

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved Minutes
June 2, 2014

Call to Order: 3:05 PM

Present: John Arsenault, Tom Hurcomb and Maureen McCormack

Agenda Approval: Approved.

- 1) Approval of May Minutes: John moved and Tom gave a second to approve as corrected. The motion passed.
- 2) Correspondence: None
- 3) Old Business:
 - a. Village Center Designation: We were asked by the state to provide an additional paragraph on past, current and future village revitalization initiatives in the town. A paragraph has been written and will be submitted today.
 - b. Creative Economy Meeting review: All planning commission members were pleased with the participation at the first creative economy meeting. It was agreed that we welcome all business owners who want to be involved and who also see themselves as offering some special service and or product. We will disseminate the information obtained from the first session as soon as we receive it from Kathy Letendre. Tom followed up with a conversation with Ed Bove who spoke to us at the creative economy meeting about grant funding. To obtain a community development grant, said Ed Bove, we would have to submit an application by the end of the summer. Hopefully, before our July meeting we will obtain the town demographic data that Ed Bove felt necessary to make future plans. The next Selectboard meeting is June 26th and we will attend to inform them on the decision by the state on our application for the Village Center Designation.
- 4) Building Committee Report: None
- 5) Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Tom spoke with Ed Bove on his concerns about the priority given to the Downtown designators. Tom's concern is on the difference available to those with a Village Center Designation versus those with a Downtown Designation. Ed will bring this concern to the attention of the Richard Amore of the state agency.

Laura received from the Rutland Regional Board of Commission a letter stating their approved of our current Middletown Springs Town Plan. John had requested this letter for our records while the approval had been given in May, 2012.

A discussion on solar energy projects is slated for future RRPC meetings. There is an awareness that no solar energy policy exist under RRPC. The Planning Commission should notify MS Energy Committee that the RRPC is going to be holding discussions on solar energy with a possible policy resulting, and that we would like the Energy Committee of Middletown Springs engagement in this with us.

6) New Business: None

Next Meeting: July 7, 2014 at 3PM in the town office.

Adjourn: 4:18 PM

Respectfully,
Maureen McCormack, Secretary