

Town of Middleton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
July 6 , 2020

Called to order at 6:30 P.M

BOS Members Present: J. Hotchkiss, J. Knapp J. Varga

Pledge Recited

**Signature Action:**

Signature on minutes for 06/22/2020 J. Hotchkiss makes a motion to accept minutes as read and J. Varga seconds all in favor.

**Old Business**

Joseph Varga talks about solar exemption. J. Varga asks Jon Hotchkiss about his case that he brought up and said that is more a misfortune than a mistake. J. Varga wants to know what part of the RSA are they are going with. The lawyer Sager states the mistake because when Marcy asked what was needed, and nothing was stated to her. J. Varga listen to tape. J. Varga wants to sign the exemption but only for the second half the year. Listen to tape. J. Varga makes a motion for them to pay for the first tax bill and have the 2<sup>nd</sup> bill be exempt. Listen to tape. J. Varga and J. Knapp agree to table until the 7/27.

Public Participation, James Knapp talks about this. He just does not want this to go to left field. Jonathan Hotchkiss talks how we are a small town. He thinks that you should be on the agenda but should at least have a chance to be heard. James Knapp just wants to keep it on topic. At the end of the meeting was 5-minute public. See recorded.

**New Business**

Tracy Donovan Laviolette already answered her question.

Patrick Cremmen wants Selecetmen to reconsider the abatement denial. Patrick Cremmen was a tax assessor in this town, and he knows how it works. It was a three-season camp, and majority is wet. The original assessment was 291,000 and then he lowered it to 279,000. He believes its 30,000 over assessed. He has no new roof or heating system. His flood insurance states his property is more aligned with an assessment of 215,000. They are selling for 205,000. Janet Kalar states that she has an issue with Avitar. Joe Varga states he is not an assessor. Jon Hotchkiss asks if Avitar entered the house. Patrick Cremmen states he did a full walk through. J Varga makes a motion to deny the request and J. Hotchkiss seconds.

James Keegan ask what the outcome to his question is regarding why we hire the seasonal for highway. J. Varga states he could not find anywhere in the minutes or town meeting where we voted to put a seasonal guy on. James Keegan cannot believe that we do not know when and why we hired a seasonal person. He also wants to know why we still have him then. J. Varga states we vote the budget in every year and towns people approve it. He does not have enough data to know if we need one or not. There was a person out on light duty, was he receiving overtime? When this person came back to full duty were both part-time seasonal getting overtime. Selectmen both say yes.

Roxanne Keegan asks how the taxes are coming along. J. Varga states that it looks like it is coming in good.

J. Varga wants to make a motion to bill the water company to have then highway come out and shut off the water and J. Hotchkiss seconds.

Andrea wants the BOS to know that the Zoll is out of service as it needs to be serviced, and loaner is coming tomorrow.

Janet Kalar, Joe Varga states that you cannot take money for the septic, that it cannot come from the Fire Addition. J. Varga also talked with legal and it all depends on how it was written. He still must talk with Fire. Janet Kalar wants to give a complaint about Eric Knapp. Discussion on what her complaint is. Social distance.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted by:

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Kathleen Blaney, Administrative Assistant

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