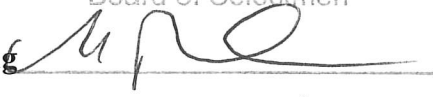



Town of Middleton Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 10th, 2022

Called to order at 6:30 pm.

BOS Members Present: Joseph Varga (excused), Michael Boisvert, Lee Britton Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

2 Intent to Cut forms, Deed for Map 18 Lot 51 owner buy back.

Selectmen Boisvert states have a revised version of meeting minutes from 7/26 selectmen meeting to correct typo in reference to lot number.

Selectmen Britton makes motion to accept minutes from 12/13/21, 12/27/21, 12/31/21, 1/4/22 and revised minutes from 7/26/21. Selectmen Boisvert seconds. All in favor.

Public Input:

If you do not plan on staying for the whole meeting. Nothing.

Old Business:

Police - Detective Owen states 26 Incidents investigated for the month of December. 6 Arrests; Involuntary Emergency Admission, Domestic Violence, Resisting Arrest, Unregistered Vehicle, and Driving While Intoxicated x 4. 47 Motor Vehicle Stops, and 4 MV accidents.

Emergency Management - nothing.

Assessing - K. Boisvert states working on old deeds, as they had been taken out of all the files and boxed up in alphabetical order instead of map and lots. Have to research all of these, and they go back to the 60s, 70s, 80s. Next will be uploading everything to become digital as Avitar is requiring everything to be uploaded within the next year or so.

Highway - D. Phillips states was a busy month. 8 events. 18.5 inches of snow. 6x freezing rain. Used a total of 122 cu. yards or 108 tons of salt. 224 cu yards of sand mix and salt, and 100 cu yards of plan sand on dirt roads. Total of OT man hours 234, in that time have been taking care of the trucks, washing and greasing them. Service on trucks with oil changes, fuel filters. Had to replace one hydraulic line. Cut some brush on Kings Highway. A few calls on mailboxes, and one call on garbage cans. Wants residents to keep in mind, trucks with the wing down and front plow down takes up anywhere between 14-15ft. Our roads are 22ft wide. Try to do 2 ft off to the side. Reads state RSA 266:78-a thru RSA 266:78-q. Asking the residents to please give room while the highway department is trying to clear the roads. States we do have a Town Ordinance. Reads aloud. See attached. States will be looking to put a warrant article in for a wood chipper.

ACO - T. Jones states Dog tags have come in, so can residents need to start getting their dogs registered. States turned in a letter last week, and wanted to know if a decision has been made. Selectmen Boisvert asks so this is looking for you to be able to take legal action for those that do not register or pay their dog fees. So it puts a policy in place so you can do this legally. T. Jones states yes, to put this in perspective we have 568 people from 2021 that abide by the rules and laws, but have about 20 people who don't. Selectmen Boisvert makes motion to accept and allow ACO Jones to take legal action against those who do not comply. Selectmen Britton seconds. All in favor.

EMS - Capt. Bowden states medical supplies have been ordered to bring the truck up to medic level, and should come out of the 2021 budget. Did meet with Frisbie, pharmacist and EMS coordinator, and they gave the green light provided we have the few things for that and we come up with SOJ for it. Would like clarification from selectmen on who will be receiving town cell phones.

Selectmen Boisvert states we just got phones in, in process of setting up. Selectmen Boisvert states still up for discussion on who will get them, do not believe everyone that requested will get them due to cost. 3-4 distributed for the higher ups. Capt. Bowden brings up policy in regards to use of personal cellphone for town business, renders your personal cell phone subject to RSA 91-a. That is a huge problem for me, and everyone on the department. We get our texts, pages, medical calls, fire calls, signing up for shift. We use an app on our phone. I am not having my phone subject to 91-a. Selectmen Boisvert states we can discuss that further, and maybe make an adjustment to the order but that would also be a budget adjustment as well. Selectmen Britton asks how many would be needed. Chief Laviolette states about 16. Discussion on possibly getting pagers vs cell phones. Fire - Chief Laviolette states he does not have stats for month of December. States majority of the things that the department ordered have come in, as far as ice water equipment. Still waiting on jackets and boat. Everything else is going well.

