

Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Approved minutes
June 4, 2018

Members present: Tom Hurcomb and John Arsenault.
Public present: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Chairman J. Arsenault.

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented.

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2018:
Motion to approve as presented was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2) Correspondence:
 - a. A Notice from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the issuance of a Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit for land on Fitzgerald Road owned by the Carr family. No action is necessary.
 - b. Copy of a letter dated May 11, 2018 from Dunkiel, Saunders, Elliott, Raubvogel & Hand to the Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding the matter of the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC and containing a request for a status update. No action is necessary at this time.
 - c. A copy of a Proposal for Decision issued May 17, 2018 by Michael E. Tousley, Hearing Officer for the Vermont Public Utility Commission with respect to the application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC. The Planning Commission has no comments.
 - d. Copy of a letter dated June 1, 2018 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 stating that ORS is “in full support of the issuance of a final order and CPG in this matter consistent with the Proposal.”
- 3) Old Business:
 - a. Orchard Road Solar: There was discussion of the possible negative effect of net metered solar projects on electricity rates throughout the state.
 - b. Draft Energy Plan: Comments on the proposed Regional Energy Plan have come back from the VT Dept. of Public Service. The Energy Committee of the Regional Planning Commission is working on responses.
 - c. Regional Marketing Initiative: Tom reported that the Town Memorial Day parade was successfully posted on the Regional Marketing and the Regional Economic Development Commission Facebook pages.
- 4) RRPC: At the May meeting, seven different solar projects came before the Regional Issues Committee.
- 5) Building Committee: The pace is picking up on fund raising, marketing and construction review. Herb Childress has offered to write grant proposals.

- 6) New Business: None
- 7) Next meeting date: Monday, September 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
- 8) Adjournment: 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Arsenault, Secretary