



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Office of the Selectmen

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

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

Also Present: Dr. Raymond Sullivan, Chairman – Ethics Commission
Barbara Whitaker, Recording Clerk
Bill Bittar, Reporter – Republican American
Marjorie Needham, Reporter – Bee Intelligencer
Linda Zagauskas, 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 August 4, 2014 Meeting

Selectman Barra MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting.

Tax Rebates

Lisa Wiernik Patenio, Chappaqua, NY	\$331.51
Lisa C. Dinsmoor, Middlebury, CT	\$40.70
Gelco Corporation, Eden Prairie, MN	\$145.75
Jin Y. Oh, Middlebury, CT	\$51.91
Chase Auto Finance Group, Fort Worth, TX	\$116.91
Daimler Trust, Roanoke, TX	\$156.26
John E. Desmarais, Middlebury, CT	\$24.50
Financial Services Vehicle Trust, Hilliard, OH	\$116.51
Gelco Corporation, Eden Prairie, MN	\$258.78
Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MN	\$153.92
Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MN	\$166.16
Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MN	\$107.85
Karen L. Manna, Middlebury, CT	\$12.94
Gregory T. McKirryher, Middlebury, CT	\$100.61
Christopher P. Ranaudo, Middlebury, CT	\$267.14
Edward J. Ryan, Middlebury, CT	\$52.05
Beth A. Santos, Middlebury, CT	\$145.91
Letife Selmani, Middlebury, CT	\$72.91
Eric L. Sherokow, Middlebury, CT	\$59.00
Gaetano Tiso, III, Middlebury, CT	\$67.77
Vault Trust, Bloomington, MN	\$152.30
Waterbury Donuts, Inc., Middlebury, CT	\$61.06
Thomas V. Wengler, Middlebury, CT	\$108.26
Emily Zyko, Middlebury, CT	\$123.38

Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to approve the above-mentioned tax rebates SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

Reappointments

First Selectman MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of Ronald G. Clark, Sr. (R), 133 Steinmann Avenue as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission – term from September 7, 2014 through September 7, 2019, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Selectman Barra MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of William J. Stowell (R), 1 Elfin Place as a member of the Retirement Plan Committee – term from September 4, 2014 through September 4, 2017, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Discussion and Consideration

Vote to Submit Code of Ethics to Voters by Referendum

Shall the Town of Middlebury adopt the Code of Ethics, as approved by the Middlebury Ethics Commission and moved to ballot by vote of the Board of Selectmen on September 2, 2014?

The First Selectman MOTIONED to move the above-mentioned question of Shall the Town of Middlebury adopt the Code of Ethics, as approved by the Middlebury Ethics Commission and moved to ballot by vote of the Board of Selectmen on September 2, 2014, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

The First Selectman stated that the Board was not voting on the Code of Ethics, but was voting to move it to ballot. First Selectman St. John added that Dr. Raymond Sullivan is the Chairman of the Ethics Commission.

The First Selectman said that there will be a public hearing towards the end of September 2014 on the proposed Code of Ethics.

Dr. Sullivan said asked if Section 801 will be replaced with the code of Ethics. Attorney Smith said that it would become an ordinance. The First Selectman said that it would be easier to make changes to the Code of Ethics as an ordinance, because Charter changes take a long time to make.

Attorney Smith said that there was some editing done to the proposed Code of Ethics so that the code could not be used again one in a political situation.

First Selectman asked that Attorney Smith and Dr. Sullivan discuss any questions regarding the proposed Code of Ethics over the next few weeks before the public hearing.

Public Comments

Selectman Barra said that Officer Adams spends a lot of his own time and money at the skate park; he wanted to specially recognize Officer Adams for the great work he is doing. Selectman Barra is the liaison from the Selectmen's Office to the Police Commission and Chief Viadero brought this to light to the Police Commission at their meeting several weeks ago when he commended Officer Adams for his volunteer work at the skate park.

The First Selectman also commended the young people in the community who are working with Officer Adams to make improvements to the skate area. The First Selectman added that they added security cameras to the various parks and there is one at Ledgewood. PW has been working on clearing and trimming trees at the park.

Selectman Strobel said that she wanted to thank the Beautification Committee for their work on the corner of Yale Avenue and 188 and at the MRA.

Selectman Strobel also added that she was not here when Tom Proulx passed away, but he was a good gentleman and community contributor and the Board of Selectmen and the Town will miss him. The First Selectman said that Tom's stellar attribute was that he was a humanitarian.

Selectman Barra said that Mr. Proulx was a mentor to him for many years, he was a role model. He said that he will miss seeing him on the Greenway.

Adjournment

Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted this 3rd day of September, 2014 and are subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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