

Middletown Springs Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

June 3, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM

- 1) Agenda approval: Approval as presented.
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2019: Approved contingent upon addendum of Sara Young's Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) notes for meeting of April 16, 2019.
- 3) Correspondence:
  - a) Hilary emailed Herb Childress concerning Planning Commission's need for further guidance on Crane Report.
  - b) A copy of a *Memorandum* dated May 29, 2019 issued by RRPC and containing the proposed FY 2020 Budget and FY 2020 Plan of Work. No action is necessary.
  - c) A copy of a *Contingent Motion of Intervenor Russell Lattuca to Withdraw All Filings Exclusive of Motion to Intervene and Notice of Appearance of Counsel* dated May 8, 2019, and signed by Cindy Ellen Hill, Esq., regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC (ORS). No action is necessary.
  - d) A copy of *Petition of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC for a Certificate of Public Good* dated May 8, 2019, and signed by Allison Bates Wannop, Esq. No action is necessary.
  - e) A copy of a letter concerning *Application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC* dated May 7, 2019 and signed by Geoffrey H. Hand, Esq., containing a *Certificate of Service*, a *Joint Stipulation of Applicant Orchard Road Solar I, LLC and Russell Lattuca*, and *Exhibit ORS-RV-2 (Rev. 3)*. No action is necessary.
  - f) A copy of a *Procedural Order Cancelling Evidentiary Hearing* from the State of Vermont Public Utility Commission dated May 13, 2019 and signed by Michael E. Tousley, Esq., Hearing Officer, concerning ORS. No action is necessary.
  - g) A copy of a letter titled *Application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC* dated May 23, 2019 and signed by Geoffrey H. Hand, Esq., and containing a *Certificate of Service*, *Applicant Orchard Road Solar I, LLC's Revised Proposed Findings of Fact and Order*, *Exhibit ORS-MK-6 (Fig. 7 Rev. 2)*, *Affidavit of Rod Viens (dated May 21, 2019)*, *Affidavit of Mark Kane (dated May 22, 2019)*, and *Orchard Road Solar I, LLC's Revised List of Testimony & Exhibits*.
- 4) Old Business: discussed correspondence and appearance of final decision on ORS.
- 5) New Business:

- a) Regional Marketing Initiative: Nothing to discuss
- b) Town Plan (Energy): Barbara Noyes-Pulling, on staff at RRPC, energy coordinator – will request her presence at next meeting in September.
- c) Crane Report – (see Correspondence above) – Hilary emailed Herb Childress concerning Planning Commission’s need for further guidance on Crane Report.
- d) Ashely Fioretti (of Little Flower Farm) may be interested in becoming PC’s 5<sup>th</sup> member.
- e) RRPC report – Brad Long came and gave information (to RRPC). Rutland is a targeted region for 2019, special monies are designated for citizens of our county. Citizens may request consult from Efficiency Vermont, and may qualify for incentives concerning home energy efficiency. Sara will write something up to post on Front Porch Forum and other locations.
- f) Discussed marijuana legalization and regulations, and how towns would have to opt out of certain aspects of marijuana sales. Commission agreed to monitor situation.
- g) Building Committee: fundraising feasibility studies still ongoing. Tom will get required funding amount. Discussion of in-kind contributions. Subcommittee for supervising construction on upcoming agenda for BC.
- h) Tom has put together a “Thank You” for John Arsenault, in terms of a resolution from the Planning Commission. See resolution copy.

Adjournment at 5:18 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter A. Blekis, Secretary