

**The Middletown Springs Planning Commission
Minutes for the Monday, May 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
zoom meeting**

Zoom meeting details: meeting ID – 827 0291 1272
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The minutes for the meeting are as follows:

Call to order at 4:33 PM

Maynard Yost and Hilary Solomon present.

The agenda was approved as written.

There were no minutes taken at the meeting on April 5, 2021 due to lack of quorum; hence, no minutes to review and approve.

Due to COVID-19, the planning commission has not gathered any correspondence that may have arrived at the town office. Before the next meeting, we will check the status of incoming correspondence and report.

Old Business

Town Plan Energy Section – the planning commission will keep this item on the agenda and will prepare to update the energy section once we reach quorum (meaning, more commission members elected). In the interim, we are reviewing other energy plans drafted by Vermont towns of similar size. We will ask the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) to provide the data on Middletown Springs that has been gathered in the LEAP (Long Range Alternatives Planning System) computer modeling system.

□□ We will also ask Robin Chesnut-Tangerman to brief us on his experience with energy matters during his tenure in Montpelier and offer suggestions on how to craft the Middletown Springs Energy Plan.

Succession Planning – the planning commission will continue to seek out new members to the commission via word of mouth. We will also ask the Select Board to help in recruitment.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) report – Hilary has attended a selection of Rutland RPC board meetings over the course of the year and can represent the Middletown Springs Planning Commission at future meetings.

New Business

Maynard Yost spoke with Patty Kenyon re: the Planning Commission files currently stored at the town office. Patty has asked us to review the contents, save whatever is necessary and required by law, and throw away what is no longer needed. When COVID protocols are more relaxed, Hilary and Maynard, either separately or together, will follow through on the request.

Town Plan Energy Section (new item for continued discussion). Project Drawdown (PD) (<https://www.drawdown.org>) is a comprehensive plan to reverse global warming. PD offers practical steps at the individual, family, community, state, country, and global level. During the discussion on the Town Plan Energy Section, Maynard suggested that the Planning Commission review and discuss the ideas presented in PD with an eye towards making a presentation to Middletown Springs residents. The goal for PC is to craft a town energy plan that seeks community input, sets attainable goals, and offers practical steps to achieve them.

Next meeting date: Monday, June 7, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM