scouts, and Middleboro Youth Hockey.
- 8 **Unscary Halloween Party:** About 40 people participated in our Unscary Halloween Party for young children. This event features: children's crafts, candy in the haystack, story in the barn, and a hay ride.
- 9 **Holiday Fair & Wreath Workshop:** Over 100 people attended, buying gifts, & baked goods. We had 2 sessions of our Christmas Wreath Workshop.
- 10 **Birthday Parties:** About 211 people attended various birthday parties in 2009.
- 11 **Owl Prowls:** We had 1 owl prowl in 2009. 29 people joined us for this event.
- 12 **Nature Trail:** Our nature trail was used by dozens of visitors in 2009

**Also** Boy Scout Troop 64 painted the trim on the chicken coop.  
The Heartwood Apprentice Program built a community garden shed.  
The ARC of Northern Bristol County had a weekly group volunteer visit.  
We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Valentine's Fundraising Dance at Town Hall.  
We participate in the Rotary Craft Fair, the Middleboro Historical Societies' Heritage Festival , and work with several church groups.

**2010 PROGRAM PLAN**

The 2010 Program will feature the same activities and events as the 2009 Program.

Soule Homestead Education Center is open free to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closed Mondays and holidays. For more info call: (508) 947 6744, or visit [www.soulehomestead.org](http://www.soulehomestead.org).

**Soule Homestead Education Center  
Selectmen's Report 2010  
Volunteer Hours 2009**

<b>Volunteer Category</b>	<b># People Involved</b>	<b>Total Hours Donated</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>
Animals (Kathy Heimerdinger 950)	9	1200
Board of Directors	11	400
Various Sub-Comittees	10	300
Building Maintenance	30	400
Summer Concerts / set up & clean up	8	128
Educational Program Assistance	10	500
Food Pantry Donations	4	8
H F Planning Committee	10	120
Harvest Fair (2 day event)	80	420
Holiday Fair	8	60
Legal	6	12
Music Committee	7	80
Nature Trail	2	10
Craft Production and Sales	4	48
Sheep Day	8	60
Unscary Halloween Party	7	28
Workshop Teachers	14	200
Yard Work & Snow Removal	12	200
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>4174</b>

<b>Additional Information</b>		
56 Adult Workshops	14 Instructors	307 Attended

4 events:		
Sheep Day		125 Attended
Harvest Fair (2 Days)		1200 Attended
Unscary Halloween		48 Attended
Holiday Fair		75 Attended

8 Summer Concerts	Average 40 / wk	320 Attended
<b>Current Membership: Apx. 270</b>		



## Soule Homestead Education Center

### 2010 Farm Plan

During the year 2010 land use at the Homestead will consist of the following:

1. The eastern most fields along Soule Street (approximately 10 acres) including portions of land in Plympton will continue to be used by Richard Seaman of Sheepdog Junction for raising sheep, to train Border Collies and other herding breeds. Richard will give demonstrations at Soule Homestead Education Center's Earth Day/Sheep Day and Harvest Fair events.
2. 5 Acres, across the wetlands, 1/4 mile directly north of the barn, will continue to be rented by S.H.E.C. director, Frank V. Albani, Jr. of Golden Rule Farm for certified organic vegetable production. Frank also has a small garden and hoophouse (unheated greenhouse) close to the barn. Frank has been growing for market at Soule Homestead since 1996, his work is often involved with Children's Education Programs at the farm. Frank has applied to the USDA / NRCS for funding to build another hoophouse and to replace fencing in the sheep / goat areas.
3. Dave Purpura, of Middleboro, will be growing certified organic vegetables on three acres adjacent to Frank. Dave also has land and a CSA program on Fuller St.
4. All fields not in other uses are cut for hay under contract with Rick Burnet.
5. Rick Burnet and Dave Detterman of Plympton again plan to raise 8 – 10 grass fed beef cattle on the fields to the west of the barn.
6. Soule Homestead's sheep & goats continue to use the small east field, adjacent to the house and barn, as well as the areas directly behind the barn. The Poultry Barn is directly west of the main barn. The pens connected to the poultry barn allow our poultry to have outdoor access. Kathy Heimerdinger, our primary animal caretaker and our most generous volunteer, has been caring for the animals at SHEC for over 18 years.
7. The community garden area offers approximately 15 plots to area organic gardeners for a nominal fee. We once again have a section of the community garden area set aside, as the Middleboro High School special needs pumpkin patch. We have worked with the special needs group at no charge to the Town, for about 16 years.
8. The compost area next to the community garden area allows us to recycle animal bedding and manure, and we encourage local residents to drop off their bagged leaves in the fall.
9. Organic Land Management practices are followed on the entire property.

