



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Office of the Selectmen

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, April 20, 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: Attorney Dana D'Angelo
Attorney Michael McVerry
Chief James Viadero
Raymond and Penny Albini
Barbara Whitaker, Recording Clerk
Marj Needham – Bee Intelligencer
Linda Zukauskas - 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 April 7, 2015 Meeting

Selectman Barra MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2015 Meeting, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Tax Rebates

Kevins Taxidermy, LLC, Middlebury, CT	\$58.22
Kevins Taxidermy, LLC, Middlebury, CT	\$60.49
Kevins Taxidermy, LLC, Middlebury, CT	\$64.72
Michael D. Dunn, Bethel, CT	\$88.02
James E. Stango, Middlebury, CT	\$21.86
Toyota Motor Credit Corp., Atlanta, GA	\$21.86

First Selectman MOTIONED that the tax rebates take their normal course, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Resignation

First Selectman MOTIONED to accept the resignation of Darren P. Wittko from the Greenway Committee SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Discussion and Consideration

Approval of Annual Budget Referendum Legal Notice

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The First Selectman dispensed with the reading of the following legal notice in its entirety. Selectman Barra MOTIONED to approve the Legal Notice, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Legal Notice

Notice of Annual Budget Referendum

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Town Budget Referendum and the Pomperaug Regional School District #15 Budget Referendum of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Referenda in the Town of Middlebury, CT will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at the Shepardson Community Center, 1172 Whittemore Road, Middlebury, CT from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions:

Question 1

“Shall the 2015-2016 proposed Town of Middlebury Municipal Budget in the amount of \$10,153,880 be approved?” ___Yes ___ No

Question 2

“Shall the proposed 2015-2016 Budget of the Pomperaug Regional School District #15 in the amount of \$65,263,007 be adopted?” ___Yes ___ No

The voting will be by voting tabulators. To vote, fill in the oval completely next to your choice. Absentee ballots will be made available in accordance with law in the office of the Town Clerk.

Copies of the budgets are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 1212 Whittemore Road, Middlebury, CT. The votes on the questions are taken in accordance with Connecticut State Statutes and the Middlebury Town Charter.

Property owners who are not electors but are Qualified Voters pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, shall cast their votes. A Qualified Voter is any U.S. Citizen who is of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town of Middlebury for taxes assessed against him or her on an assessment of not less than one thousand dollars on the last completed Grand List of the Town, or who would be so liable if not entitled to an exemption under subdivisions (17), (19), (22), (25) or (26) of Section 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Dated at Middlebury, Connecticut this 20th day of April, 2015 by the Board of Selectmen.

Edward B. St. John, First Selectman

Elaine M. Strobel, Selectman

Ralph J. Barra, Selectman

Resolution on Sale of Town Owned Land

The First Selectman read aloud the following resolution prepared by Attorney Dana D'Angelo and Attorney Michael McVerry.

RESOLUTION

Regarding the sale of 33+/- acres on Benson Road, known as Map 7-02-008 by the Town of Middlebury to Raymond and Penny Albini

After review of the Offer to Purchase from Raymond and Penny Albini and other supporting documentation, the Board of Selectman of the Town of Middlebury moves to refer the sale of 33+/- acres on Benson Road for the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Middlebury Planning and Zoning Commission in accordance with Connecticut General Statute §8-24. The Board of Selectman further authorizes the First Selectman to enter a contract for said sale subject to the requirements of Connecticut General Statute §8-24 and the Town Charter.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Board of Selectman of the Town of Middlebury refers the sale of 33+/-acres on Benson Road to Raymond and Penny Albini for the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Middlebury Planning and Zoning Commission in accordance with Connecticut General Statute §8-24. The Board of Selectman further authorizes the First Selectman to enter a contract for said sale subject to the requirements of Connecticut General Statute §8-24 and the Town Charter.

The First Selectman said that the town acquired the property by the delinquent taxes of Baker Residential. The First Selectman explained that this Resolution is the first step in this process. It now moves to Planning and Zoning to sign off on it and then it goes to a town meeting for approval. They have discussed it and the Board of Selectmen endorses the sale.

Mr. St. John explained to the Albini's that the property falls into the tax incentive area and it may be in the "enterprise zone".

The First Selectman MOTIONED to adopt the Resolution above, SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

Public Comments

At this time the First Selectman acknowledged receipt of a thank you note from Mayor Bob Chatfield of Prospect. Mayor Chatfield was under the weather and the Board sent him an edible arrangements. The First Selectman also stated that he made a personal contribution to former First Selectman Gary Stomski's "Go Fund" after his very unfortunate accident.

Selectman Strobel requested that the May 4, 2015 meeting of the Board of Selectmen start at 5:00 p.m.

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The First Selectman added that the Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. no impact on traffic.

Adjournment

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

These minutes are submitted subject to approval this 21st day of April 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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Recording Clerk