

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
October 3, 2016

Members present: Tom Hurcomb, Hilary Solomon and John Arsenault.

Public present: Ellen Secord, Dan McKeen, Meredith Morgan, Kathy Letendre, Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman & Elizabeth Cooper.

Call to order: 4:05 PM

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2016.
Motion to approve as presented was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of September 21, 2016.
Motion to approve as presented was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2) Correspondence:
 - a. Copy of letter dated September 26, 2016 from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to Thomas Clayton and Cynthia Berger Parent regarding an application for a water supply and wastewater disposal system permit for a new 2 bedroom home at 43 North Street.
 - b. Copy of letter dated September 21, 2016 from Dunkiel, Saunders, Elliott, Raubvogel & Hand to the Vermont Public Service Board regarding the Application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC for a Certificate of Public Good authorizing the installation of a 500 kW solar electric facility on Orchard Road.
- 3) Creative Economy Group meeting: The meeting was turned over to Kathy Letendre who updated the group on progress made since the last meeting on the Group's various initiatives.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a. Renewal of Town Plan: The Commission discussed the number of surveys that were sent out and also discussed setting deadlines for completing draft versions of the new Town Plan. A special meeting may be required at the end of October to tabulate the results of the survey.
 - b. Orchard Road Solar: Ellen Secord expressed concern about having the new Town Plan include effective language about siting of commercial solar systems. She provided material from the Poultney Town Plan and Zoning ordinance regarding this issue. John and Tom responded to assure her that the Commission is seeking input from all town residents and landowners and the results of that input will influence how the new plan is written.
- 5) RRPC: Tom discussed three new large solar installations that are being proposed for Rutland County.
- 6) Building Committee: No report.

- 7) New Business: There was discussion of the present size of the Commission and what were the possibilities for seeking new members.
- 8) Next meeting date: Monday, November 7, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
- 9) Adjournment: 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Arsenault, Secretary