



Town of Middlefield Board of Selectmen

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SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 31, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Ann Marie Visconti, chair with Curt Robie and Tamarin Laurel-Paine, members, present as well. Town residents present were David DiNicola and Suzanne Lemieux. Guests in attendance were Loren Davine and Amy Hutchins from Hampshire Regional Public Health.

This meeting was called to discuss the transfer of inspection duties from Berkshire Regional Planning to the Hampshire Regional Public Health as of July 1, 2024. This initiative is being sponsored by a 30-year grant from the State Regional Public Health Services.

Loren explained that they are currently able to supply kitchen inspection services, and will next be adding housing and septic service inspections. Currently, Hampshire Regional Public Health is using consultants for septic inspections and have reached out to Ed Fahey, our current inspector, to see if he would come on as a consultant. This he will discuss with his current employer for any conflict-of-interest issues.

Loren and Amy stated that they currently have 4 inspectors for kitchen etc and 4 nursing employees. It was brought up to Loren and Amy about the lack of VNA services in Middlefield, and that Town residents are being told that Hampshire Regional Public Health does not cover Middlefield. Loren and Amy will be working on that issue.

The day to day tracking and follow thru was then discussed. William Girard, Building Inspector will continue to use Permit Eyes. Hampshire Regional Public Health will be using an electronic tracking system and electronic shared folder for permit tracking. Additional information from Hampshire Regional Public Health will be supplied to the Town so that the Middlefield Website can be updated. It was also stated that Hampshire Regional Public Health is not acting as the Board of Health. The Selectboard will continue to be the Board of Health for Middlefield. Any monies collected by Hampshire Regional Public Health will be turned over to the Town. The Selectboard will be updated on status of permits based on what is in the shared folder/tracking tool.

No further business to come before the Selectboard, it adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark W. Doane, Administrative Assistant

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair

Curt Robie, Member

Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Member