

Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887



Approved By
Board of Selectmen

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan
Christine Maynard

Middleton Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2022

Call to Order at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Chair - Present, Christine Maynard, Vice-Chair - Present, Mike Boisvert - Absent

Approval of Minutes:

Christine made a motion to accept the 6/16/22 Revised Meeting Minutes. Roxanne seconded and the motion carried.

New Business:

- Highway Dept. discussed State culvert work will take place on Rt. 153, a half mile down from DiPrizios. Traffic will need to be detoured for two days (using Ridge Road) beginning around July 18th. Signage for the detour will be handled by the State. Theresa Jones will post a notice on the FB page. Jim Keegan will talk to Sgt. Swift tomorrow. Christine asked and was told that the Bureau of Traffic sets the speed limit on Rt. 153.

Old Business:

- ACO Theresa Jones said she has until the August 31st deadline to collect the \$30 fee for licenses not paid. It was asked if the certified letter postage fees would be recouped by the fee. Theresa said she can ask up to \$50 for each failure to register dogs and that the State receives a percentage of what is charged.
- The Board updated a misstatement regarding Primex insurance coverage for other Police Departments using Middleton Police cruisers.
- Sgt. Swift reported that he is using New Durham Officers for coverage and is looking at other Police Departments for assistance.
- Christine mentioned that Primex has provided the name of a mediator to help with issues between the Police Department and the Board of Selectmen. She will reach out to them.
- There were 5 bids for the lawn tractor which were opened and read during the meeting. The winning bidder was Joseph Patry with a bid of \$519.00. *Christine made a motion to accept the bid made by Joseph Patry for the "as is" lawn tractor. Roxanne seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

New Business:

- John Mullen provided a 6/21/22 milfoil survey and said a dive team would be onsite 6/30/22.
- The Board reported that Christina Luciano resigned her position as the Welfare Officer. Each town is required to have a Welfare Officer and currently the Board is looking into their ability to take on this role.

- The laptop used by the Welfare Officer also has the software to program the flashing lights in the school zone. The Highway Department will perform the changes after the new hours are programmed.
- The Board also reported that Fire Chief Watkins resigned his position effective 6/18/22. Christine is working with NHMA to post the job. She will also be posting the job internally.
- Mike Laviolette is named the Acting/Interim Fire Chief and suggested that the posting be delayed until he can fix some issues.
- Sunrise Lake Association had their 4th annual cookout and bonfire. The association on the Lakeshore Drive side is planning to continue the EMS parade which has become a tradition. The EMS folks volunteer their time.

Public Comment:

- It was asked who the Emergency Management contact with the Police Chief out. According to a couple of folks it is traditionally handled by the Fire Chief, although Jon Hotchkiss held that position at one time. It was said that the State would assist us if we required Emergency Management direction. The state had requested that the list of Fire Wardens be updated.
- In response to an inquiry regarding Chief Cooper's return date the Board said they do not have a date at this time.
- Jim Keegan would like to have his Selectmen liaison reach out to the Highway Department on several fronts. He stated he is not coming to see them and doesn't attend all the Board meetings. Christine said she would take over as their Board contact. It was asked whether there was anything that could be done about the lack of attendance.
- Tracy Donovan-Laviolette asked about the GOFERR money that Mike was looking into to cover the extra costs for the equipment purchased and was told they do not know if he has any information regarding those costs. Tracy also asked who has administrative access to the Town's FB page. Roxanne said that Mike has access and Christine said that they all should have access. The FB page name is Middleton_NH. Christine will look to see if there is a Policy covering FB pages.

At 7:40 PM a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christine, seconded by Roxanne, and the motion carried