

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
May 2, 2016

Members present: Tom Hurcomb, Hilary Solomon and John Arsenault.
Call to order: 4:12 PM

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2016. Tabled until the next meeting in order to seek input from members of the Creative Economy Core Team who attended the meeting.
Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 5, 2016. Motion to approve as amended was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2) Correspondence: Letter from the law firm Dunkiel, Saunders, Eliot, Raubvogel & Hand representing Orchard Road Solar, LLC. This was a 45 day notice letter of a petition to be filed under Sec. 248 with the Vermont Public Service Board regarding a proposed solar project on Orchard Road at the corner of Wescott Road. No action is required at this time.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a. Municipal Planning Grant: Tom reported that the final report to the State is due May 30 and its preparation is in its final stages.
 - b. Renewal of Town Plan: The Commission reviewed the various sections of the questionnaire to be sent to town residents and assigned various tasks to be completed within the next two weeks so that the final questions could be forwarded to Mary Lamson at the RRPC for formatting.
- 4) RRPC: Tom reported on the meeting of April 19. The Regional Issues Committee discussed two proposed solar projects in the county, a 20 MW facility in Brandon and a 500 KW facility in Middletown Springs. There was a presentation to the full commission by Mark Foley, a real estate owner and developer in Rutland, concerning a proposal by Castleton University to put student housing in downtown Rutland.
- 5) Building Committee: Tom reported that the committee reviewed a long-term debt analysis of the town to see the impact of taking on additional debt to finance a new town office.
- 6) New Business: There was discussion of the appropriate method for the Creative Economy Core Team (CETC) to keep minutes or records of its meetings. It was agreed that, in future meetings with the CETC, the Planning Commission minutes would merely reflect that the group was present and that additional details would be available from a source to be established by the CETC.
- 7) Next meeting date: June 6, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
- 8) Adjournment: 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Arsenault, Secretary