

Middletown Springs Neighborhood Forum

Building Committee News!

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Middletown's BRELLA application was APPROVED!!

In Issue No. 207 of the Front Porch Forum, I explained some of the issues the Building Committee was researching in order to protect the town from future Brownfields liability and to provide eligibility for cleanup funds.

The Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act (BRELLA) is a law that went into effect on July 1, 2008 and is intended to encourage the redevelopment of Brownfields sites across the state. More information on this law can be found on the Department of Environmental Conservation website here:

http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/sms/RCP/Brownfields_Law.htm

Participation in BRELLA will provide the town with liability protection and access to cleanup funds at the state level as well as assistance from DEC staff during the project.

The Building Committee prepared an application to this program which the Selectboard approved, signed, and submitted. A letter recently arrived announcing that Middletown Springs is eligible to participate in the BRELLA program! This important step in the process had to be completed prior to the town purchasing the property.

The next step is to have the ongoing property survey completed. Hopefully this will happen very soon.

The Building Committee meets on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.