

Minutes
Middletown Springs Planning Commission
August 5, 2013

Members present: John Arsenault, Tom Hurcomb and Maureen McCormack

Call to order: 7:08PM

Agenda Approval:

- 1) Approval of July Minutes: Tom moved and John seconded. All in favor.
- 2) Correspondence: Received: A 2013 Town Fair brochure from the VT League of Cities and Towns.
- 3) Rutland Regional Planning Report: The RRPC has scheduled a trip for the commissioners to visit the wind farm at Lowell VT on Aug 31.
- 4) Building Committee Report: Tom reported that Dave Munyak said he would have a walk through with the contractors on the site today. The tank removal date is set for August 12th to 13th. Removal should take only one day. On the 27th a summary report with any lab reports will be completed and submitted to the state and EPA. This week's meeting of BC will be at the Friends of Adoption as that building is going up for sale. The selectboard will also tour the building as a possible site for the new town office.
- 5) Old Business:

A. Village Center Designation: We reviewed the newly received map of our proposed village center from Jaime Lee, the RRPC consultant. She has asked us to determine vantage point for some streetscape pictures. We agreed that four photos from the four entryways to the village center as well as at the four corners should be taken. A few map corrections were noted and these will be sent to her.

A motion was made by John and duly seconded by Tom that the Planning Commission recommend to the Selectboard that the town pursue a village center designation for the purpose of:

- 1) obtaining eligibility for a state income tax credit for effected commercial owners;
- 2) obtaining eligibility for federal tax credit for commercial historic rehabilitation;
- 3) obtaining eligibility for state tax credit for certified commercial historic buildings; and
- 4) obtaining priority consideration for municipal and federal grants.

All in favor.

B. Economic Development: The Rutland Regional Planning

Commission has put town economic development on its next year's agenda

- 6) New Business: Tom has drawn up a draft of what the commission is doing and would like to do. He hopes getting this word out might generate interested for future membership on the planning commission. We will take this up next month.

Next meeting date: September 2, 2013: Labor Day.

Adjourn: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Secretary

