

Middletown Springs Planning Commission

Unapproved Minutes

February 3, 2020

Members Present: Sara Young, Hilary Solomon, Maynard Yost, and Peter Blekis

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 PM

- 1) Agenda approval: Approval as presented.
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2019, with the stipulation of changing "energy plan" to "Energy Committee" at the bottom of page one.
- 3) Correspondence: No correspondence
- 4) Old Business:
 - A) Energy Plan: Sara has been speaking with Barbara Noyes-Pulling at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) to learn how other towns have presented their energy plans, and the requirements for Middletown Springs to submit an enhanced energy plan. It was determined that the Planning Commission will review the Brandon Town Plan by splitting it amongst the members by section, with Peter taking sections 1-3, Sara sections 4-6, Hilary the Maps and Conclusions, and Maynard sections 7-9

New Business:

- A) Regional Marketing Initiative: The Planning Commission then attended a presentation concerning the Rutland Regional Marketing Initiative. This was led by Kathy Letendre and attended by Beth Miller, Melissa Chestnut-Tangerman, and Leslie Silver from the Creative Economy _____; Mary Cohen, Executive Director of the Regional Chamber _____; and Tyler Richardson, Executive Director of _____. Ms. Cohen gave a lengthy history of the program, how it began with a \$200,000 fund which was partly donated and partly from Rutland, how it comprises as many as 120 people working on separate committees, and that it has approximately 12 towns participating in the program. She also explained the "Stay to Stay" and the "Red Carpet Concierge" programs and informed us of upcoming events. Ms. Cohen and Mr. Richardson also explained that the Regional Marketing Initiative has been directly responsible for 47 individuals moving to the Rutland area permanently, and the PC received literature explaining the current and upcoming marketing efforts

Adjournment at 5:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter A. Blekis, Secretary