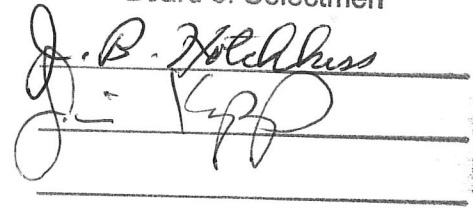


Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 13, 2020

Approved By
Board of Selectmen



Called to order at 6:30 P.M

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

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

J. Varga moves to approve the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes dated 01/06/2019 as written.

J. Knapp seconds, all in favor.

Signature of grant for the Exotic aquatic Species, J. Hotchkiss says we have done this in the past to fight mill foil invasive species.

Joe Varga moves to accept the documents of the 2020 exotic grant. J. Knapp Seconds. All in favor.

Old Business

J. Hotchkiss talks about the Highway Department Building CRF. There are two ways in putting funds into the CRF. Either by a warrant article or by cell tower money. R. Washburn wants to leave the cell tower earmarked to the Highway Department Building CRF. He can repurpose the money to go to the new building or to fix up the existing building. A. Coskie says we should do both. M. Knapp we should repurposed it to say new and or existing building repairs. J. Coskie states soon or later we will either need new building or repairs on the existing.

J. Hotchkiss speaks on the internal chief fire position. Bos will be doing interviews this Friday for all internal applicants.

Police Department - End of year stats incidents they investigated went up 9% and arrest down 3% Motor vehicle stops increased by 63%. Chief Cooper said accidents are down because of it.

Town clerk- Handed in her reports. BOS goes over it quickly.

Conservation- J.Hotchkiss will be meeting with them next week.

Cemetery- J. Hotchkiss will introduce a warrant article to eliminate the Cemetery CRF and redeposit into the general fund.

Code Enforcement- J. Knapp technician should be here next year for the cell phone tower. J. Coskie wanted to let people know that it is first net and AT&T.

Assessing -Nothing

ACO- Rescue for 4 dogs and 2cats. Nothing spectacular. She talks about FB and posting about missing pets and other issues for ACO, T. Jones said they should call the police department. ACO also talks about trapping domestic animals. She is asking people to call her just so she is aware, she wants to make sure the animal is not getting hurt in the process.

Highway- R. Washburn wants to put the lumber behind the OTH out to bid. R. Washburn states that the lumber has been under a trap and this time of the year we should hold off till the weather gets better. J. Knapp agrees. R. Washburn said we should look at the lumber just to see if it is any good. J. Hotchkiss states will it be in the way of us installing the septic. R. Washburn says it isn't in the way. R. Washburn talks about issue with the radios he talks about how horrible the radios are. He hasn't gotten any numbers, but we can stick with analog. J. Knapp says we should look both ways. R Washburn wants to know if they should do it in the highway budget or the selectman budget. J. Knapp thinks that we should get numbers before we go further on this matter.

Zoning – nothing new

Health – nothing new

Planning board- nothing new

Fire/Ems- J. Bourdeau 34 calls 17 fire 17 ems. Toning automatically tones fire with all EMS calls. Goal to get more guys into EMS and fire 1 classes. J. Varga ask if they have an average time to get the ambulance. J. Bourdeau states 14-17 minutes to get the ambulance.

Welfare- nothing to report

Emergency Management- nothing to report

School Board- M. Knapp just the budget.

New Business

L. Parker coming to the board to see if the investigation was going to be released. She states that the BOS can't not keep that nonpublic, she feels it's about her. The rumors that it was unfounded is not true and she wants everyone to know that. L. Parker states that she wants a copy of the findings on the investigation sooner than later. She feels she has waited long enough. She also stated that she wanted a public apology from the selectman on this matter. J. Hotchkiss states that he will call the lawyer to make sure that they can do that.

Mary Knapp speaks on the behalf of the Middleton Recreation committee to re-allocate the budget line 4520-05 to the other culture/Rec budget line 4589-01 budget line. She wants it for the community not just children. she states to put the children's party line to 1.00 and other culture /rec to 3500.00. She wants the community to all come together. L. Parker feels it should be more for the community. J. Varga makes motion to re-alcoate the fund s and J. Knapp seconds it. All in favor.

Budget committee meeting is January 30th at 6:30 pm. J. Hotchkiss states meeting are open to the Public.

J. Hotchkiss states yearly report from the department heads should be in by 1/24/2020.

WM wants to know if the town of Middleton wants to participate into the 2021 season. For the Hazard materials.

Public participation:

J. Coskie wants to know why we can't turn the Cemetery CRF why can't we put into the highway building fund CRF instead. J. Hotchkiss states they wanted to put it into the general fund and spend it on the septic for the fire OTH and highway. A. Bowden ask so we don't need a cemetery. L parker think we should write a warrant article one year. J. Bourdeau states at the Fire association meeting, they talked about giving End 68 hours of hungry 500.00 toward request.

Motion to adjourned @ 7:24pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen Blaney, Administrative Assistant