

Middletown Springs Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

April 1, 2019

Members present: Tom Hurcomb, Hilary Solomon, Sara Young, and Peter Blekis

Public Present: John Arsenault

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM by Tom Hurcomb

- 1) Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2019
- 3) Changed Rutland RPC "operation" of WIB to "Administration" of WIB. Approved as amended.
- 4) Election of Officers:
 - a) Tom Hurcomb unanimously elected as Chairman, with understanding and agreement that a new member will take over in a few months after training and increased comfort level of new members.
 - b) Peter Blekis unanimously elected as Secretary.
- 5) Correspondence:
 - a) Initial discussion held concerning correspondence filing and storage guidelines.
 - b) A copy of a *Procedural Order Re: Granting Mr. Lattuca's Request for a Continuance* dated March 28, 2019 issued by the Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC ("ORS"). No action is necessary.
 - c) A copy of a *Procedural Order Re: Expanding the Scope of Mr. Lattuca's Intervention* dated March 14, 2019 issued by the Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC ("ORS"). No action is necessary.
 - d) A copy of a *Procedural Order Re: Granting Mr. Lattuca's Request for an Evidentiary Hearing* dated March 20, 2019 issued by the Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC ("ORS"). No action is necessary.
 - e) A copy of a letter dated March 8, 2019 from Attorney Geoffrey H. Hand to the Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC ("ORS") and containing *Response to the Second Supplemental Comment and Motion to Reconsider, Clarify, & Expand Scope of Intervention of Russell Lattuca* dated February 20, 2019. No action is necessary.

- f) A copy of a letter dated March 28, 2019 from Attorney Cindy Ellen Hill to the Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC (“ORS”) and containing *Prefiled Testimony of Juli Beth Hinds* dated March 25, 2019 with *Exhibit RL-JBH-01* (undated) , *Exhibit RL-JBH-02* dated January 21, 2019 , and *Exhibit RL-JBH-03* (undated). Also containing *Prefiled Testimony of Russell Lattuca* dated March 29, 2019, *Exhibit RL-01* (undated landscape photography and diagram of proposed site), *Exhibit RL-02 (dated September 6, 2016)*, and *Exhibit RL-03 (dated February 19, 2019)*.
 - g) A copy of a letter dated March 26, 2019 from Attorney Cindy Ellen Hill to the Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC (“ORS”) and containing *Lattuca’s Motion for Three Week Continuance*, *Lattuca’s Motion on Appeal for Reconsideration of Hearing Officer’s 03/20/2019 Order*, *Lattuca’s Motion for Interlocutory Appeal*, *Lattuca’s Motion for Stay Pending Reconsideration and Interlocutory Appeal*.
- 6) Old Business:
- a) Rutland Economic Development Commission (REDC) to attend a Select Board (SB) meeting in Middletown Springs this month, potentially April 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
 - b) Recap: REDC and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) started the regional marketing initiative about three years ago. At the time, Middletown Springs was working on a municipal planning grant to look at local creative economy potential. They were working on initiatives like the Real Rutland campaign, trying to encourage younger people and families to move to Rutland County. Towns in Rutland County have the opportunity to support the regional marketing initiative each year at the town meeting, at a cost of approximately \$1.00 per person. Kathy Letendre was the consultant hired to provide assistance to Creative Economy and is now participating with the committee as a volunteer.
 - c) Discussion held of the status of Orchard Road Solar project, with no progress to report at this time.
- 7) Rutland Regional Planning Commission report:
- a) March 19, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting discussed Rutland Workforce Investment Board (WIB) – on-job and classroom training for young and new employees. It is a statewide program but needed some assistance from Rutland County. RRPC was voted to provide administrative assistance to Lynn Bonderant at WIB.
 - b) Hilary Solomon attended the RRPC-sponsored Town Designations meeting, which describes five different designations for town centers and potential growth areas. Long-term, these designations can help save fees and taxes, and promote growth in specific areas of town.
- 8) New Business:
- a) Discussion of Crane Report and Herb’s email, with suggestion to review closely for consideration at next meeting, to be placed on agenda.

- b) Discussion of security measures for Commission Members at Town Office: keys, security codes, etc.
 - c) Discussion of necessity of recruiting 5th member of Commission.
- 9) Next meeting date: Monday, May 6, 2019

Adjournment: 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Blekis, Secretary