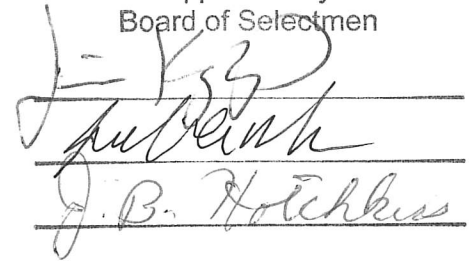


Approved By
Board of Selectmen



BOS MEETING
July 27, 2020

Call to Order by Jim Knapp 6:30 pm

BOS Members: Jim Knapp, Joe Varga and Jon Hotchkiss all present

Minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting 7/13/20

*Jon Hotchkiss asked for corrections under new business to read "is now" for positions in place with the Fire Department

Jon made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Jim Knapp seconded. Joe did not vote as he was not at the 7/13/20 meeting.

Solar Exemption: Middleton Building Supply (MBS) offered \$10,000 and asked that the other \$20,000 be signed off. \$20,000 will be applied to the November bill. They have asked for a corrected bill which Joe stated may not happen until the next billing in November. Joe made them aware that it is in Avatar's hands now.

Pest Control: The Police Station has a mouse infestation which needs to be addressed asap. Jim Knapp is going to get some figures to clear up the issue. There was an inspection done and they found no mold issues, but the mouse issue is bad. Nothing has been done at this point in fear of disturbing the mice and making matters worse.

Roxanne Keegan asked "What happens to the people in the office now?" Jim Knapp stated, "Nothing is being done without professional guidance."

Code Enforcement Officer: John Mammone has been willing to help the Town Of Middleton with Code Enforcement and Building Inspecting until someone is hired. Jon Hotchkiss and Joe Varga interviewed Dan Moody for the position. They were both impressed with his credentials and willingness to do all it takes to move forward with the job. Mr. Moody understands there need to be extensive training and certification. The BOS is going to off Mr. Moody \$17 an hour to start and \$18 an hour after certification. John Mammone is willing to stay on for a week after Mr. Moody starts to help him. John Mammone stated that he is extremely busy and requires more hours than the budget calls for at times. Mary Knapp thanked John for his years of service to the Town of Middleton. Scott Ferguson asked if there would be help for Mr. Moody after John Mammone starts his retirement. The BOS all agreed that he will have help obtaining information. Joe Vargas made a motion to hire Dan Moody as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector. Jon Hotchkiss seconded. Jim Knapp excused himself.

John Mammone name needs to be off all documents as soon as possible. A letter needs to be sent stating there is a new CEO/BS and who it is. John Mammone stated there are classes for Mr. Moody to go to for training. John Mammone stated that the ordinance book is very outdated.

Jim Knapp will call Mr. Moody to see when he can start and offer him the position.

Mary Knapp stated that cross training in departments is necessary as people retire or need time off.

Budget: Joe Varga stated that the budget is doing "ok" as of now. (48%)^{spent} The projections do not look promising, however. There are lines over budget. The question is "Where can we not spend?" There may be a "no" overtime coming. The computers may need to be moved around to save \$ on that line. Covid has been an issue but not huge.

Jim Knapp asked about the Security (Fire Alarms) money in a CRF. It needs to be used by the end of the year or it goes back into the general fund. Jim Knapp suggested it's time to get going on the project.

Jon Hotchkiss stated that there was a rabid fox on Ridge Road spotted. Scott Ferguson stated he has a fox family behind his house.

Scott Ferguson has a lady that is interested in opening a B&A school day care program in Middleton. She has land to build a facility on but will not happen until next year. With Covid-19 she is unable to run her licensed program at the school. She is looking to use the OTH temporarily for approximately 15 children needing the services. The program would be approximately from 6:30 am to 8:30 am and 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. The lady has her own licensed day cares in the area. Scott stated that she is local. The BOS stated they would be interested in talking to her. This may be a way to generate some income for the town. John Mammone stated that the OTH grant may have a say in the building's use and to get in touch with those involved in the grant process to clarify. There are strict guidelines to follow. Scott Ferguson will give the lady's information to the BOS to start the discussion.

Jim Knapp welcomed Roxanne Tufts Keegan to the Planning Board as the newest member.

Joe Vargas made a motion to the adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Jim Knapp seconded. All were in agreement

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Knapp