

Middletown Springs Planning Commission  
Approved minutes  
April 4, 2016

Members present: Tom Hurcomb and John Arsenault.

Public present: Creative Economy Core Team members Kathy Letendre, Linda Peavy, Paul Morgan & Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman. Also Hilary Solomon, District Manager of the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District.

Call to order: 4:03 PM

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2016. Motion to approve as presented was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2) Creative Economy Core Team (CECT) meeting: Kathy acted as moderator of the CECT meeting. She first gave some background on the project and discussed the “Collective Impact“ model that the group will utilize to initiate action. She then asked for comments from the members present.
  - a. Linda suggested a series of articles about creative individuals in town. There was much discussion about format and presentation for the articles as well as who might be suitable subjects to be interviewed. The group will brainstorm on their own for additional ideas.
  - b. There was discussion about progress on the use of the South Street building as gallery space. A separate meeting will be called to further discuss this.
  - c. There was discussion about the completion of an on-line business directory. Kimberley Mathewson and Kathy Letendre have made some progress on this.
  - d. It was reported that Heidi Bagley has been contacting some individuals in town to have photographs taken of their businesses and products for use in marketing.
  - e. Tom presented a printed version of the town image for posting in various locations around town. He also discussed the possibility of the group working jointly with the Historical Society and other organizations on various events.
- 3) Correspondence: None.
- 4) Old Business:
  - a. Municipal Planning Grant: Tom reported that the report to the State is in the final stages of preparation.
  - b. Renewal of Town Plan: Tabled until Special Meeting scheduled for April 5, 2016.
- 5) RRPC: In addition to regular committee reports, the Commission reviewed the process for adopting chapters of the Regional Plan and also reviewed several Act 250 applications.
- 6) Building Committee: ?
- 7) New Business:
  - a. Hilary Solomon, representing the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District, presented information on a 3 hour workshop on Flood Resiliency Planning.

- b. Hilary also expressed interest in serving on the M. S. Planning Commission. John will write a letter to the Selectboard recommending her appointment to fill a one-year seat.
- 8) Next meeting date: May 2, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
- 9) Adjournment: 6:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Arsenault, Secretary