



Town of Middlebury, Vermont November 7, 2022 - Selectboard Meeting Highlights

Key Items & Highlights/Next Steps

- **Development of Gas Service to 3 Mill Street**
 - Board held informational meeting regarding the possible approving of an easement to Vermont Gas Systems (VGS), to install gas service at 3 Mill Street. Easement had been previously approved by the Selectboard (6/2022). Town Manager had begun the legal process; however, Town was subsequently notified in 9/2022 that VGS had found an alternative design solution and therefore the easement was not needed.
 - A citizen petition to put the easement matter onto the General Election ballot, submitted in 8/2022, had the sufficient signatures; Counsel advised that despite the matter easement request being moot, the town vote on the petition would have to proceed.
- **Town Manager Report**
 - Notice from State - Town received ARPA funding for CSO projects up to \$664,000.
 - Input/Request from Leon Smith - asking for further detail regarding the allowed uses of the Means Wood trail/road; Selectboard will be meeting with public on this issue in 3/2023.
 - Illsley 100 Project - Community engagement meetings are upcoming in November.
- **Town's FY24 Capital Improvements Budget**
 - Reduced by \$75,000, down to \$1,653,455 by Infrastructure Committee.
- **Charter Amendment - Future Appointment of Town Treasurer**
 - Selectboard took testimony on possible Charter Change; no public comments submitted; Selectboard will hold another meeting on charter amendment on 11/29/23.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade RFQ**
 - From Dan Warner/Emmalee Cherington - three finalists selected; presentation to Infrastructure Committee on 11/17/22, and 12/1/22 to make recommendation to Selectboard.
- **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Water Storage Facility Upgrades**
 - Project needed to expand capacity, high priority; to address strength of fire flows when demand increases; application will be submitted shortly; could happen in 2024, depending on funding.
 - Project could be funded through either Revolving Fund or Bonding.
 - DWSRF application for construction of a water storage tank **approved** by Selectboard for \$3,000,000
 - Declaration of Intent to Bond for this funding was also **approved** by Selectboard.
- **Fire Department - Replacing Chipman Hill Repeater**
 - Fire Chief proposed purchasing a replacement feature for this repeater; Funding for this proposed has been set aside for years; Infrastructure Committee has approved sole-source provider for \$19,993,000
 - **Approved** by Selectboard.
- **Proposed Noise Ordinance & Police Department Comments**
 - Police Chief provided input and reaction to the proposed noise ordinance; Chief noted the impact would likely be related to a stronger restriction on loud music in the late evening, depending on the day of the week. Sue

Ritter from Middlebury College raised concerns that the proposed ordinance may unintentionally limit/prevent College events that sometimes run late (past 11pm).

- Selectboard **approved** an upcoming public meeting on this proposed ordinance.
- **Funding for Lindale Mobile Home Septic System**
 - Town of Middlebury & National Bank of Middlebury would enter into agreement to have the CDBG reimbursements go to the bank rather than the Addison County Community Trust. Selectboard **approved** this agreement.
 - Selectboard **approved** expenditures of **Check Warrants**.
- **Construction of Halladay Road Pump Station Improvements**
 - Proposed contract for purchasing of small property for eventual construction of this improvement. Selectboard **approved** this transaction.

Full details of the Selectboard's November 7, 2022 meeting are available in the Draft Meeting Minutes page on the Town's website.