



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Board of Selectmen

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AMENDED MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Selectmen
Monday, December 19, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

Marj Needham
TOWN CLERK

Start: 4:00 p.m.

End: 4:21 p.m.

Present:

Edward B. St. John, First Selectman
Elaine Strobel, Selectman
Ralph Barra, Selectman
Robert W. Smith, Town Attorney

Marj Needham, Middlebury Bee Intelligencer
Curtis Bosco, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Liana St. Germain, Recording Clerk

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 December 5, 2022, Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Edward B. St. John MOTIONED to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes
SECONDED by Selectman Ralph Barra. Selectman Elaine Strobel abstained due to not being present.

Tax Rebates

Charles E. Berthiaume & Berthiaume ESTE - \$ 336.24
Enterprise FM Trust - \$ 524.67
Enterprise FM Trust - \$ 897.79
Enterprise FM Trust - \$ 263.43
Natasha H. Rose - \$ 66.71
Kristi Pela - \$ 79.50

First Selectman St. John has requested these rebates take their usual course, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Resignation

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to accept the resignation and thank Raymond Pietrorazio for the many years of service for the Land Preservation Open Space Committee, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Appointments

None

Discussion and Consideration

Safety Committee – First Selectman St. John noted the revised Safety Committee will be quarterly and reads the list as follows:

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Town Hall – Patricia Kurze
Department of Public Works – Mark Stevens
Police Department – Joe VonCulin
Fire Department – Brett Kales
Library – Jo-Ann LoRusso
Park & Recreation – Betsy Anderson
Buildings and Grounds – Kevin Dawes
Social Services – JoAnn Cappelletti

Committee Chairperson – Patricia Kurze
Committee Recording Clerk – Liana St. Germain

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to appoint the individuals as listed SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

Mutual Aid Agreement – Region 5 Dive Team – First Selectman St. John explained the history and how Middlebury became the keeper of the records several years ago. We headed the Dive Team here, 5 towns in total, but it has always been a verbal agreement. The Towns have been putting together a Mutual Aid Agreement. First Selectman St. John states this is a good move to make. First Selectman St. John requested the Town Attorney be present in this meeting to go over this and have him reach out to Michael Dayton. Town Attorney, Robert Smith stated this agreement needs to be restructured, it's not mutual aid it's an interlocal agreement under the statutes. Mutual aid agreement is a statutory agreement and you become part of it unless you opt-out. That's a different scenario where this is an interlocal agreement. Also, he is unsure how it fits with a private entity and where the Dive Team is a separate legal entity. The Town Attorney states he will reach out and work with Michael Dayton.

Public Comments

Anonymous Flyer Re: Southford Park – First Selectman St. John mentioned to Marj Needham, Middlebury Bee Intelligencer, the flyer that was circulated around the Town, had misinformation. He requested when she publishes anything to have any questions or concerns please reach out to our Zoning Enforcement Officer, Curtis Bosco. Marj stated that she reached out to Curt and met with him to go over this flyer and all the many factual errors that were in it. She will be reporting the correct information in her newspaper. First Selectman St. John noted during conversations with the applicant there was never a mention of Amazon. He went on to state that there will be no entrance or exit off of Christian Road, other than for emergency purposes only. When you look at their proposed sketches, which are not the actual site plan, it shows a new road a mile down the street (Southford Rd.) to service this facility. First Selectman St. John noted that several of the same Planning and Zoning Commission members who approved the TIMEX facility in 1987 are still serving. In 1997 they modified the area from an LI-80 to an LI-200, adding 10 more acres. He further explained that IBM originally proposed to have its world headquarters, back in the late 1980s, and TIMEX came in and bought the property from IBM.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

Selectman Elaine Strobel MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 4:21 p.m.; SECONDED by Selectman Ralph Barra. Unanimous approval.

The next meeting is slated for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liana St. Germain

Recording Clerk

