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## MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 Approval of Warrant: #2125 **Approved 4-0**

Minutes: Open Session: May 18, 2021 **Approved 4-0**

Town Administrator updates and reports

- A final reminder that this Saturday, June 5 is the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting begins at 9AM on the soccer field behind Memorial Hall. Parking is available at Angelica's; those with mobility impairments will be able to park in the Memorial Hall parking lot.
- The Master Development Planning Committee has been working for the past two years on the layout of the public facilities complex at 105 South Main Street. That is Article 22 on the warrant. There is a tone of information about the project on the Town's website, including photos, videos, the architects' reports, cost information, and frequently asked questions. Go to [www.middletonma.gov](http://www.middletonma.gov) and then click on Public Facilities Project.
- Guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds continues to come out in dribs and drabs. Last week the Treasury announced the amounts that non-entitlement communities will receive. Middleton will receive \$1,058,199 in the community-direct allocation. This is just the local amount. We are still waiting on the amount that will be distributed to communities within counties, like Essex County, that were abolished. An earlier analysis estimates that to be around an additional \$1.9M. We will look to backfill lost revenues. We will also look to utilize those funds to improve the long term efficiency of our operations, apply it if possible to the facilities project, and address infrastructure needs.
- At the last meeting the Board voted to sign onto the regional IT collaborative by executing the memorandum of agreement. Last week we were informed that the collaborative was awarded a \$100,000 regionalization and efficiency grant from the State. This will go towards development of the fiber network that will link the seven communities together. Fiber is a critical piece that allows for fast connection and communication across the collaborative. Congratulations to Tanya for her work on this grant as well as her work in general on the IT collaborative.
- We recently received notice of two resignations from the Planning Board, Brian York and David McGlone. We will coordinate with the Planning Board to do a joint appointment, probably in July.

2. 7:15 Public Comment Period **None**

3. 7:20 Continue discussion of location and date of Annual Town Meeting and Town Election Discussion
4. 7:30 Update on reopening plans Update
5. 7:40 Vote to approve collective bargaining agreement with IAFF 3097, Full Time Firefighters Approved 3-0-1
6. 7:45 Discuss pay equity study and vote to implement non-union classification schedule retroactive to April 1, 2021 Motion to implement Approved 4-0
7. 8:00 Review and discuss one time vacation adjustment Motion to allow 2 weeks carry over under certain conditions Approved 4-0
8. 8:15 Review and vote to rescind March 24, 2020 local Declaration of Emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic Approved 4-0
9. 8:05 New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed None

Upcoming Meetings:	June 5	Annual Town Meeting, 9AM, 48 South Main Street
	June 15 & 29	Regular BOS meetings
	July 13	Regular BOS meetings
	August 17	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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