

Middletown Springs Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

March 4, 2019

Members present: Tom Hurcomb, Hilary Solomon and John Arsenault.

Public present: Sara Young and Peter Blekis

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by Chairman J. Arsenault.

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2019:

Motion to approve as amended was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

2) Correspondence:

a. A copy of a letter dated February 5, 2019 from the Vermont Department of Public Service regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC ("ORS") and containing the Department's response to Supplementary Comments of Russell Lattuca. No action is necessary.

b. A copy of a letter dated February 5, 2019 from Dunkiel, Saunders, Elliott, Raubvogel & Hand to the Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC ("ORS") and containing a Response to Supplemental Comments of Russell Lattuca. No action is necessary.

c. A copy of a Procedural Order Re: Comment Deadline dated February 6, 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: Comment Deadline dated February 21, 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 February 20, 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 Second Supplemental Comments of Russell Lattuca dated February 20, 2019. No action is necessary.

3) Old Business:

a. Orchard Road Solar: No further discussion.

b. Regional Marketing Initiative: No further discussion.

4) RRPC: Hilary reported that at the last meeting there was a discussion of RRPC possibly taking over operation of the Workforce Investment Board.

5) Building Committee: Tom reported that at the meeting scheduled for March 6, 2019 there will be a discussion of the timing issues involved in presenting the proposed bond issue to the voters.

6) New Business:

a. Commission members discussed with Peter Blekis his interest in serving on the commission. He discussed his past experience and expressed a willingness to be appointed by the Selectboard (SB). Peter and Sara Young will both send letters of interest to the SB.

b. There was discussion of the possibility of increasing the size of the commission in order to accommodate two new members. It was decided that the current members of the commission would attend the SB meeting of March 14 to request an increase in size to five seats and the appointment of Sara and Peter. One additional member will be sought in the coming months.

c. There was additional discussion of the addition of new members and the steps that would need to be taken at the next meeting to transition from the retirement of John Arsenault from the commission.

7) Next meeting date: Monday, April 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

8) Adjournment: 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Arsenault, Secretary

Edited by Peter A. Blekis, Secretary, on May 2, 2019.