

Middlefield Board of Selectmen
March 20, 2018
Regular Meeting
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Ed Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Present is Ed Bailey, Dave Burgess and Bob Yamartino.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Bob Yamartino to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the discussion of Zerc after Solarize. This motion was seconded by Ed Bailey and approved by all voting members.

4. Public Comment

Ed Bailey stated that one of the public members present was a Boy Scout by the name of Ben who is going for his Communications Merit badge. Ben stated that he did not have a comment at the moment.

5. Approval of Minutes

Ed Bailey tabled the approval of the minutes for the next meeting.

6. Town and State Budget Update

Ed Bailey explained that the Budget was presented on March 8th to the BOF and they are working on the budget at the moment.

7. Update from Board of Education member Bob Yamartino regarding Board of Education

Bob Yamartino stated that the last meeting focused heavily on school security. The discussion focused on a broad range of ways they could secure the schools. One option is hardening the entrances of the school with an estimated cost of \$690,000. In addition to this, there was discussion about adding a Resource Officer to the school. The State police estimate the cost to be around \$90,000 and \$140,000 a year. Members continued to discuss safety options for the schools and the benefits of having a School Resource Officer.

8. Town Purchasing Policy

Ed Bailey stated that they raised the dollar amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and everything else stayed the same. Dave Burgess asked if they are planning

to advertise the changes to the policy. Ed Bailey stated that they plan on placing the new purchasing policy on the website. Members agreed that paragraph one and two sounded very similar and discussed rewording this section of the policy. Members continued to discuss the content of the policy. Bob Yamartino questioned if the purchasing policy should state that any non-budgeted item over \$20,000 requires a Town Meeting. Ed Bailey stated that this requirement is by State Statute and Town Charter. Bob Yamartino suggested making a statement that this policy does not supersede Town Charter and all procurement must be in compliance with State Statutes.

9. L.E.D. Street Light Presentation at April 2nd BOS Meeting by Tanko Lighting

Ed Bailey stated that he has been working on updating the street lights over the last 18 months. The Representative from Tanko Lighting will be in town the week of April 2nd and will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Bailey stated that they have a proposal for the first phase of the program and they have to do an evaluation of the lights within the town. The study has been put in the budget for next year. The study will provide the town with specific cost, savings and planning options. After the study has been completed, Mr. Bailey would like to provide all the information to the public. Mr. Bailey anticipates the project to cost approximately \$250,000.

10. Solarize Connecticut Program - Middlefield Participation

Ed Bailey asked if anyone would like to join the Solarize Connecticut Committee and gave a brief explanation of what it entails. Dave Burgess agreed to join the committee.

11. First Selectman's Report

Bob Yamartino suggested that the board start placing write ups in the paper to inform residents of all the work being done that is discussed at the Board of Selectmen meetings. Board members discussed different options for replacing bulbs and ballasts in the buildings. Ed Bailey provided the members with a copy of a testimony from the Regional School District Working Group with recommendations on four different topics.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Bob Yamartino to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Dave Burgess and approved by all voting members.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Leanne M. Henry