

# ACTION TAKEN

## MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 PM Warrant: #2111 **Approved 5-0**

Minutes: Open Session: November 10, 2020 **Approved 5-0**

Town Administrator updates and reports

- Neighbors in Need is happening again, albeit a little differently due to COVID. The preferred method of helping this year is gift cards and checks made out to Friends of the Flint “NIN”. Donations can be mailed to the Flint Public Library or dropped off.
- Related to Neighbors in Need, as he does every year, Senator Bruce Tarr is doing his toy drive. This year he will do it over several days. He will be in Middleton on Thursday, December 3 from 12-2pm at Teresa's Italian Eatery. You can find details at [www.northshore1049.com/toydrive](http://www.northshore1049.com/toydrive)
- Coronavirus cases continue to surge nationally, in Massachusetts, and in Middleton.
  - Hospitalizations are rising at a comparable rate to positivity rates. This is not good, particularly as we head into the holidays.
  - Currently, only two states – Vermont and Hawaii – are on the Massachusetts safe travel list. The other 47 states are on the quarantine list.
  - According to the most recent COVID report, Middleton has 9 active cases. There have been 13 cases since November 13. This is another indication that close to home things are not going in the right direction;
  - Holiday gatherings provide the potential for an acceleration of cases. We urge families to spend the holidays at home and follow the Governor's gathering limits of 10 people.
  - Public health officials advise that COVID will be with us through 2021. It will take months for the vaccines to be distributed and given to sufficient numbers of people to provide protection. It is imperative that everyone do their part by wearing face coverings, washing hands, maintaining social distancing, and avoiding gatherings.
- Police Chief Search:
  - MRI is continuing with the recruitment of candidates for Police Chief. An assessment center will be held in December to determine the finalists. The Board decided previously that it would interview those finalists.
  - I suggest interviewing candidates at a special meeting, rather than during a regular meeting. The Board's regular meeting schedule is December 8 and 22. I suggest a date in between those meetings [12/15?]. If you prefer, it could be earlier than the usual 7PM start.
  - If the Board desires in-person interviews we need to know that as soon as possible so we can manage the logistics of in-person during COVID.

- Late this afternoon, I received word from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security that we will receive \$25,000 toward the planning and design of the public safety facility. This money comes to us through an earmark in the COVID relief act, Spending in Anticipation of Federal Reimbursement. We are thankful to Senator Tarr and Representatives Jones and Speliotis for advocating on our behalf. I spoke recently with Representative-Elect Sally Kerans and filled her in on our plans for 105 South Main Street. I suspect over time we will continue to request help from the State to help this project along. Again, our thanks to the delegation.

2. 7:15 PM Public Comment Period **None**
3. 7:20 PM Review and approve application of Marco Stefanelli d/b/a Marco's Pizzeria for a Common Victualler license at 119 South Main Street, Unit A **Approved 5-0**
4. 7:30 PM Discussion of 2021 license renewals **Discussion**
5. 7:40 PM Preliminary discussion of FY22 operating and capital budgets **Discussion**
6. 7:55 PM Review calendar for FY2022 budget and May 11, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, May 18, 2021 Annual Election **Review**
7. 8:00 PM Continue discussion of composition of the Bylaw Review Committee **Discussion**
8. 8:10 PM New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed **Transfer Station Discussion**
9. 8:15 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: December 8 & 22: Regular BOS meetings  
January 12 & 26

*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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