Town of Middleton

Board of Selectmen Meeting

April 1, 2019

Called to order at 6:30 P.M Pledge Recited Roll Call- present. J. Hotchkiss, J. Bailey, J. Knapp



## **Signature Action:**

- J. Knapp motions to accept the BOS minutes from 03/25/2019 as read. J. Bailey seconds. All in favor.
- Veterans Credit- Kathleen Blaney presents the board with two Veterans Credit applications. Both were approved for 100% disability by Avitar. Residents are Harold Hirtle and Francis Drake.J. Bailey motions to accept both applications as recommended by Avitar. J. Knapp seconds, all in favor.
- Abatements- Kathleen Blaney presents to the board 5 abatements.
  - 44 Shore Drive- abatement denied
  - o 113 Nicola Road- abatement denied
  - o 2 NH Route 153- abatement denied
  - o 134 Lakeshore Drive- abatement denied
  - J. Bailey motions to accept the abatements as suggested by Avitar. J. Knapp seconds, all in favor. 5<sup>th</sup> abatement is for a location on Pinkham road. This abatement has recommended changes adjusting the conditions. J. Bailey motions to accept the changes as suggested by Avitar. J. Knapp seconds, all in favor.
- Elderly Exemption- One elderly exemption submitted to the board, this exemption was approved by Avitar. This exemption is a certain amount off the assessment of the property not off the taxes. J. Bailey motions to accept, J. Knapp seconds, all in favor.
- Revision of the RSA 72:23. Kathleen Blaney presents the board with the newly revised RSA for the board to sign. Board will table this for time to review the changes to the RSA.
- Current Use- 338 New Durham Road resident has 13.9 acres and wants to put 11 acres into current use. J. Bailey motions to accept the current use application. J. Knapp seconds, all in favor.
- Kathleen Blaney present to the board a letter from the BTLA stating that Mr. and Mrs. Fournier from 2 NH Route 153 appeal was denied. This was an appeal that was filed from the denied abatement.
- Certified Computer contract presented to the board. This contract is the same as last year.
   Contract signed by the chair of the board.

## **Old Business**

• Peter Lachapelle and Chris Kanca are present from Waste Management (WM). WM is looking to change the pick-up day in Middleton from Tuesday to Friday. J. Bailey speaks about a concerned resident on Lakeshore whose trash has not been collected. If trash is not collected, it sits outside for an entire week. Peter Lachapelle states that he heard a lot of concerns during his last visit in Middleton. Middleton residents cannot utilize the Rochester Landfill when they need. P. Lachapelle looked around to other towns like York who also do Friday pick-ups. P. Lachapelle mentions how WM donated to the OTH renovation and now WM is here looking for the town to help them. Resident from Pine Ridge Road voices concerns about how they have to leave their trash at the end of the road and residents put it out in advance and animals tear into it over the

night. Question is will WM continue to go down the road after mud season? Yes they will continue at the end of the season. Question asked if WM can notify the town a week prior to them returning to go down the dirt roads. Can we post on social media that there is a town ordinance stating residents need to place trash in a receptacle. Is there a way to fine residents that do not follow the ordinance? Suggestion to not collect trash that is not in a container. J. Coskie speaks about reducing the amount of waste made by not using plastic bags and reusing water bottles. There is also a facebook group called; reduce, reuse, recycle that helps others get rid of unused stuff. WM states the change wouldn't take place for a couple weeks. J. Coskie suggested WM sending out a postcard noting the change and giving more than a couple of weeks. This change will begin the first week of May. J. Hotchkiss motions to accept the change of trash pickup from Tuesday to Friday effective May 3, 2019. J. Knapp seconds, J. Bailey abstains.

## **New Business**

- Janet Kalar speaks about a problem he has with the last election. J. Kalar spoke to Dave Scanlon
  at the SOS and he stated that the town would have adopted a ballot vote. J. Kalar is questioning
  the separation of the town clerk / tax collector. She wants to know if the town never adopted
  the ballot than this position cannot be correct as it is. J. Kalar wants the board to research within
  a reasonable amount of time.
- Bill Lawrence mentions the personnel policy and the longevity section. He wants to know if
  there is a way to add part time employees to the longevity. J. Hotchkiss believes this should be
  brought to the personnel policy committee. J. Bailey mentions that they just met. L. Parker
  advised that the committee meets every few months.
- J. Coskie wants all to remember the scholarship that Middleton students can apply for.
- J. Hotchkiss wants anyone who may notice the ice moving away from the land to notify the town so the dam boards can be removed.

## **Public Participation**

J. Bailey motions to adjourn at 7:49 PM. J. Knapp seconds, all in favor.
Respectfully submitted by:
Laura Parker, Administrative Assistant