

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
March 10, 2014

Members Present: John Arsenault, Tom Hurcomb and Maureen McCormack

Call to Order: 7:12 PM

Agenda Approval:

- 1) Approval of January minutes: Tom moved and John gave a second for the approval of the January minutes. The January minutes were approved as presented.
- 2) Correspondence: Received: an invitation to a workshop by Staying Connected and a copy of a Wastewater Permit from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation for the Gerald Parker property. No action necessary.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a. Village Center Designation: Waiting for the redraw of the map and then John will present it to our select board for adoption.
 - b. Economic Development: Tom gave an update to Ed Bove of RRPC on what we have accomplished on the village designation application. In conjunction with the economic development Ed stated that we are in a good position to apply for a municipal planning grant and he would help in writing the grant application. Ed Bove suggested we talk to Richard Amore on the benefits of the Village Designation and any other grants that we might be eligible. Tom will contact Richard Amore. We decided to have the next meeting with town business folks in May and share via email a list of invitees next week. Ed Bove offered to attend. Tom presented a drawing of how our economic future is tied to the concept of a creative community with an organization designed to increase economic activity. We agreed that our goal is to increase the economic future of MS and that means encouraging people to move here, find employment here, and by services and products here. Also, John would like us to put out an information brochure that details the benefits that our village center designation, and the area contiguous to it have to offer.
- 4) Building Committee Report: The town voted to add another \$50,000 to the building reserve fund bringing it to a total of \$100,000.
- 5) RRPC Report: February RRPC cancelled due to a snowstorm. The search committee for a new permanent director has not started
- 6) New Business: None.
- 7) Next Meeting Date: April 7, 2014, 7:00 PM
- 8) Adjourn: 8:00
Respectfully submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Secretary