Supervisor of the Checklist - A. Bowden states although supervisor of checklist is not a department head

has a few things that need to be discussed. Supervisor of the checklist was supposed to run voter list and post tonight. States laptop generally used was turned in to BOS in October due to being broken and still has not been fixed, and checklist needs to be posted tonight. Selectmen Boisvert states computer company town uses will not work on it as its not a town issued computer, so we asked for cost and it would be about \$2500 for new one. We do have computers at municipal building that can be used to get this done. A. Bowden states that this was just found out today. The person has stated they would use their home computer but would not be reimbursed for using personal paper or ink. Selectmen Boisvert asks can it be emailed and we can print and post it. A. Bowden states she does not know. States the list is not updated, as they have not had computer to do new enrollees. Selectmen Boisvert asks why would they wait until the last day to get it done. A. Bowden states because they haven't had a computer since October. Selectmen Boisvert states correct and they haven't come to us since. A. Bowden states Supervisor of Checklist needs to sit on 1/18/22 7pm-730pm to take in enrollees and do amendments. So we cannot do that without the computer. Selectmen Boisvert states can use anything accessible at the office. I have a laptop for BOS. A. Bowden asks if he will be available on 1/18. Selectmen Boisvert states he will make himself available.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - J. Guarino states all is good. Taking in tax money. CEO/Health Officer - Nothing.

Welfare - Nothing. Treasurer - Nothing.

New Business:

J. Mullen presents Selectmen with NH DES Milfoil Grant Paperwork. Suggests the Selectmen look over paperwork, and if decide to go ahead with it is pretty self explanatory, has marked all areas that need to be filled out. Gives update on Sunrise Lake Watershed Management Plan, which the most up to date report is available on the conservation page of the website, and there is a video that was posted to youtube of the full conference.

Public Comment:

R. Tufts-Keegan states tomorrow 1/11/2022 public hearing for the budget committees proposed school and town budgets.

A. Bowden states she is aware interviews for Fire Chief are going to be held next Monday 1/17/2022. Asks about interest in regards to other local Fire Chiefs to be in on the interview process. Asks if anyone who is currently on the Fire Department will be involved. Selectmen Boisvert states we did not ask the fire department, however anyone that I have run into I have asked for current employees to give me their personal input, whether it be anonymous, verbal or written. A. Bowden states should have at least one person from fire department on it.

J. Mullen asks when do warrant articles have to be turned in by. Selectmen Boisvert states believes it is somewhere around mid-February.

S. Ferguson states he has read over meeting minutes from a previous selectmen meeting where it was stated that the BOS liaison for the EMS Exploratory Committee and the Police liaison stopped showing up to the committee meetings due to the decision of the committee already being made prior to even starting. States wants to clarify that it had been made very clear from the first meeting that they were not there to make a decision, rather they were there to gather information and stats and pass those along to the board of selectmen for them to make a decision.

R. Tufts-Keegan states the 12/31/21 minutes state hired a new officer. Is the intention to have that officer EMT certified. Selectmen Britton states no I do not believe so.

B. Gagnon asks if it is standard procedure to give sign on bonuses to someone who is already signed on. Selectmen Boisvert states he cannot speak to if it is standard. B. Gagnon asks why are we doing it. Selectmen Boisvert states to bring on a quality candidate. B. Gagnon states but he is already on why does he get a sign on bonus. Selectmen Boisvert states it was a recommendation made, and we saw fit to guarantee a 2 year contract.

R. Tufts-Keegan asks if he does not stay for the 2 years, does the town get that money back. Selectmen Boisvert states it is reimbursed retro for however many days he is not here.

S. Ferguson asks if the Selectmen have reviewed all minutes from the EMS Exploratory Committee. Selectmen Boisvert states minutes verbatim no, but what was proposed yes. S. Ferguson asks if he knows if the whole BOS did. Selectmen Britton, states he did, but we do not want to make a decision until we have a fire chief in place.

R. Tufts-Keegan asks if the decision will be made when a new Fire Chief is hired. Selectmen Boisvert and Selectmen Britton state correct. R. Tufts-Keegan states in the meantime it is status quo. Selectmen Boisvert and Selectmen Britton state correct. R. Tufts-Keegan states that means police are going on calls. Selectmen Boisvert states whatever the standard procedure is that is what it will be. R. Tufts-Keegan states well what is the procedure. Selectmen Britton asks if anyone from police department would tell what the procedure is. Officer Saltzman states he will refer any questions in regards to police to Chief Cooper.

T. Donovan-Laviolette asks how many candidates for Fire Chief. Asks if the interviews are public, and when will the list of interviewees be listed.

Selectmen Boisvert reads applicants names for fire chief position. Griffin Parks, Jeffrey Eldridge, Steven Ducheanu, Michael Watkins, Norman Skantze.

Selectmen Britton makes motion to adjourn. Selectmen Boisvert seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sierra Pannell, Administrative Assistant