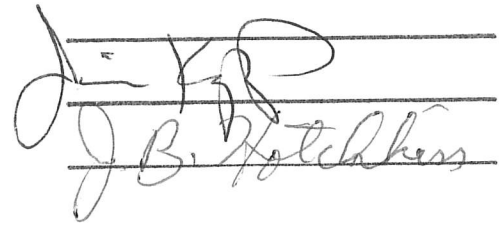


Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 13, 2020

Approved By
Board of Selectmen

Called to order at 6:30 P.M
BOS Members Present: J. Hotchkiss, J. Knapp
Pledge Recited



Signature Action:

Signature on minutes for 07/06/2020 J. Hotchkiss makes a motion to accept minutes as read and J. Knapp seconds all in favor.

Old Business

Solar Exemption – J. Knapp speaks on this. States that it is tabled until 7/27/2020 meeting, at which time J. Varga will be able to speak on it. J. Knapp states that it is now being handled more so with the lawyers but would rather wait to speak about it until J. Varga is present.

Salt Shed – J. Knapp states that he spoke with Beach and Jones engineers. Dirt work, and working on drainage issues, but looking at possible September build. Will go out to bid and then go from there.

New Business

Fire Department – Chief Bourdeau speaks on this. States slow right now, especially since the beginning of the pandemic. For the month of June there were 9 Fire calls, 16 EMS calls, and that they covered 75% of all our calls. EMR class that was previously scheduled will hopefully begin in fall all depending on the pandemic. At which time almost the whole department will have EMS of some sort. Had 3 promotions, Michael Laviolette is ^{now} Assistant Fire Chief, Griffin is ^{new} Deputy Chief, and Scott Bowden currently acting Captain. New rescue tools have been ordered and dealer would like to come out this weekend for in-service training. Chief Bourdeau would like input from J. Knapp and J. Hotchkiss regarding where to have training, thinking either at OTH parking lot or where salt shed will be built. J. Knapp asks if it will be just broken glass or if there will be more than that. Chief Bourdeau states glass as they will be breaking windows. J. Knapp states he thinks OTH would be better location for it. J. Hotchkiss suggests he consult with Rick Washburn as there are plans to pave OTH lot, as to not interfere with those plans. Chief Bourdeau states he has invoice for Kathleen for the new rescue gear. New repeater is in process, and repeater sites have been chosen so hopefully radios will be working better soon. Zoll is out for repair, currently using a loaner. Completed ladder testing. Hose testing scheduled for 8/24/2020. Have other equipment and vehicle maintenance that needs to be taken care of as well. Door with fob is unlocked. J. Knapp asks if it has ever been locked with a key. Chief Bourdeau states they cannot find key. J. Knapp believes he has one. J. Knapp states that there has been some fencing donated to go around fire department shed, would like the area cleaned up so this project may continue.

Town Clerk – Janelle Guarino states deeding was originally going to wait until end of the month; however, State has given the go ahead to move forward. Will start sending out letters that gives 30 days for property owner to pay to remove any liens. Executing the deeding from start to finish should be completed by the end of August. J. Knapp asks how many or if the number is still 6. J. Guarino states still the 6, and they will get the warning to pay. J. Guarino states the emergency order that kept the town from deeding has been cleared. J. Hotchkiss asks how the town cash flow is looking. J. Guarino states its going well, a lot of property taxes are being paid. Receiving large deposits almost every day.

Recreation Committee – M. Knapp states the committee thinks it is too soon to plan for end of summer with large gatherings. Would like to start the process of taking tree lights off and reorganizing to put back on. Looking into lift truck, purchasing more lights. Donations welcome. J. Knapp asks if it is possible to use the Tree Guys. M. Knapp states she is not sure who has been used in the past. Conversation about bucket truck and lights continues. J. Knapp suggests getting a quote for truck rental. M. Knapp states not sure if we have anyone to help with getting lights on and off tree. Will be very time consuming.

OTH – J. Hotchkiss states air conditioner is not working. Was installed when building was renovated. J. Knapp states he will be contacting someone regarding the issue.

J. Knapp states in the process of trying to fill Code Enforcement position.

J. Hotchkiss states trash is working well, very impressed.

J. Hotchkiss would like to clarify a request regarding more flags on Ridge Rd. The end of Ridge Rd that meets 153 had less than the end that meets Kings Highway. 2 more flags have been added to the end of Ridge Rd that meets 153 at no cost to the town.

J. Hotchkiss speaks about a letter received from Strafford Regional Planning Commission. SRPC has approved a water shed plant for Sunrise Lake. J. Hotchkiss reads letter. States that letter suggests that this is being done through a grant from SRPC. J. Hotchkiss believes J. Mullen is responsible for getting this done and that it is a great thing.

Public Participation:

R. Tufts-Keegan asks since this is a department head meeting, why are all the department heads not in attendance. J. Knapp states he does not have an answer.

R. Tufts-Keegan asks what is going on with school regarding reopening as there has not been any word.

T. Donovan-Laviolette states that is a question for the school board.

J. Hotchkiss makes motion to adjourn. J. Knapp seconds, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen Blaney, Administrative Assistant