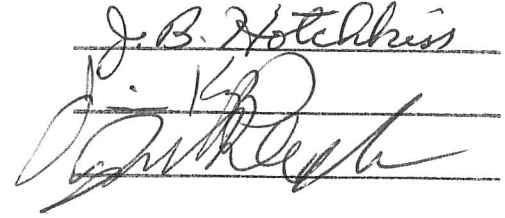


Approved By
Board of Selectmen

Town of Middleton
BOS Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020



Called to order at 6:30 P.M

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

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

J. Knapp moves to approve the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes dated 02/03/2020. J. Varga seconds

Old Business:

Discussion on cell tower. J. Knapp and J. Mammone state they have left messages for AT&T but have not heard back. J. Knapp states there were issues with the 911 testing, and is waiting to speak with Owen Smith.

Salt Shed – J. Hotchkiss states it will be a 40 x 40, 2 bay Salt Shed, with reinforced concrete bottoms, on Ridge Road. States went with the least expensive roof – Salt Roof – and drawings are available for the public to look at. R. Keegan asks if the position of new salt shed would allow for future additions. J. Varga states that original proposal would allow for addition. J. Hotchkiss states when land was originally forested it was done with the intention for the salt shed to be located in such a position that would allow any future additions. Lengthy discussion between M. Knapp and R. Keegan discussing salt shed and town meeting. J. Knapp states the biggest concern is that by waiting to build a new salt shed it will end up costing tax payers more money. J. Hotchkiss goes on to explain 10% rule. J. Varga states he recently walked through Highway Dept. and the sand pile is being stopped only by back wall, and it is completely wrong to property abutters. J. Hotchkiss states required set backs on property is 50ft from abutting property line, and 25 ft from all other property and right of ways.

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New Business:

Police- G. Cooper states 59 incidents. Detailed discussion on what those entailed ensued.

Fire/EMS- J. Bourdeau states 18 Fire Runs, 14 EMS runs. Of the EMS runs Milton responded to 9 of them, and Middleton responded to 5. States Trailer is being cleaned within the next week. Shelving will be done soon, would like to meet with J. Knapp to discuss. J. Bourdeau states looking into buying batteries for ^{pagos} ~~pages~~. Company he is looking into has a purchasing 30 day guarantee, and costs less than would typically spend on batteries. J. Varga asks if FD is short on pagers. J. Bourdeau states that the previous thought process was to use an app on their phones that would send out a tone for calls. States the app only works about 60% of the time. J. Hotchkiss asks what the success rate of the pagers are. J. Bourdeau states 100%.

Town Clerk- Handed in her reports. BOS goes over it quickly. J. Guarino states she is all set for voting. J. Hotchkiss asks if there is a Tax Anticipation Note, and do we need one. J. Guarino states no.

Conservation – J. Hotchkiss states meeting was moved to next week due to voting.

Code Enforcement – J. Mammone states attending classes this week to get all the updated rules since 2015.

Assessing- Nothing to report.

ACO- Nothing to report. J. Mammone states will be in court for case this week.

Zoning- Nothing to report.

Health- J. Mammone states will be going to meetings concerning the Coronavirus. J. Mammone states budget does not reflect anything for health officer, so he is starting to absorb costs through other line items.

Emergency Management- Nothing to report. J. Varga asks if Coronavirus has been brought up yet. G. Cooper states nothing yet, just preparations for winter storms.

School Board- Nothing to report.

Recreation Committee- M. Knapp reads lengthy thank you letter for community support for bake sale at School Deliberative Meeting.

New Business:

R. Keegan states that the Town Report always has salaries in it for Town Employees. States that the salaries of the School Employees should also be added to it. J. Hotchkiss agrees. M. Knapp states that it is public knowledge. R. Keegan states she will reach out to the SAU to get salaries. J. Varga states he has concerns as the town and school are two different budgets. T. Laviolette states that anyone can ask for a 91A form. R. Keegan asks if Middleton Building Supply and Diprizzio pay commercial taxes or residential. Asks if there is a different tax rate for commercial as opposed to residential. J. Mammone asks when did we zone commercial, and should there be a different tax rate. S. Pawnell states properties would be assessed as commercial and not residential but would look into if the properties are assessed differently than residential.

J. Hotchkiss sets Meet the Candidate night for Thursday 2/20/2020 @ 6:30 pm. J. Knapp running for a 3yr BOS term against L. Melanson. J. Varga running for a 2yr BOS term against J. Melanson.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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~~Kathleen Blaney Administrative Assistant~~