

Selectmen's Meeting
March 29, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Fuller Meadow School
Nathan Media Room

Call to Order – Chairperson Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Also present were Mr. Cresta, Mr. Houten, Mr. Prentakis, Mr. Moreschi, Town Administrator Mr. Sheehan and Assistant Town Administrator Mr. Ferrara.

Minutes – *Mr. Prentakis made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of February 16, 2016. Mr. Houten seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

Warrant – The Payroll Warrant totaled \$623,128. The Payables Warrant totaled \$1,302,467 and included \$472,597 for Purchase of power, \$205,677 for payroll deductions, \$51,000 for school related costs, \$21,602 for Natsue Way land purchase and \$452,000 for Principal and interest on a BAN Payment. *Mr. Prentakis made a motion to approve the warrants. Mr. Houten seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

Town Administrator's Report

General Buildings Committee – Mr. Sheehan issued a reminder that the Board is still seeking volunteers to serve on a General Buildings Committee. Members should have a background in either architecture, engineering, finance, public procurement or facilities management.

Ceremony at Howe Manning School – A ceremony was held recently at Howe Manning School to honor a third grader who had acted quickly and responsibly, aided by his three year old sister, in calling the emergency services when someone in his household suffered a medical emergency. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the Police and Fire Department as well as Senator Bruce Tarr.

Sidewalk Repairs – Mr. LaBossiere reported that the repairs to the sidewalk in the Square are underway. This is a temporary repair until a permanent replacement is put on the capital plan for Fiscal Year 2018.

Community Compact – The Governor's Office will be attending an event at Memorial Hall on Town Meeting day to sign the Community Compact. MAPC has confirmed that the bike/pedestrian master plan will be included as part of the Compact. Thanks to Ms. O'Leary for all her hard work in coordinating this project.

Vote to update Town permit and license fees (Note: Corrections/alterations from 3/15/16 Board of Selectmen's vote amending permit and license fees) – Mr. Ray Abbott, on behalf of the American Legion addressed the Board regarding the recent increase in license fees. Mr. Abbott expressed particular concern regarding the impact the increase in the All Alcohol Club License fee on the American Legion. The Board discussed the matter and informed Mr. Abbott and agreed to re-vote on the All Alcohol Club License.

Mr. Cresta made a motion to reduce the All Alcohol Club License from \$1,500 to \$500 per year. Mr. Moreschi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Ferrara addressed the Board with the following amendments:

- Item 1 - To amend the cost to bury cremated remains for residents from \$90 to \$300 for non-residents from \$90 to \$900.
- Item 2 – To amend the Common Victualler Permit fee from \$45 to \$100.
- Item 3 – To amend both the Gasoline License (4 pumps) at \$40 and Gasoline License (9 pumps) at \$45, into one combined Gasoline License charge at \$45 per nozzle.
- Item 4A – To amend the cost for a grave opening for residents from \$250 to \$700.
- Item 4B – To amend the cost for a weekend funeral for residents from \$600 to \$1,400.
- Item 5 - To amend the All Alcoholic – Club License fee from \$1,500 to \$500.

Referring to Item #7 – To add a new section - A maximum of four graves may be purchased by any one household. Any requests for more than (4) graves must be first approved by the Board of Selectmen after a recommendation is received in writing by the Director of Public Works. No lot or grave at the Oakdale Cemetery may be sold to anyone who is not a resident of the Town of Middleton at the time of such sale. Non-residents may be interred if they are the owner of the lot or are related by blood or marriage to the owner of such lot or a member of immediate family, defined as parent, spouse, grandparent, sibling, daughter, son or grandchildren of such owner. There is an additional charge of an interment of a non-resident. Mr. Cresta suggested that son-in-law and daughter-in-law should be added.

Mr. Houten made a motion to adopt the items described above with changes, to add the word son-in-law and daughter-in-law. Mr. Prentakis seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Appointment of Mr. Pike Messenger to the Middleton Historical Commission through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Prentakis made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Messenger to the Middleton Historical Commission. Mr. Houten seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Additional action items for and final review of Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

- **Vote to place the Proposition 2-1/2 override appropriation request on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and town election ballot as follows: Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to assess an additional \$690,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Omnibus Budget for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and sixteen.**

Chairperson Lindberg said that at the joint meeting last week there was an overview of all plans, the budget was looked at in-depth and a decision was made to present this article to voters for an operational override of \$690,000.

Mr. Houten made a motion to officially place the override on the 2016 Town Meeting Warrant and election ballot. Mr. Prentakis seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- **Discuss approach to public facilities improvements including comprehensive facilities plan.**

It was decided at the joint meeting to review the needs of all town public facilities. Mr. Sheehan said that he has obtained information from local communities and proposed that \$50,000 would be a reasonable budget for this work. This study would include preliminary plans of what would be required for each individual building and would tie into the Master Plan. This study should take between three and six months to complete.

Mr. Cresta made a motion approve a Warrant Article not to exceed \$50,000 for a public facilities comprehensive facilities plan. Mr. Prentakis seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- **Other reviews and actions**

Mr. Sheehan informed the Board of some changes to be made:

- Articles 17 and 18 have been flipped.
- The Chapter 90 appropriation article has a typo.
- Highlighted items are being finalized and will be completed and incorporated into the document.
- Regarding zoning article, Mr. Sheehan proposed consulting Mr. Bobrowski to obtain an independent opinion as he did the original zoning by-law.

Mr. Cresta made a motion to close the Warrant and approve as such, contingent upon any narrative changes, spelling errors and other grammatical changes as detailed above. Mr. Moreschi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business (may be reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed)

No new business.

Executive Session under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property:

Chairperson Lindberg announced the Board would be going into Executive Session under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property: Mr. Moreschi conducted a roll call vote with the following voting in favor: Ms. Lindberg, Mr. Houten, Mr. Cresta, Mr. Prentakis and Mr. Moreschi.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Roscoe

Julie Roscoe, Recording Secretary

Todd Moreschi, Clerk