Chairman Tom King called the meeting to order by ZOOM video conference at about 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

GUESTS: State Senator Eric Berthel, Terry McAuliffe

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES:

Brian Proulx sat for Keli-Ann Bolard. Chris Evan sat for Paul Bowlar

GUEST COMMENTS: Senator Berthel discussed the ongoing discussion with legislatures and the upcoming end of the legislative session (approx. 8 more weeks). He encouraged everyone to make sure that they sign up for his emails, so we are all aware of State business. Go to cga.ct.gov then search for the representative. He also encouraged all to follow his and fellow legislatures Facebook pages for more information

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

 MOTION by Terry Smith to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting, SECOND by Robert Smith and unanimously voted.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – There was a starting balance of $74.79 in the Sunshine Fund. There were no deposits, leaving a balance of $74.79.

The Delegates for the CT GOP Convention are in place and confirmed. Information will be sent directly to the delegates via email.

We received a letter of resignation from the Middlebury RTC for Robin Stanziale

We received a thank you letter from the Kane Children’s Educational Fund

The MRTC appeared in the Voices and the Middlebury Neighbor publications promoting the scholarships

MOTION by Terry Smith to accept the Secretary Report, SECOND by Brian Proulx and unanimously voted

TREASURER’S REPORT – Treasurer Nat Kuppuraj reported a starting balance of $8248.32 and ending balance of $8,203.35.

MOTION by George Tzepos to accept, SECOND by Brian Proulx and unanimously voted.

TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

BOE – John Cookson said budget has been adopted and has been sent to the towns. The next step is the referendum. Still waiting to see about grant money and federal

government money coming in. This money can be used through December 2023 and will require incredibly detailed records. Must be spent in educational areas.

BOS – Elaine Strobel said we can expect approx. $775k from the grant and federal money. But it must be used for water/sewer/broadband improvements. She said that next year’s mil rate should go down about .005% due to less Middlebury students in the school. The vote is the first Wednesday of May

WPCA – Robert Smith said they continue to work on Straits Turnpike

P&Z – Terry Smith said they are getting busier. They accepted the applicatio for Quassy to add a water ride, replacing the pavilion at the lake. They accepted the application for a 2-story building to be added to Straits Turnpike which will have retail and engineering firm, replacing a building on 2 lots. There were also plans submitted for a housing development.

CONSERVATION – George Tzepos said they did not have a

BOAA – Brendan Browne said it was a normal meeting.

MRTC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways and Means: Shannon Cavallo has the tickets available for members to sell for the takeout chicken dinner. Tickets are $15 per person, and will include chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, and a side salad. Pickup time will be 5:00-6:30 on May 13th at Shepardson. All proceeds will go towards the scholarship. We need volunteers to cook, package, and run food to cars. Also, any ticket sales that is $50 or more would need to have a disclosure form filled out. Contact Shannon for tickets

Nominating: Tom King said the nominating committee had interviewed candidates for the Parks & Recreation Committee, and NOMINATED Mark Nebrasky, SECOND by Terry Smith and unanimously voted. Tom King NOMINATED George Tzepos as a second name, SECOND by Brian Proulx and unanimously voted.

Tom King MOTIONED to move Brian Proulx from MRTC Alternate to Regular member, SECOND by Robert Smith and unanimously voted.

Tom King NOMINATED Russ Tolles to the position of Secretary for the MRTC, SECOND by Terry Smith and unanimously voted.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Memorial Day parade is on for the Sunday before Memorial Day (May 30th) at 5pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

John Cookson MOTIONED to adjourn, SECOND by Brandon Browne and unanimously voted at about 8:36 pm.

No money was collected at the meeting for the Sunshine Fund

Rolling sign in sheet from previous meetings

