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MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 PM Warrant: #2104 **Approved 4-0**
Minutes: Open Session: July 28, 2020 **Approved 4-0**
Town Administrator updates and reports
 - The Maple Street/Liberty Street intersection project is nearing completion. Milling is scheduled for later this week and paving is scheduled for next week. This is of course weather dependent. The project is still expected to finish on schedule in the first half of September. [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.]
 - At the last meeting Rick mentioned the fundraising mailing from the Rail Trail Association. That group has been working with Katrina O'Leary on a Shared Streets grant application. MELD has also partnered with us on this endeavor. We are working on a license agreement to build the rail trail within the right of way. A lot of people have had a hand in this, from Katrina, to Mike Cloutier and his team at MELD, Rick, Charlie Costigan, and John LeBlanc at the rail trail association, DPW, and others. It's a great example of what can happen with a broad-based effort.
 - We recently executed a lease agreement [Tax Exempt Leasing Corp.] for the purchase of the Fire Department's new ambulance form [Specialty Vehicles Inc.]. Delivery is expected after the New Year. [\$384,710]
 - We recently received some good budget news from the State. The Legislature and Administration have committed to funding the primary local aid accounts at FY20 levels. So Unrestricted Government Aid and Chapter 70 School Aid will be supported at the same levels as last year. This is a tremendous help to our budget picture. There remain a number of areas of concern, on both the revenue and expenditure side, and we will continue to closely monitoring that.
 - We continue to see pretty strong construction activity in Town. Permits are being sought for the next units at 97 North Main Street and 217R South Main Street. A pre-construction meeting was held recently for the new project behind Angelica's. Scott Fitzpatrick is seeing continued permit activity. A proposal was submitted for a portion of the Candlelite property and that will be heard next month by the ZBA.
2. 7:15 PM Public Comment Period

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 rates Joe Kikta appointed **Approved 4-0, Approved 2-0 from Planning Board**
4. 7:30 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, Kevin Varr and Steve Mobley **Continued to September 8 BOS Meeting**
5. 7:40 PM Update from Town Clerk Ilene Twiss on the September 1 State Primary Election **Update**
6. 7:50 PM Review and vote on the option to purchase a deed restricted affordable housing unit at 57 Peaslee Circle **Refused option 4-0**
7. 8:00 PM Vote to authorize the Treasurer-Collector to refund 2008 Library bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates **Approved 4-0**
8. 8:10 PM Update on Police Chief search process **Update**
9. 8:20 PM Update on new Transfer Station sticker system **Update**
10. 8:30 PM Update on installation of temporary traffic control devices on Lake Street **Update**
11. 8:40 PM Continue discussion of a date for a Fall Special Town Meeting; no vote will be sought **Discussion**
12. 8:50 PM Vote to accept the following donations and grants:
 - Fire Department: Student Awareness of Fire Safety (SAFE) Grant in the amount of \$3,965 and Senior Safe Grant in the amount of \$2,348
 - Council on Aging: Donation from Erik Dalen in the amount \$1,000**Approved 4-0**
13. 9:00 PM New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed

Upcoming 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.