

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
July 7, 2014

Call to order: 3:05 PM

Members Present:

Tom Hurcomb, John Arsenault, and Maureen McCormack

Agenda Approval: Approved

- 1) Approval of June 2, 2014 minutes: Skipped.
- 2) Correspondence: None
- 3) Old Business
 - a. Village Center Designation: John had completed an article for the Magnet that Members reviewed with two additions. John will get the article posted in the Magnet this coming month. A discussion took place on wording in the award letter that is not clear as to what properties are eligible to apply for the tax credits. More clarification needed from the state.
 - b. Creative Economy: Tom presented a draft of a letter to the participants in our June 2 meeting. It outlines what would appear to be our next procedural steps. If the group would like to hire a professional consultant, it could possibly be funded by a municipal planning grant. The application for a municipal planning grant has a deadline of September 30 so another meeting with the election of a steering committee must take place soon. Tom, also, presented information on funding that might be obtained from USDA for rural enterprise planning and community development. It was decided to hold the next “creative economy” meeting as part of our regular August 4th meeting.
 - c. At the August 4 meeting, the PC will meet at 6:30 PM and start the creative economy meeting at 7 PM. The letter must be mailed by July 21st. John will email the first meeting attendee list. Tom will get the letter on letterhead paper.
- 4) Building Committee Report:

The BC will have a series of Q & AS on the FRONT PORCH FORUM and Town web site. A committee is working on printing up the visioning statements to include in the Magnet and town website. And another sub-group is working on an “Open House” , a community gathering to look at the site in September.
- 5) RRPC Report: No report as they are on summer break.
- 6) New Business:
 - a. We received from Tinmouth a notice of a warning of a public hearing on proposed changes to their subdivision regulations. We might learn from attending this meeting that will take place July 24th, at 7PM.

- b. The Selectboard discussed the changes to the Open Meeting Law at their June 26 meeting. The board apparently did not take any action at this meeting to designate two locations, in addition to the Town Office, for posting agendas and minutes. The new regulations, also, require that if a town has a town website all public minutes must be posted on the website within 5 days. We, as PC, should be able to post our agenda and our minutes directly if indeed we do have one. We must be careful in using email to discuss our business.
- 7) Next Meeting date: August 4, 2014, 6:30 PM at the town office.
 - 8) Adjourn: 4:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Secretary