

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

Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Ed Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM. Bob Yamartino and Ed Bailey were present, with Dave Burgess absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Ed Bailey presented a revised agenda, with the addition of item 13b.

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

***Bob Yamartino made a motion, seconded by Ed Bailey, to add item 13c to the agenda under appointments. Motion carried unanimously.***

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meetings

- A. May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting
- B. June 19, 2018 Regular Meeting
- C. July 17, 2018 Regular Meeting
- D. August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting

Ed Bailey pointed out that the words “per year” should be deleted from the section about the Strickland Farm lease, reading \$138,000 over 10 years and \$144,000 for the second 10 years.

***Ed Bailey made a motion, seconded by Bob Yamartino, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting, as presented; the minutes of the June 19, 2018 Regular Meeting, as presented; the minutes of the July 17, 2018 Regular Meeting, as amended; and to table the minutes from the August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

Health District - Town Meeting Update - September 10, 2018, 7:00 PM

Ed Bailey reminded everyone that a town meeting has been scheduled for September 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium to approve joining the Plainville-Southington Health District.

Common Good Garden Group

Ed Bailey tabled this agenda item until later in the meeting.

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

Ed Bailey reported that he had spoken to the Town’s attorney who explained that any meeting of the Middlefield Board of Education members with town citizens would be considered a meeting of the Board of Education and would FOI-able. The chairman of the Board of Education would have to call the meeting and all members would be invited. Mr. Bailey did not feel it was within the purview of the Town to call such a meeting.

Bob Yamartino reviewed that the Community Engagement Session is scheduled for tomorrow night at 5:15 PM and dinner will be served. There will be a brief presentation by the Utilization Committee and on strategic visioning. The majority of the meeting time will be spent in breakout sessions for the public to give input on specific issues. Mr. Yamartino reiterated that he did not feel it would be necessary for Middlefield representatives to have a separate meeting with the town as the Board of Education has been exemplary in its outreach to the community and has been open to receiving public comment.

Regional School District 13 - Community Engagement Session, September 5<sup>th</sup> at Coginchaug Regional High School

Bob Yamartino did not know how many people have signed up for the Community Engagement Session, but was looking forward to it.

Meriden Road (Route 66) Repaving Program - Update

Ed Bailey explained that the repaving program is underway. There had been an issue at Jackson Hill Road where the lines were not replaced in a timely fashion, but that has been done. The project should be complete around mid-September.

SOLARIZE Connecticut Program Update - Final Workshop, Thursday September 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. SOLARIZE Middlefield Program ends September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ed Bailey reported that Middlefield is the most successful town out of six or seven towns in the program that is being run at the current time. They have received 95 leads and have made 66 site visits, with 15 contracts being completed, totaling about 150,000 watts of power. The final workshop will be held on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tax Refunds - Approval

Ed Bailey had a list of tax refunds that have been requested. Bob Yamartino read the names and amounts into the record (as per attached).

***Bob Yamartino made a motion, seconded by Ed Bailey, to approve the tax refunds, as attached. Motion carried unanimously.***

Approval of Ad Hoc Committee - Common Good Garden Ad Hoc Committee

Jen Huddleston was present at the meeting and wanted to be sure the committee was a go as they would like to send in their first grant application. Mr. Bailey wanted to check to be sure that the 12x16 shed complies with town regulations and Ms. Huddleston stated that that can be changed. Ms. Huddleston had also emailed explaining the process and Mr. Bailey will look into the water source. A well company will come out to look at the abandoned well in the area. Mr. Bailey also spoke with the Finance Director and an internal account will be set up for the committee.

Mr. Bailey explained that the committee is for a one-year term and can be reappointed after a year and they can elect their own chairman.

***Ed Bailey made a motion, seconded by Bob Yamartino, to appoint an Ad Hoc Giving Garden Committee. This is a joint committee with the Town of Durham. Committee members to include Betsy St. John, Tina Gossner, Doug Dischino, Michael Kalinowski, Ed Bailey, Jen Huddleston, Ron Capozzi, Judy Moeckel, Sue Vanderzee, Heather Moeller, Madelyn Kubow and Bob Yamartino. Motion carried unanimously.***

Appointments

- A. Library Board
  - i. Christine Rodrique - Term 10/01/2018 to 09/30/2021
  - ii. Dawn Parkinson - Term 10/1/2016 to 9/30/2019
  
- B. Park and Recreation Commission
  - i. Jayne Hesterberg - Term 01/01/17 to 12/31/2021 (Alternate)
  
- C. Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District
  - i. Marianne Corona - town representative

***Ed Bailey made a motion, seconded by Bob Yamartino, to appoint Christine Rodrique and Dawn Parkinson to the Library Board (as above), Jayne Hesterberg to the Park and Recreation Commission and Marianne Corona as the town representative to the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District. Motion carried unanimously.***

Selectman's Report

Ed Bailey reported that a tentative agreement has been reached with the highway union and negotiations for the town hall employees are tomorrow. Both contracts expired on June 30, 2018 and any terms and changes will be retroactive. Contracts will require Board of Selectmen approval and Mr. Yamartino suggested an executive session to review the details of the contracts.

Mr. Bailey also reported that the new accounting system has also been time consuming and they hope to switch over to the new system by the end of the September.

Ed Bailey also mentioned that there appears to be a company who is interested in constructing a commercial solar farm in town and talks are underway.

Mr. Bailey also felt that things are running very smoothly and Town Hall is running much better. He also explained that Eversource has yet to provide the town with an inventory cost with regard to the street light project. Mr. Bailey has authorized the vendor to deal directly with Eversource on the town's behalf. Mr. Bailey reviewed that the survey has been done and he thought that the information was requested from Eversource some time in July but wasn't sure of the exact timing.

Adjournment

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

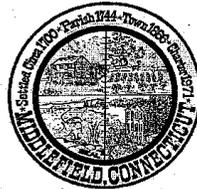
The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR REFUNDS TO BE APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMAN**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILL #</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b><u>CURRENT YEAR 01-01-4004</u></b>			
Augeri John E	17-03-50218	Sold 7-18	17.01
Dalles Chad P & Sandra J	17-03-81059	Sold 7-18	38.53
Enterprise Fm Trust	17-03-51381	Sold 2-18	273.85
Honda Lease Trust	17-03-51993	Sold 7-18	63.95
Hyundai Lease Titling Trust	17-03-52066	Totaled 5-18	111.51
Johnson Deborah	17-03-52122	Sold 10-17	61.36
Marino Sebastiano S	17-03-52749	Sold 6-18	45.08
Martorelli Michael	17-03-52774	Sold 7-18	34.39
Walsh James T Jr	17-03-54844	Traded up to lease	26.39
Willett Bruce H Jr	17-03-54951	Donated 3-18	36.56
<b><u>PRIOR YEAR 01-01-4005</u></b>			
Belisle Daniel J	16-04-80053	Sold 5-17	37.18
Dunn Francis G Jr & Katheen F	13-01-562	Attic space not finish	413.82
Dunn Francis G Jr & Katheen F	14-01-557	Attic space not finish	410.78
Dunn Francis G Jr & Katheen F	15-01-557	Attic space not finish	400.66
Kolman James E	16-03-52343	Totaled 5-16	268.80
Vault Trust	16-03-54677	Sold 12-16	383.52
Yalesville Properties LLC	14-02-40573	No business here	70.48

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