

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
405 Main Street
Middlefield, Connecticut 06455

Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

****Due to a recording failure audio was not available for this meeting. Minutes from meeting notes.***

Approval of Agenda

Add item 11.d RiverCOG Regional Planning Representative.

- i. Jan Wojas

Carol Bufithis made a motion, second by Bob Yamartino, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Marriane Corona commented about the Open Space Resolution.

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

- a. July 6, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Carol Bufithis made a motion, second by Bob Yamartino, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried.

Affordable Housing Plan – Planning Grant (reapprove previous resolution of June 16th, 2020 as it is over 30 days)

Bob Yamartino made motion, second by Carol Bufithis, to approve the attached Resolution regarding a Grant Application for an Affordable Housing Plan – Planning Grant. Motion Carried.

Open Space Grant Resolution

Carol Bufithis made motion, second by Bob Yamartino, to approve the attached Resolution regarding a Grant Application for an Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant. Motion carried.

Appointments:

- a. Lake Beseck Environment Ad Hoc Committee – Roster Attached
- b. Regional Agricultural Council Representative (First Selectman Appointment)
 - i. Timothy Dumas
- c. Building Permit Appeal Board – Town Code Chapter 363-1 (First Selectman Appointment)
 - i. Carol Bufithis
 - ii. Robert Yamartino
- d. RiverCOG Regional Planning Agency Representative
 - i. Jan Wojas

First Selectman Report

Ed Bailey briefed the Board on the situation at Wadsworth Falls (Rockfall). He indicated that his communication with the Chief of the CT Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, the Director of CT State Parks and Colonel Lewis of the CT Econ Police have been on going and productive.

Improvements noted:

- Alcohol ban at the park
- Enhanced control over parking.
- A park ranger positioned inside the park to remind visitors of the park rules.
- A reduction in litter and waste
- A porta potty installed.
- Increase staffing at the park as a whole (Rockfall and Middletown) which provides better staff coverage.
- Outreach to the Friends of Wadsworth group.
- Discussions about DEEP's Adopt-a-Park program.

Ed Bailey reported that the Town has:

- Increased "No Parking" zones.
- Continue to pursue parking enforcement with stepped up Trooper patrols.
- Signage at Whisper Wind and Wallace Way to reduce park entrance at those points.
- Signage and barricades at Memorial School.

- Assisted St Colemans Church with their illegal parking issues.

Ed indicated that the goal now is to make sure DEEP follows through with the stepped-up park management again next year so that the situation doesn't deteriorate as it seems to do year after year. There is little if any inclination from DEEP to close the facility at this time.

Ed Bailey updated the Board as to the increased hours for the pass checker at the Town beach at Beseck Lake. The preparations for the August 11th primary were also discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

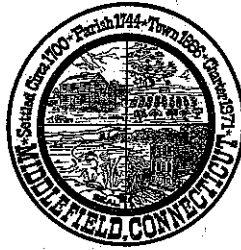
Tonya Hogan

Tonya Hogan
Assistant Town Clerk

Minutes Approved _____

Confirmed by _____

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Office of the First Selectman

RESOLUTION

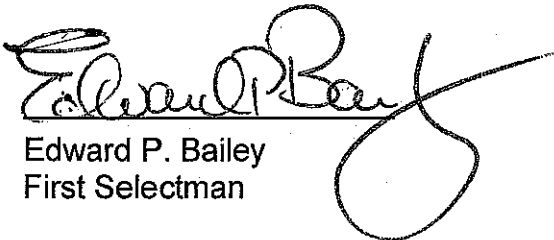
Middlefield Board of Selectmen

Affordable Housing Plan – Planning Grant

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middlefield authorizes the submission of an application for an Affordable Housing Plan - Planning Grant with the State of Connecticut Department of Housing in conjunction with the Town of Durham.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Edward P. Bailey, as First Selectman of the Town of Middlefield, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Middlefield and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to executing and delivering all agreement and documents contemplated by such documents.

This RESOLUTION is APPROVED and EXECUTED this 21st, day of July, 2020 by the Middlefield Board of Selectmen.



Edward P. Bailey
First Selectman

Carol Bufithis
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Robert Yamartino
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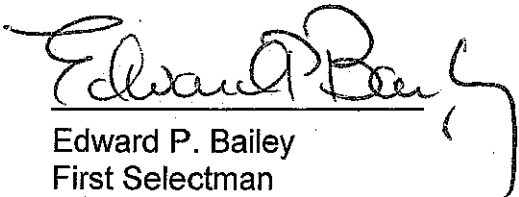
Middlefield Board of Selectmen

Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of Town of Middlefield approves the expenditure of funds for the purpose of securing property known as Assessor Map 18, Lot 5, Cherry Hill Road, Assessor Map 17, Lot 16, Miller Road and Assessor Map 18, Lot 4 Miller Road, for the acquisition of Open Space and matching funds for the successful funding of an Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectman Edward Bailey, is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2020 Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant with the State of Connecticut.

This RESOLUTION is APPROVED and EXECUTED this 21st day of July, 2020 by the Middlefield Board of Selectmen.


Edward P. Bailey
First Selectman

Carol Bufithis

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Selectman

Robert Yamartino

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Selectman

July 21st, 2020

Approved by the Board of Selectmen, July 21st, 2020
Town of Middlefield, CT

“Effective July 21st, 2020, the Board of Selectmen appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to be called the “Lake Beseck Environment Committee”.

This committee is to advise the Board of Selectmen as needed and take actions with matters concerning the ecology of Beseck Lake including, but not limited to water quality, sedimentation, and evasive weeds. The Ad Hoc Committee shall also advise the Board of Selectmen as to the Town’s stewardship, advocacy, management, and any other matters deemed important regarding the environment of Beseck Lake.”

Rebecca Adams

Edward Bailey (as First Selectman)

Randy Bernotas

Jim Irish

Kathy Kukowski

Craig Lundell

Scott MacDonald

Hannah Malcolm

Darin Overton

Amy Poturnicki

Rob Poturnicki

Rick Santos