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## MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 PM Warrant: #2112 **Approved 5-0**  
Minutes: Open Session: November 24, 2020 **Approved 5-0**  
Town Administrator updates and reports
  - **Reminder to residents that the winter parking ban is in effect. On-street parking is prohibited from midnight to 6Am from December 1 until April 1.**
  - **This Saturday there is a brush drop at the Transfer Station. You must have a valid Transfer Station sticker to drop brush. Stickers are available on-line at middletonma.gov and then click on the Pay My Bill radio button at the top of the page.**
  - **Coronavirus cases continue to surge nationally, in Massachusetts, and in Middleton.**
    - **Middleton had 50 new at-large cases in the past week**
    - **Hospitalizations are rising at a comparable rate to positivity rates and hospitals are cancelling elective surgeries in order to preserve beds and capacity.**
    - **Thanksgiving appears to have been an accelerant and the winter holidays are shaping up to be even worse.**
    - **Today Governor Baker rolled back the statewide reopening plan; all communities are at phase 3, step 1. [Middleton was RED]. Additional information including today's press release and press conference is available at [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).**
    - **I urge families to spend the holidays at home and follow the recommendations of public health professionals. Please continue wearing face coverings, washing hands, maintaining social distancing, and avoiding gatherings with people outside your household.**
  - **Police Chief Search: Reminder that the Board is meeting in-person next Tuesday at 5:30PM to interview finalists for Chief of Police. The interviews will be held at the Double Tree Hotel; we will also have a Zoom feed**
  - **I haven't spoken much recently about development:**
    - **Work began last week on the project at 59 South Main Street, adjacent to and behind Angelica's. This is a 45-unit development. Utility and site work began last week. Board members will recall there is a donation to the Town associated with this project. At the time of occupancy, a \$5,000 donation will be made for a total contribution of \$225,000. These funds will go toward the design and construction of a new Senior Center at 105 South Main Street.**
    - **Site work appears to have ceased at the future 99 Restaurant at the corner of Route 114 and River Street. We have heard that the 99 is delaying the start of this project by a few months and still planning to go forward. +**

- I mentioned the new Senior Center. Related to that, the Master Development Planning Committee will be on the December 22 agenda to update the Board on plans for the public facilities complex at 105 South Main Street.

2. 7:15 PM Public Comment Period
3. 7:20 PM FY2021 Tax Classification Hearing  
Review of Fiscal Year 2021 final valuations approved by state Department of Revenue; votes required under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 2:
  1. To discount up to 25% of Open Space (No, as there are no qualifying parcels) **Motion for no discount, Approved 5-0**
  2. To adopt up to a 20% Residential Exemption (Yes or No, and if Yes, at what %) **Motion for no exemption, Approved 5-0**
  3. To adopt up to a 10% Small Commercial Exemption (No, as there are no eligible parcels) **Motion for no exemption, Approved 5-0**
  4. To determine the percentage of the tax levy to be borne by the two main property classes:  
  
Residential and CIP (Commercial, Industrial and Personal):
    1. 100% factor or unity for both classes
    2. A CIP factor between 100-150% of Residential factor as shown on options chart  
**Motion for a 100% factor, Approved 5-0**
4. 7:35 PM FY22 budget discussion **Discussion**
5. 7:45 PM Discussion of 2021 license renewal fees **Discussion and motion to discount certain classes of licenses by 25%, Approved 5-0**
6. 7:55 PM Approval of 2021 license renewals **Approved 5-0**
7. 8:00 PM Review and vote to accept the following grants and donations:
  - \$25,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety & Security toward the design and planning of a public security facility **Approved 5-0**
  - \$7,500 from MIIA toward the purchase of a digital message board **Approved 5-0**
8. 8:05 PM New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed  
**None**
9. 8:25 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; and c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) with respect to a contract for an Interim Police Chief  
**Return to Regular Session**  
**Motions to appoint Interim Police Chief James Digianvittorio, Approved 4-0**  
**Motion to approve contract, Approved 4-0**

Upcoming Meetings: December 15: Police Chief Interviews, December 22: Regular BOS meeting

*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.*