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MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020

7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 PM Warrant: #2028 and 2102 **Approved 5-0**

Minutes: Open Session: June 30, 2020 **Approved 5-0**

Town Administrator updates and reports

- The Legislature and Governor recently signed the chapter 90 authorization for FY21. Chapter 90 pays for maintenance of public roads. There had been hope that the amount would increase by 50% for FY21. As a result of COVID, it was level funded at \$200M, providing Middleton with about \$310,000.
- The Maple Street/Liberty Street intersection project is underway. Project duration is about 2 months and the hours of work are Monday-Friday from 7AM-5PM. There will be details on site at all times. [The \$408,000 project should be substantially complete by September 11. \$172,000 was paid for with a State complete streets grant and the balance, \$236,000, is paid for with Chapter 90 funds.]
- Last week, Governor Baker signed a new travel order governing visitors to Massachusetts and Massachusetts residents returning to the State. Visitors or returning residents must fill out a travel form and either self-quarantine or provide a negative COVID test. Failure to abide by the new order is punishable by a fine of \$500.
- For the past month or more, Middleton has continued to see good results from its COVID efforts.
- Belinda Young and Sarah Wood are working with our financial advisors on refunding opportunities for existing debt. The 2008 Library bond is the most likely candidate. This is exempt debt under Proposition 1 ½ and the benefits accrue directly to property taxpayers. We will have more information on this as it takes shape – as early as the next meeting.
- Chief DiGi recently announced his retirement. We are putting together a solicitation to hire a recruiting firm to assist in the search for the next Chief.
- Finally, we tentatively planned on meeting once in August, on the 25th. If members are available, I suggest moving that meeting up to the 18th. It cuts down on the gap between the July and September meetings and gets us a little further away from the Labor Day holiday.

2. 7:15 PM Public Comment Period **None**

3. 7:20 PM Joint session with the members of the Middleton Planning Board to appoint Alternate Planning Board members for a term of 1 year **Anthony DeGregorio appointed Approved 5-0 (with one Planning Board member voting in the affirmative)**
4. 7:30 PM Joint session with the members of the Middleton Housing Authority to fill a vacant term on the Housing Authority due to a failure to elect **Arthur Bernadino appointed Approved 5-0 (with four Middleton Housing Authority members voting in the affirmative)**
5. 7:40 PM Discussion and update of public school reopening plans **Discussion**
6. 7:50 PM Review and vote on proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement for Partial Funding of a School Resource Officer between the Masconomet Regional School District and the towns of Middleton, Boxford, and Topsfield and the respective Chiefs of Police **Approved with edits 4-0**
7. 8:00 PM Review and vote on the application for transfer of license from Interstate Management Company LLC to Merritt Boston North Operator LL regarding the operation and management of the Double Tree Hotel at 51 Village Road. **Postponed until next BOS meeting**
8. 8:10 PM Review and vote on the application of Eldy's Automotive, Inc., Eldar Bar-Or manager of record, for a Class III Used Car Dealer's License located at 295 North Main Street **Approved 5-0**
9. 8:20 PM Review and vote on Common Victualler application for The Grove Boutique & Café at 210A South Main Street **Approved 5-0**
10. 8:30 PM Discuss and vote on amendment to traffic rules relative to installation of temporary traffic control devices on Lake Street **Postponed for recommendation by Transportation Task Force Approved 5-0**
11. 8:40 PM Review and vote on proposed amendments to various fees and charges **Approved 5-0**
12. 8:50 PM Review and vote on proposed changes to ambulance charges recommended by the Fire Chief **Approved 5-0**
13. 8:55 PM Discuss a date for a Special Town Meeting and vote to open the warrant **Discussion**
14. 9:00 PM Vote to renew two seasonal all alcohol restaurant licenses; two common victualler licenses; and, two entertainment licenses, for SD Management Group LLC at the Member's Lounge and Halfway House Snack Bar at 8-10 Village Road, Ronald Rice, Manager **Approved 5-0**
15. 9:10 PM Discuss and vote on reopening of Thunder Bridge Beach, contingent upon satisfactory water quality testing **Approved 4-1**
16. 9:15 PM Vote to accept the following donations and grants:
 - Middleton Food Pantry, \$600 from the Rotary Foundation
 - Middleton Food Pantry, \$500 from Susan Muzichuk
 - Council on Aging, \$5,000 grant from Elder Services of Merrimack Valley to provide nutrition and outreach services during COVID-19**Approved 5-0**
17. 9:20 PM New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed

Upcoming Meetings: August 25: Regular BOS meetings
September 8 & 22: Regular BOS meetings

The Board reserves the right to consider items on the agenda out of order. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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