

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
June 6, 2016

Members present: Tom Hurcomb, Hilary Solomon and John Arsenault.
Call to order: 4:15 PM

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of April 4, 2016 and May 2, 2016.
Motion to approve as presented was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2) Correspondence:
 - a. Notice from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns regarding the Spring Planning and Zoning Forum to be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. No one from the Commission is able to attend.
 - b. Email notice received June 2, 2016 from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission regarding a workshop entitled Making River Corridors Work for You to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Hilary will be attending on behalf of the Planning Commission.
 - c. A copy of the Decision and Order of the Selectboard dated April 14, 2016 regarding the discontinuance of a portion of Garron Road was received from the law firm of Webber, Chapman and Kupferer, Ltd. No action is required.
 - d. A Notice of an Act 250 Application dated May 4, 2016 was received from Enman – Kesselring, Consulting Engineers regarding a proposed addition to a building on property owned by Gerald and Janet Parker at 590 West Street. Upon review of the Application a motion was made and seconded that the Commission take no action. The motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Certified letter dated May 11, 2016 from the law firm Dunkiel, Saunders, Eliot, Raubvogel & Hand representing Orchard Road Solar, LLC. This was an amended 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.
 - f. Received a copy of a letter dated May 3, 2016 from the Regional Issues Committee of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to Orchard Road Solar, LLC outlining items that the Regional Commission would like to see addressed in Orchard Road Solar's petition for a Certificate of Public Good.
 - g. Certified letter dated April 28, 2016 from Richard M. Spitalny outlining his concerns about the proposed solar project on Orchard Road. No further action is required at this time.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a. Municipal Planning Grant: Tom reported that the final report to the State is awaiting preparation of a financial summary and will be filed before our next meeting.
 - b. Renewal of Town Plan: John has forwarded the survey questions to Mary Lamson at the RRPC so that she may begin work on formatting them. The

Commission reviewed and made changes and additions to some of the survey sections and John will send those along to Mary to be included in her work.

- 4) RRPC: Tom reported on the meeting of May 17, 2016. The Regional Issues Committee discussed three proposed solar projects in the county, a 28 acre project near Diamond Run Mall in Rutland Town, a 500 kW net metering project in Clarendon and a 500 kW net metering project in West Rutland.
- 5) Building Committee: Tom reported that the committee had a presentation on energy efficient construction from Dick Strouthers of Bensonwood Construction of Walpole, NH. Tom also reported that the BC has been notified by the Library Board that they have voted to consider the purchase of land next to the library for expansion purposes. This could have an impact on the design of the town office.
- 6) New Business: The Commission discussed whether it would be appropriate for us to seek party status on behalf of the town in the matter of the Act 248 application expected to be filed by GroSolar for a proposed 500 kW net metering project on Orchard Road. John will attend the Selectboard meeting on June 9 to determine what action, if any, they will be taking.
- 7) Next meeting date: July 11, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
- 8) Adjournment: 6:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Arsenault, Secretary