

Middletown Springs Planning Commission

Unapproved Minutes

September 9, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM

- 1) Agenda approval: Approval as presented.
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2019: Minutes approved unanimously.
- 3) Correspondence:
 - a) A *Memorandum* dated August 28, 2019, from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission describing the Action Items to be discussed at the September 17, 2019 Board Meeting.
 - b) A letter titled, "Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit" issued by the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation concerning Permit # WW-1-3069-1, for Steven & Debra Bartlett, 120 Orchard Road, Middletown Springs, and signed by Elias J Erwin.
 - c) A copy of *Certificate of Public Good Issued Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections 219a and 248* entered June 13, 2019 from the State of Vermont Public Utility Commission concerning the Application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC and signed by Judith C Whitney, Clerk of the Commission.
 - d) A copy of *Final Order Granting Net-Metering Certificate of Public Good* entered June 13, 2019 from the State of Vermont Public Utility Commission, concerning the Application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC, and signed by Judith C Whitney, Clerk of the Commission.
- 4) Old Business:
 - a) Discussed Regional Marketing Initiative and how there has been no communication from them for several months. Status unknown. Because Middletown Springs has contributed to the Initiative, we believe follow-up is warranted, perhaps at the regional planning meeting.
 - b) Discussed Orchard Road Solar project, and that they must notify Middletown Springs prior to construction. Information on project is getting posted on town website. Also discussed the potable water and wastewater permit for subdivision of that property.
 - c) Town Plan Energy section: discussion held on updating the energy section, doing an "enhanced" town energy plan due to regional planning commission now having a plan of their own. Sara is going to contact Barbara Pulling (RRPC) and request her presence at our next meeting. The PC would like hard data on where town stands on state requirements for solar power. The PC believes it would be a positive aspect to include in the Energy Plan.
 - d) Recruiting fifth member: Tom placed an advertisement in the Town Newsletter.

5) New Business:

- a) Discussed agriculture pertaining to Town Plan, open space, and how the town will change going forward as well as the effects on Town Plan.
- b) Building Committee: fundraising report completed, suggested alterations to plan, Herb Childress is now involved for planning all building projects. Committee is considering retaining a construction manager for the building projects. Discussion of funding and bond issues.
- c) Succession Planning for Tom: discussed replacement of Chair - whose term is up in March 2020 – upcoming scheduling and who would like to replace Tom.

Adjournment at 5:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter A. Blekis, Secretary

October 6, 2019