



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Office of the Selectmen

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, October 19, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Edward B. St. John, First Selectman
Elaine M. Strobel, Selectman
Ralph J. Barra, Selectman

Also Present: Barbara J. Whitaker, Recording Clerk
Linda Zukauskas, Reporter - Voices

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by the First Selectman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2015 Meeting

Selectman Barra MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 Meeting, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Discussion and Consideration

Police Chief Candidate Selection

Attached are the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Police Commission held on October 9, 2015.

The First Selectman MOTIONED that the Police Commission recommends Candidate #18 from our prior list of Chief of Police candidates of 2014 to the Board of Selectmen for appointment to the position of Chief of Police in the event that our current Chief, James Viadero, resigns from the position of Middlebury Chief of Police, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

The First Selectman explained that the Police Chief has not resigned and he is not anticipating anything until next month. First Selectman St. John explained that the Board is Intentionally keeping the identity of Candidate #18 in confidence however, Candidate #18 is the same candidate that was ranked #2. Attorney Smith will be in touch with Candidate #18.

Cheshire Fire Department Request

The First Selectman stated that the sale of the compressor started over a year and a half ago. The compressor was to be sold over a year and a half ago

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because we got a new one. Per the attached email request, Cheshire saw this as an opportunity to replace an older unit that they have.

First Selectman MOTIONED to approve the request of the Cheshire Fire Department to purchase the used Ingersoll Rand SCBA Compressor, SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

The First Selectman stated that the Town received a Clean Energy Program plaque from Eversource. Some of the Town's projects are still in progress. They should be completed in a few months.

Public Comments

Selectman Barra thanked JoAnn LoRusso, Library Director for the outstanding job she did on the race on Sunday. The Library is beautiful and the staff is doing a good job; they deserve a lot of credit for what they do. The Town is very fortunate to have such a beautiful Library.

The First Selectman added that Amy Garmer, Director of the Aspen Institute Dialogue on Public Libraries, will be touring the Middlebury Public Library on Wednesday, October 21st at 10:00 a.m.

The Middlebury Public Library was one out of three Connecticut Libraries selected by the Aspen Institute to participate in a national pilot program-twenty three libraries nationwide as a result of the 2014 Report, Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries.

First Selectman MOTIONED to adjourn, SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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Recording Clerk