



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Board of Selectmen

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AMENDED MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

August 21, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room

Mary Beth Lubinski
TOWN CLERK

Start – 4:00 p.m.

End – 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Edward B. St. John, First Selectman
Elaine Strobel, Selectman
J. Paul Vance, Selectman
Robert Smith, Town Attorney
Terry McAuliffe, EDC, Chairman

Marj Needham, Middlebury Bee Intelligencer
Sarah Shelton, Voices
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 August 9th & 17th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the minutes from August 9th and August 17th, 2023, SECONDED by Selectman Vance. Unanimous approval.

Tax Rebates

Paul J. Bowler - \$22.26
Daimler Trust - \$377.22
Financial Service Vehicle Trust - \$1,035.97
James R. Healey - \$185.57
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA - \$ 1,589.77
Michael J. McDonald - \$114.43
Randy D. Miller - \$ 39.30

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

Appointments

First Selectman St. John stated it is up to each registrar as to whom they appoint as their deputy registrar.

Democratic registrar Michael Granja appointed Christopher S. Avcollie as the Democratic Deputy Registrar.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to affirm this appointment SECONDED by Selectman Vance. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to AMEND the Agenda to include two appointments to the Ethics Commission received from the Republican Town Committee, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to appoint John Holmes and Margaret Smith both to the Ethics Commission, SECONDED by Selectman Vance. Unanimous approval.

John Holmes – Term: August 21, 2023 – May 17, 2026

Margaret Smith – Term: August 21, 2023 – August 21, 2028

Resignation

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to accept the resignations of Raymond A. Caruso from the Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate) and David R. Sieling from the Park and Recreation Commission SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Discussion and Consideration

Terry McAuliffe – Comments on the volunteer process

Mr. McAuliffe thanked the Board of Selectman for the changes made over the last several months, especially on the town website. Overall, Mr. McAuliffe reiterated that we must continue encouraging people to volunteer, especially our unaffiliated residents, who comprise 37% of our town.

On another note, First Selectman St. John stated that there continues to be lousy press concerning economic development and a distribution center. First Selectman St. John noted that there is much misinformation out there and that the town isn't being painted the correct picture. Mr. McAuliffe stated that the small-town values and charm are why people come to Middlebury. When Economic Development did the survey last year, it was found that we are a very safe town with an overall rural charm that brings in high-quality businesses. First Selectman St. John stated, how would we deliver this from an economic development standpoint to a business? Do we need to create a check and balance? Especially with zoning regulations and laws. Mr. McAuliffe stated that the Economic Development Commission took a position where they believed that a distribution center was not a good fit for Middlebury. Mr. McAuliffe noted that the town has a Planning and Zoning Commission with ample history and experience, and we must count on them to ensure the right kind of development.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

First Selectman Edward St. John MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 4:30 p.m.; SECONDED by Selectman J. Paul Vance. Unanimous approval.

The next meeting is slated for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liana St. Germain

Recording Clerk

Michael J. Granja
38 Yale Avenue
Middlebury CT 06762

March 21, 2023

Brigitte M. Bessette
Middlebury Town Clerk
1212 Whittemore Road
Middlebury CT 06762

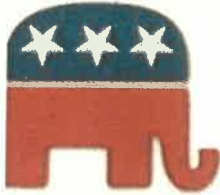
Re: Democratic Deputy Registrar Appointment

I am pleased to appoint Christopher S. Avcolle of 25 Ridgewood Drive, Middlebury as my Deputy Registrar for the term March 21, 2023 to January 6, 2027.

Thank you.


Michael J. Granja

Cc Curt Bosco, Democratic Town Committee Chair



Middlebury Republican Town Committee

PO Box 1206, Middlebury, CT 06762

August 20th 2023

Edward B. St. John
First Selectman
Town Hall
1212 Whittemore Road
Middlebury, CT 06762

Dear Ed,

The Middlebury Republican Town Committee at their August 8th 2023 Monthly Meeting, voted to endorse: John Holmes, Maggie Smith of 245 Burr Hall Rd and Charles Khunle of 81 Yale Ave for the positions on the Ethics Committee.

Please share our recommendation with the selectmen when you consider appointments.

Sincerely,

Russ Tolles
Secretary

Dear Ed St John,

At this time my health will not allow me to attend to any town meetings.

Thank you for all your service to the town of Middlebury.

Raymond A Caruso

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William M. Burch
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Brigitte Bessette

From: Contact form at Middlebury, CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 4:53 PM
To: Brigitte Bessette
Subject: [Middlebury, CT] Resigning from park and rec committee (Sent by David Sieling, geowave@yahoo.com)

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Hello bbessette,

David Sieling (geowave@yahoo.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.middlebury-ct.org/user/356/contact>) at Middlebury, CT.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.middlebury-ct.org/user/356/edit>.

Message:

Ms Bessette:

I'm resigning from the park and rec committee effective immediately.

Regards,
David Sieling

