

ACTION TAKEN

MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

7:00 PM

REVISED

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1. 7:00 PM Warrant: #2110 **Approved 4-0**

Minutes: Open Session: October 20, 2020 **Approved 4-0**

Town Administrator updates and reports

- Update by Town Clerk Ilene Twiss – Last week's election went off without a hitch. Turnout was 83%, a little higher than the 2016 Presidential election.
- Thanks and congratulations to Ilene Twiss and Carmelina Fiore for all the time and effort they put into the planning and execution of the election. Thanks also to everyone who worked and volunteered. It takes a lot of hands to run a successful election. And thanks to everyone who voted, whether in person on Tuesday, in advance, or by mail. Finally, thank you to the Flint Public Library trustees and staff for making the Flint available for early voting. We are all hopeful that by the next Presidential Election in 2024 we will have a new facility in which to hold early voting.
- Happy Veterans Day to all the veterans and families of veterans. Due to COVID restrictions, the usual gathering on the lawn of the Flint Public Library will not take place. Instead there will be a virtual celebration online and on cable.
- A couple of DPW items:
 - The Transfer Station will be open normal hours on Veterans Day
 - The DPW has been flushing fire hydrants throughout the public water system. This work started on November 4 and will continue during the day until around November 20. Hydrant flushing is a regular part of water system maintenance. It helps get rid of accumulated sediments and expels chlorine by-products from the system. Anyone experiencing discolored water is advised to run their outside spigot or a cold water faucet until the water runs clear.
 - The buttoning up of the project at Essex Street continues. Guardrails are expected to be installed this week and paving next week. As with all road projects, everything is contingent on good weather.
- Reminder that the Special Town Meeting originally planned for November 17 has been cancelled. Items that had been on the warrant will be addressed at the Annual Town Meeting or an earlier Special Town Meeting.

- Neighbors in Need is happening again, albeit a little differently due to COVID. Preferred methods of helping this year are gift cards, cash, or the sponsorship of a child.

2. 7:15 PM Public Comment Period **None**
3. 7:20 PM Review and vote to execute an inter-municipal agreement with Topsfield and Boxford relative to the school resource officer at Masconomet Regional **Approved 4-0**
4. 7:30 PM Continue discussion of composition of the Bylaw Review Committee **Discussion**
5. 7:40 PM Review and accept Recycling Dividends Grant from Mass. DEP in the amount of \$3,600 **Approved 4-0**
6. 7:45 PM Review and accept gifts:
 - \$1,000 from Fidelity Charitable on behalf of the Jeff & Carol Curvey Foundation for the Food Pantry **Approved 4-0**
 - \$5,000 from the Institution for Savings for the Food Pantry **Approved 4-0**
7. 7:50 PM Update on CARES Act reimbursement requests **Update**
8. 8:00 PM New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed **None**
9. 8:05 PM Executive Session: Pursuant to GL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(6) to consider an offer to purchase real property where discussing the matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the Town.

Upcoming Meetings: November 24: Regular BOS meetings
December 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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