

5-1-2023 Planning Commission Minutes - Approved

Members present via Zoom included: Hilary Solomon, Steve Harrington, Tasha Turan, as well as prospective member, Laura Derringer.

At 4:33 the meeting was called to order.

Agenda was approved.

The minutes from 4-4-23 were reviewed and approved.

Correspondence- Mail had not been picked-up at town office, yet- so Steve made a commitment to check for it; as he planned to go to town office to look through old MSPC documents this week anyway, as follow-up from a verbal request to do so.

Old Business was reviewed:

- a. The Town Plan Energy Section-
Hilary will contact Barbara Noyes-Pulling from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) to request reports from neighboring and similar-sized towns that have had their Energy section updated. She stated that she will also ask Barbara to meet with us to help identify the language that should be used in order to have legal standing, should an outside agency try to build a project without the town approving it first.
- b. Request from Town Clerk, Patty Kenyon, to go through files at Town Office-
Steve will go to the town office tomorrow to take a look at what documents are down there. Hilary will research document retention policies before we purge any documents. Tasha also suggested putting things aside that do not legally need to be preserved but may be of interest to the Historical Society.
- c. Explore ways to address Pedestrian Safety-
Need to add a Pedestrian Safety section to the town plan was discussed. Steve and/or Laura will consult with the Select Board at their next meeting in regards to a speed study and potential signs. A desire for exploration of potential right-of-way options (such as pole lines) was mentioned. Before a Pedestrian Safety section is added to the Town Plan, the survey will need to first include a question, such as: "Are you concerned about pedestrian safety in town?" in order to identify the concern. In the meantime, Hilary suggested that Devon Neary with RRPC might be able to help find a grant to help address pedestrian safety.

- d. Tasha reported that she reviewed the existing Middletown Springs Town Plan (from 2017). Steve still needs to review it. Hilary stated that next we should all review updated Energy Sections of neighboring towns once they are provided by the RRPC.

New Business:

- a. New Members- Laura Derringer stated that she would like to be on the Planning Commission. Tasha offered to step aside- as she interprets her position to be temporary. However, Hilary stated that she desires to resign and stay on as an advisor to the commission. Hilary stated that she planned to resign very soon. Laura stated that she could comply with precedent time and dates for meetings, the first Monday of the month at 4:30 PM.
- b. Mapping- A need for mapping was identified. Hilary stated that Nick Stark from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission might be able to help with mapping overall, as the Rutland RPC offers that service to towns in the county.
- c. There was a brief discussion in regards to being diligent about accounting for unforeseen issues that may arise and for which the town should be prepared. Past difficulties with the overall issue of zoning were discussed. An example of the sort of issue in question was the “paramilitary training facility in Pawlet”. Tasha suggested that might be a topic to bring to the selectboard if an immediate concern and might be a question to be included in the survey.

Next Meeting Date will be June 5, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

WARNING

The Middletown Springs Planning Commission will hold its June Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. via a Zoom meeting

Meeting ID: 898 5796 8681

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The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Call to order

Agenda Approval

1. Review of the regular meeting notes

2. Correspondence

3. Old Business

a. Town Plan – Energy Section

b. PC files in Town Office

c. Pedestrian Safety

d. Mapping

e.

4. New Business

a. Community Trail Inquiry Discussion

b. Members Update

c. Should the next PC meeting be on July 3 or on a different day?

d.

5. Next meeting date: June 5, 2023 at 4:30 PM

Adjournment