

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
April 3, 2017

Members present: Tom Hurcomb, Hilary Solomon and John Arsenault.
Public present: Elysa Smigielski and Mary Lamson of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Kathy Letendre, Melissa Chesnut-Tangermann, Meredith Morgan and Linda Peavy of the Creative Economy Group.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by Chairman J. Arsenault.

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2017:
Motion to approve as presented was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2) Elysa Smigielski of RRPC discussed our new Town Plan and presented some ideas for other techniques for the presentation of the plan in future years. There was also discussion of the river corridors in town and the status of the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 3) Correspondence:
 - a. A copy of an order issued March 16, 2017 by the Vermont Public Service Board in the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC. The Order opened an investigation into significant issues raised by the intervenors concerning aesthetics, historic sites and orderly development and established a procedural schedule. No action is necessary at this time.
 - b. A copy of a letter dated March 22, 2017 from Stephanie Hoffman, Special Counsel to the Vermont Department of Public Service regarding the scheduling of a site visit and a technical hearing in the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC. No action is necessary at this time.
 - c. A copy of a Prehearing Conference Memorandum and Scheduling Order issued by the Vermont Public Service Board on March 27, 2017 regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC for a certificate of public good to install and operate a 500 kW group net-metered solar electric power generation system in Middletown Springs. The order established a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding. No action is necessary at this time.
 - d. A copy of a letter dated March 31, 2017 from Attorney Geoffrey H. Hand to the Vermont Public Service Board regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC and the logistics of a proposed site visit.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a. Orchard Road Solar: Commission attendance at the proposed site visit was discussed.
- 5) RRPC:
 - a. Act 174 was discussed.

- b. The new Middletown Springs Town Plan and planning process were approved by the full Commission upon the recommendation of the Community Affairs Committee.
- 6) Building Committee: Consulting engineer's proposals will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 7) Creative Economy Group: 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 including the Regional Marketing Initiative, the Memorial Day parade and the Town website.
- 8) New Business: There was discussion of the possible revitalization of the town Energy Committee. Tom will send an email to former members of the committee to gauge interest.
- 9) Next meeting date: Monday, May 1, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- 10) Adjournment: 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Arsenault, Secretary