



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Selectmen's Office

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, May 18, 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
Barbara Whitaker, Recording Clerk
Beverly Dassonville

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Barra MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2015 Meeting

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Tax Rebates

Nancy L. Barton, Middlebury, CT	\$84.10
Jessica M. Devino, Middlebury, CT	\$17.95
Vault Trust, Bloomington, MN	\$72.52
Vault Trust, Bloomington, MN	\$235.88
Dallas J. Wyant, Middlebury, CT	\$135.09
Bernice Marselynas	\$88.02
Thomas H. Curry, Middlebury, CT	\$55.02
Peter C. Greco, Middlebury, CT	\$181.03
Hyundai Lease Titling Trust, Fountain Valley, CA	\$292.66
Francis M. McDonald, Middlebury, CT	\$6.16
Pamela B. Pacileo, Middlebury, CT	\$20.13
David L. Petrucci, Middlebury, CT	\$14.11
Vault Trust, Cockeysville, MD	\$193.12
Vault Trust, Bloomington, MN	\$154.39
Peter J. Vileisis, Jr.	\$127.92

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

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Appointment

Selectman Barra MOTIONED to appoint Joseph J. Drauss as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission – term from May 18, 2015 through May 18, 2020.

Selectman Barra MOTIONED to appoint Joseph J. Drauss, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Five Year Capital Plan Discussion

The First Selectman explained that plan is in place to take care of projects on Town facilities. The bottom line is much less than what was originally proposed. First selectman asked that the Board be prepared to discuss the plan at the next meeting. The plan was given to the Board of finance in 2014; and that Board has not taken any action.

The First Selectman said that they plan has to be set up in a way where the Town can afford to pay for it. If the improvements are not made, it will cost the Town more. Planning ahead is where the Town is.

LOCIP Five Year Plan

Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to approve the LOCIP plan seconded by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

Attorney D'Angelo said that the sale was referred to the Board of Selectmen by the Planning and Zoning Commission. They received a positive referral from Planning and Zoning and they need the Board of Selectmen to set a Town Meeting.

The First Selectman stated that the Town of Middlebury took the property over a year ago with the understanding that they would sell the property. He added that the Town has more than sufficient open space property in its inventory. The Board of Selectmen is not required by bidding procedures and get bids from various real estate agents to sell property. The broker came into his office with an offer and Attorney D'Angelo reviewed the offer; and everything was in order. Anyone could have come in with a back-up offer. This takes place all the time in real estate in land purchases. He has not seen any other offers. He welcomed the Albini family to Middlebury.

First Selectman MOTIONED to move the sale of the property to a Town Meeting, to be scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Shepardson Community Center in Room 26, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

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Dog Park Update

Animals for Life was a tenant in our facility for years. They are in the process of working out a lease with new tenants.

Beverly Dassonville said that they've been working hard on fund raiser. They are going to become a 501 (C)3; and they will file the second week of June.

Ms. Dassonville added that the Committee has contractors that want to dig; the fencing company cannot give them pricing until they see the land. They will be able to apply for grants and get corporate sponsors.

Selectman Barra asked how many acres they are looking for. Ms. Dassonville said they are looking for four to five acres They have approximately 530 registered dog owners in the Town. She feels that the next thing to do is find some land and get a sign up. Scott Haney is going to help do a fund raiser at the Consignment Shop. There is no extra cost to the Town; she got a letter from the Assessor stating this.

The First Selectman said that Selectman Barra will be the Liaison to the group. He would like them to work with Ralph. The Board of Selectmen has not approved the property that he has in mind for a dog park because they haven't had the chance to review it. There will be very rigid ground rules. The Town is struggling to take care of the three parks we have now. The Town does not have the resources or people to take care of the land for the dog park.

The First Selectman said that the property he has in mind will need some work. The committee will have to provide the insurance as far as any liability back to the Town. The cost of maintenance, fencing and capital improvements, the town will lend help where they can.

The First Selectman said that the title of the property would remain with the Town, anytime the Town of Middlebury would deem that they need the property for some other purpose, they could revoke the use. He asked that Ralph work things out with the group and when he has something to report they will put it on the agenda again.

Adjournment

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

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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Recording Clerk