

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
May 4, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Call to order: 4:05 pm-Present: Tom Hurcomb, John Arsenault, and Maureen McCormack. Guest: Ed Bove from RRPC.

Agenda Approval: Approved

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2015: John moved and Tom gave second to approve the April minutes and all were in favor.
- 2) Ed Bove, RRPC - regarding Regional and Town Plans: Ed Bove stated that the point of his visit was to remind us that we are now into our two year window for adopting a revised town plan. MS adopted its present town plan on March 6, 2012, and March 2017 is the renewal date. Ed pointed to a few areas in the plan to revise, and also a new required chapter on Flood Resilience. He offered the help of his office and we discussed how looking at area town revisions would be helpful to us. Bove said that the state office of A and R has a flood ready website that will prove helpful in completing this chapter. A new requirement, Act 59, requires identification of applications and acceptances of Village Designations as well as how the town will maintain such a designation. Some new census data and new maps will be needed as well as the identification of regulatory and non-regulatory implementations in town. There are regulatory and non-regulatory implementations. Village center is non-regulatory. The brownfield is a non-regulatory. He concluded by saying he found our plan in overall good shape with little needing to be revised. He asked that we keep RRPC in the loop about major town activities such as the up-and-coming Garden Festival sponsored by the FOL.
- 3) Correspondence: Received an invitation to a Spring Planning Zoning Forum at Lake Morey Resort on June 10. We also received by certified mail an invitation to a hearing on the Poultney Town Plan Revision on May 28 at 6:30 pm.
- 4) Old Business
 - a. Municipal Planning Grant: Tom Hurcomb stated that the planning commission and select board are kept in the loop with minutes from all the Creative Economy meetings. Starting with an original group of 20 the group now has 47 interviews completed reviewing the assets, challenges and goals for a creative community in Middletown Springs. After interviews are complete there will be a public meeting to provide the public the information findings. The Creative Economy has a goal to produce an organizational structure, a vision, mission and a town image concept. In August we will complete a progress report to the state. The goal is to complete the project with a final report in October.
- 5) RRPC report: The RRPC has incorporated several recommendations made by Middletown Springs Planning Commission regarding the RRPC Telecommunication Plan and public safety.
- 6) Building Committee report: It is discussing regrading the Parker property and adding some plant beds with the aid of community volunteers.
- 7) New Business: The Proctor Town Manager has requested a copy of our Designated Village Center filing with the state.
- 8) Next meeting date: June 1, 2015
- 9) Adjournment: Tom moved we adjourn at 5:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen McCormack, Secretary