



# TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

## Office of the Selectmen

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Monday, May 3, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**REMOTE ATTENDANCE ONLY HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH ZOOM**

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

**Also Present:** Attorney Dana D'Angelo  
Attorney Robert Smith  
Sgt. Pat Deely  
Betsy Anderson, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Dan Norton, Public Works Director  
Rita Smith, Board of Finance Liaison to DPW  
Amy VonCulin, Administrative Assistant to MPD  
Barbara J. Whitaker, Recording Clerk  
Marj Needham, Reporter – Middlebury Bee  
Linda Zukauskas, Reporter - Voices

### Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by the First Selectman at 4:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of April 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 meeting; SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

### Tax Rebates

Wheels, Limited, Des Plaines, IL	\$212.18
Vault Trust, Detroit, MI	\$664.86

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the above-mentioned tax rebates; SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

### Amend the Agenda

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to amend the agenda for a discussion on an appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission; SECONDED by Selectman Barra.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to appoint Mark Nagraski (R), 65 Greenhill Road as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission replacing Russell E. Tolles for a term from May 3, 2021 to July 26, 2022; SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

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*Marj Needham*  
TOWN CLERK

**Discussion and Consideration**

**Teamsters Local Union No. 677 Contract**

The First Selectman explained that this contract was negotiated over several sessions and is in line with the other Town union contracts. Attorney Smith explained that the increases will be from 2 to 2.5%.

Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to accept the Teamsters Local Union No. 677 Contract effective from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025; SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

**EDC Tax Abatement Recommendation**

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to accept the tax incentive application for Embrace Animal Hospital for participation in the Middlebury tax incentive program as recommended by the Economic Development Commission to be moved to a Town meeting (at a date to be determined); SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

At this time the First Selectman acknowledged and thanked Betsy Anderson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Dan Norton, Director of Public Works and Brett Kales, Fire Chief for their efforts in the food bank collection over Easter. The First Selectman said that it was well received by the public, and he hopes to make it an annual event.

Selectman Strobel suggested that the donations be made again at Memorial Day or Fourth of July because most of the donations have been disbursed.

First Selectman St. John also related that Amy VonCulin would be leaving the Town of Middlebury because her husband was offered an outstanding position in another state. The First Selectman said this would be a great loss for the Middlebury Police Department.

**Adjournment**

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 4:22 p.m.; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara J. Whitaker*

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