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MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 Approval of Warrant: #2123, 2124 **Approved 4-0**
Minutes: Open Session: May 4, 2021 **Approved 4-0**
Town Administrator updates and reports
 - It was great news to see the Governor's announcement yesterday that most COVID restrictions will be lifted this month and the State of Emergency will be lifted on June 15. Thank you to everyone for following the guidance and enduring this most challenging fifteen months.
 - The Master Development Planning Committee will be on in a few minutes. The Committee has held several public presentations. The first of those presentations is running on cable and is available on the project webpage, www.middletonma.gov and then click on Public Facilities Project. A number of other meetings are scheduled. The staff at the Police Station, Fire Station, Council on Aging, and Memorial Hall hosted an open house and tour this past Saturday. The buildings will be open to the public again this Saturday, May 22 from 10AM-1PM. More information on all of this is on the website and sent out on social media.
 - Guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds continues to dribble out. We have a couple more webinars this week and we hope the allowable uses come into clearer focus. Related to this and with the possibility of an infrastructure bill coming out of DC, we are compiling a list of potential projects to undertake if funding becomes available.
 - Last Friday we had three Middleton employees graduate from the Suffolk University-Massachusetts Municipal Association certificate in local government leadership and management. Assistant Library Director Loretta Johnson, Council on Aging Director Jillian Smith, and Police Sergeant Matt Armitage have been in the program since September. I want to congratulate them for their achievements and all the hard work that goes into the program. In speaking with them they all got a great deal out of the program and we look forward to their continued contributions to our team.
 - For many years we have been working with the State on the transfer of 16 parcels of land that were owned by the former Essex County. The so-called 16 parcels became State land under the control of DCAMM when the county government was abolished in 1999. I am pleased to report that 14 of the 16 parcels were conveyed to the Town last Tuesday. The two remaining parcels require a minor legislative correction. Our delegation has filed the bill and we are hopeful we can see those parcels conveyed soon. Thanks to the delegation, DCAMM in particular Middleton native Matt Cocciardi, Town Counsel, and the Middleton Stream Team for their longstanding advocacy in support of conveyance.
2. 7:15 Public Comment Period **None**

3. 7:20 Master Development Planning Committee to make a final presentation on the municipal complex at 105 South Main Street and seek the Board's endorsement **Presentation and Approved 4-0**
4. 7:40 Review and vote on application of Bluebonnet Consulting for change of manager for Merritt Boston North Operator LLC d/b/a Double Tree Boston North Shore Hotel at 50 Village Drive, from Kevin Varr to Andrew Dunn, manager **Approved 4-0**
5. 7:50 Presentation of the FY2021 3rd Quarter Financial Report by Chief Financial Officer Sarah Wood **Presentation**
6. 8:00 Request to change road name at 123 River Street. The Board has been asked to reconsider the name of the way; new proposed name is Drumlin Road/Circle/Way **Denied 4-0**
7. 8:10 Review and sign Regional Information Technology memorandum of understanding **Approved 4-0**
8. 8:20 Annual Town Meeting and Town Election: updates as needed **Update**
9. 8:30 Update on reopening plans for municipal buildings and facilities **Update**
10. 8:40 Vote to accept the following gifts and grants:
 - Anonymous donation to the Middleton Food Pantry in the amount of \$500
 - Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant from the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$16,164.34 to be used for transportation and recycling of mattresses**Approved 4-0**
11. 8:45 New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed **None**
12. 8:50 Executive Session: Pursuant to GL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) with respect to contract negotiations with collective bargaining units, specifically the Full Time Firefighters, IAFF, #3097

Upcoming Meetings:	June 1	Regular BOS meetings
	June 5	Annual Town Meeting, 9AM, 48 South Main Street
	June 15	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.

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