

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2014, 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: John Arsenault, Tom Hurcomb, and Maureen McCormack

Call to Order: 9:05 AM

1) Approval of agenda: All gave approval.

2) Old Business: Garret Baxter, Senior Staff Attorney for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, has made the suggestion that Middletown Springs reduce the size of our Planning Commission from five to three members. With our present three-member committee we do not have a quorum with just two members present. John brought this issue to the attention of the Select Board, SB. The SB is agreeable to reduce the size but they wanted to conditionally approve the reduction to three members in hopes of soliciting new members with their posting in the August issue of the Magnet. John expressed his concern on the reduction as the town will not have as much input on town planning. All agreed this is not desirable but under the circumstances it seems necessary in order to do town planning. Efforts over the last several years to add members have not brought forth any additional members.

3) Review of August 5, 2014 Creative Community Meeting: Tom had composed a letter to the participants of the first creative community meeting informing them of the response at the second meeting. The second meeting on August 5th had attendance of only two town residents. Thus, the creation of a steering committee for this organization was not possible. A creative economy steering committee could have sought a Municipal Planning Grant with the help of Rutland Regional Planning Commission. With this low response the commission will suspend its efforts to encourage a creative economy organization in MS at this time. Tom moved we approve and mail the letter as drafted, and John gave a second for both. All in favor.

4) Adjourn: 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen McCormack, Secretary