

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
June 5, 2017

Members present: Tom Hurcomb, Hilary Solomon and John Arsenault.
Public present: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chairman J. Arsenault.

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2017:
Motion to approve as presented was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2) Correspondence:
 - a. A copy of a letter dated May 8, 2017 from Attorney Geoffrey H. Hand to the Vermont Public Service Department regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC and containing Applicants discovery responses and other documents. No action is necessary at this time.
 - b. A copy of a letter dated May 26, 2017 from the Vermont Department of Public Service in the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC containing the testimony of Jeremy Owens as to the aesthetic impact of the project. No action is necessary at this time.
 - c. A copy of an order issued May 31, 2017 by the Vermont Public Service Board in the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC granting an amendment of the schedule for the investigation of significant issues. No action is necessary at this time.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a. Orchard Road Solar: No further discussion.
 - b. Town Energy Committee: Items b. and c. were discussed in tandem. Tom reported that the RRPC has pushed back the deadline for completion of the energy section of the Regional Plan. It was proposed that we invite staff from the RRPC to attend a public meeting in Middletown Springs to present the Regional Energy Plan after its approval and to discuss how it impacts MTS. We would also seek input from town residents and encourage their participation in the process of developing the town's energy plan
 - c. Renewable energy siting maps: See b. above.
- 4) RRPC: The Commission is working on the 2018 fiscal year budget, 2018 Plan of Work, updated RRPC by-laws and employment policies.
- 5) Building Committee: The Building Committee recently held an energy modeling meeting sponsored by Efficiency Vermont which was attended by the various engineering firms retained by the Town.

- 6) New Business: The Commission discussed the possibility of a general town officer's meeting at which town departments could present what they are working on this year and seek input from other town officers, departments and boards. A motion was made and seconded that the Planning Commission would support such an event.
- 7) Next meeting date: Monday, July 10, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- 8) Adjournment: 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Arsenault, Secretary