



# TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

## *Office of the Selectmen*

### MINUTES

#### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Monday, November 17, 2014 – 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 Whitaker, Recording Clerk  
Catherine Konnick  
Catherine Gay  
Barbara Pickett  
Greg Cyr  
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 November 3, 2014 Meeting**

Selectman Barra MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

#### **Reappointments**

Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to approve the appointment of Nancy G. Mastroianni, 277 Breakneck Hill Road as a member of the Commission on Aging – term from November 18, 2014 through November 18, 2016, SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to approve the appointment of Jo-Ann Cappelletti (R), 8 Ravenwood Drive as a member of the Retirement Plan Commission – term from November 21, 2014 through November 21, 2017, SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

#### **Discussion and Consideration**

##### Region 5 – Memorandum of Agreement

First Selectman refrained from reading the attached Memorandum of Agreement. Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

##### Thank You Note – Dawes Family

First Selectman acknowledged a Thank you note from Ruth Northrop's family. Ruth passed away and the Town send a edible arrangements.

## **Public Comments**

Greg Cyr asked where the Town stood on the November 20, 2014 meeting with FEMA officials and the representatives from the Congressman's office. First Selectman St. John explained that in order to get all of the players to the window, it doesn't look like late in the day is possible. He feels that it is necessary to have all the players present. The First Selectman asked that this writer look into an alternate evening meeting time and day with the FEMA officials. Cathy Konnick feels that there should be more resident representation. The First Selectmen requested this writer suggest that this Thursday doesn't work.

Mrs. Konnick asked what the next step was on the update to the Town's mitigation plan, in particular on the section on flooding. The First Selectman explained that the mitigation plan is what it is, it's the old plan that has been updated a bit. Mrs. Konnick stated that she hasn't read the whole thing and she's hoping that it makes recommendations for activities on mitigation. She wants to know if the Town will reconsider or consider some of the recommendations. The First Selectman said that he feels that this should be discussed at the meeting with the FEMA officials, they are asking for approval on things they have no control over, they are State structures. Mrs. Konnick asked if Stephanie, Maura Downs and Chris Murphy have copies of the update and asked that this writer get copies to them via email. The First Selectman said that he would like Cathy and Greg Cyr to review it so that they can give their comments.

## **Executive Session**

### **Police Union Negotiations Discussion**

Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to go into Executive Session to discuss police union negotiations, SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

The First Selectman MOTIONED to Amend the Agenda to discuss the Tentative Agreement with the Police Union, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

The First Selectman MOTIONED to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Police Union, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

## **Adjournment**

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

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara J. Whitaker*

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Recording Clerk