The farm buildings will be used as follows:

*Main barn:* Lower level, classroom, office & storage.

*1<sup>st</sup> Floor:* Animal stalls and tool storage.

*Loft:* Hay Storage.

*16x24 Outbuilding east of barn* --sheep housing.

*20x55 Outbuilding west of barn* --poultry barn.

*16x20 Outbuilding north of barn*—equipment storage.

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2009 Maintenance / Capital Improvements Report  
2010 Maintenance / Capital Improvements Plan

<b>2009 Non Facilities Expansion Project Work</b>	<b>Value</b>
Yard work: lawn, leaves & snow plowing	\$2,500.00
Clean, patch, & paint most interior walls / ceilings 1st floor apartment	\$3,200.00
Sand & poly, bed room & dining room floors 1st floor apartment	\$600.00
Reglaze, wash & paint most 6 over 6 sash 1st floor apartment	\$1,500.00
Rebuild tub/shower valve 1st floor apartmentt	\$75.00
Replace kitchen sink & faucet 1st floor apartment	\$200.00
Replace exterior faucet east side of house	\$75.00
Rebuild exterior 2nd floor stairs	\$2,800.00
Electrical panel work by licensed electrician, Scott Blischke	\$200.00
Replace furnace vent pipe and rehang some cellar ductwork	\$200.00
Rework rubber roof drip edge on classroom/office & paint fascia	\$150.00
Paint exterior trim on chicken coop	\$500.00
New tool shed built by Heartwood Apprentice Group Volunteers	\$1,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,800.00</b>
SHEC out of pocket expense for materials and labor:	\$6,530.00
Paid staff time:	\$1,500.00
Donated materials and labor	\$5,770.00
	<b>\$13,800.00</b>
<b>2009 Facilities Expansion Project Summary</b>	
SHEC out of pocket expense for materials & labor	\$41,402.46
Paid staff time:	\$1,750.00
Donated materials and labor:	\$4,325.00
	<b>\$47,477.46</b>

**2010 Maintanance / Capital Improvement Plan**

We will focus on the Facilities Expansion Project / fundraising and construction

**Soule Homestead Education Center  
Facilities Expansion Project**

**Expenses & Donated Services to Date (Jan. 20, 2010)**

<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Other *</b>	<b>Description</b>
2008		\$225.00	Perc test permit
Architectural Fees	\$5,760.00	\$225.00	2nd Perc test Permit
		\$20.00	Dumpster permit
2009		\$40.00	Demo Permit
Construction Expense		\$3,000.00	Building Permit
Labor	\$18,108.00	\$172.50	Remove Freon from milk tank
Materials	\$17,611.96	\$500.00	Dumpsters
Other *	\$6,133.11	\$334.61	Dumpsters
		\$220.00	FEP printing
TOTAL Payments	<b>\$47,613.07</b>	\$440.00	Stamps for FEP mailing
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		\$516.00	Workmens Comp/ Carpentry
		\$6,133.11	

**Hands on work by Soule Homestead**

This does not include administrative work.

Hands on time: \$20/HR value	
Hands on paid staff time	\$1,780.00
Hands on volunteer time	\$380.00
TOTAL	<b>\$2,160.00</b>

**Donations**

**Est. Value**

11/15/08	ASAP Engineers	\$1,000.00	Structural design work/consulting	Donation
05/05/09	SFG Engineers	\$300.00	Perc test	Donation
05/05/09	Redlon Construction	\$350.00	Perc test	Donation
06/08/09	Costello Dismantling	\$2,000.00	Demolition & loading carport	Donation
08/20/09	Rick Burnet	\$100.00	Waterproof foundation	Donation
10/20/09	ASAP Engineers	\$200.00	Re-work roof framing specs	Donation
01/20/10	SFG Engineers	\$300.00	2nd Perc test	Donation
01/20/10	Redlon Construction	\$350.00	2nd Perc test	Donation
	TOTAL	<b>\$4,600.00</b>		

	\$47,613.07
	\$2,125.00
	\$4,600.00
TOTAL to DATE	<b>\$54,338.07</b>