

**MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**405 Main Street**  
**Middlefield, Connecticut 06455**

Minutes of the May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Ed Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Ed Bailey, and Bob Yamartino were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Bob Yamartino made motion to strike item 8 regarding update from the Board of Education.

***Bob Yamartino made a motion, seconded by Ed Bailey, to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried.***

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meetings

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting:

Mr. Bailey noted one change that should be made on page two, section C, second paragraph it states that Edward Bailey made a motion that “no acquired is required” however it should state “no action is required”

***Ed Bailey made a motion, seconded by Bob Yamartino, to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting dated April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as presented. Motion carried.***

### Review of Board of Finance Approved Budget

Bob Yamartino commented that with the state of the current proposal we may see and additional \$107K in revenue that was not accounted for in the budget. Mr. Yamartino also stated how very, very pleased he was with the work of First Selectman Ed Bailey, Finance Director Al Rusilowicz, and all of the Board of Finance members for bringing together a very responsible budget. Ed Bailey noted a highlight of the budget was that they were able to set aside additional funds toward the capital non-recurring fund. Setting aside these funds is critical to be more self-sufficient as a town.

### Set Date of Annual Town Budget Meeting

Mr. Bailey handed out a copy of the notice for the Town Budget Meeting and read the notice into record.

***Ed Bailey made motion to set the date of Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00pm at the Community Center, seconded by Bob Yamartino, motion carried.***

### Ordinance Revision - Property Tax Relief for Retired Firefighters – Set Public Hearing Date

It was discussed that in the interest of time this public hearing should occur during the next Board of Selectman meeting and then set a date to have a Town Meeting at a subsequent Board of Selectman meeting.

Ed Bailey reviewed the amendments to the ordinance and read them into record.

***Ed Bailey made motion to approve and move the Amendment to the Code of the Town of Middlefield - Tax Ordinance - Section 390-14, as read into record and attached; to a Public Hearing on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 7PM at the Community Center. Second by Bob Yamartino. Motion carried.***

### Health District Grand \$15,000.00

Ed Bailey reviewed the annual assessment of \$6.75 per person or approximately \$29K which is due to the Health district. Our town was awarded this grant from the state because we regionalized. This assessment can change yearly but it was noted that we have a good balance for this item and this district is well managed.

### Town of Middlefield Prescription Discount Card Update

Ed Bailey reviewed cards from previous years to show the comparison in savings that residents received for using the discount card. In 2018 residents saved about \$1300.00 bringing a 5-year savings to a total of about \$7000.00. The card is free for all residents of Middlefield and can also be used for veterinary medicine expenses. A bulk mailing is planned to send these cards out to all residents in the near future. A press release is planned at the same time to make people aware that the cards will be sent out.

### LED Streetlight Update

Ed Bailey stated this is an ongoing project that is still being worked on.

### First Selectman's Report

Ed Bailey reported that Memorial Day activities will begin at 8AM at the town green with parade stepping off around 9:15AM. Wreaths will be laid at the Federated Cemetery as well as the Old North Cemetery.

Middlesex Community College will be holding a "College After Hours" to talk about programs that make MCC unique and how you can better serve your community. Dr. Stephen Minkler, Campus Chief Executive Officer, extended the invitation to the event being held at 100 Training Hill Rd. in Middletown May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5PM.

Ed Bailey and Laura Francis have been working with Workforce Alliance program to learn more about their programs and what they have to offer. Workforce Alliance sponsors a Certificate Program so that individuals can learn job skills in the manufacturing field. People can train with this program to gain entry level experience over a six-week period which is equivalent to about six months of entry level "on the job" training. Currently the program is available at Gateway College and will hopefully soon be available at Middlesex Community College. Students have been able to learn about this program at "Snack and Learn" events recently offered at the high school. Bob Yamartino suggested possibly including students from Middlesex Transition Academy to learn about this program.

Adjournment

***Bob Yamartino made a motion, seconded by Ed Bailey, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried unanimously.***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tonya Hogan*

Tonya Hogan  
Assistant Town Clerk

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed by \_\_\_\_\_

