

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 06, 2023

PRESENT: Chair Sydney Waller, Johnnie Nemec, Bill Ralston, Abby Rodd, Roy Kortick and Arthur Weinstock (zoom).

Also: Neal Newman, Middlefield ZEO and David Karl, Town Supervisor

Meeting was called to order 7:10 pm by Chair Waller

Minutes from March 3, 2023 were read and modified. Motion to approve as modified by Ralston, 2nd by Rodd. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

-Update on Solar Law. Public Hearing Held was held February 14, 2023. Law passed, see details – Town Board Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2023, posted on the Middlefield Town website.

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-Update on Cannabis Law – No change.

-Update on March 2023 Town Board meeting; cancelled due to inclement weather

-Comprehensive Planning: Update - TB Committee developed a survey and will send to Middlefield Residents for participation. The next Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting will be Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

-Update on Climate Smart Task Force, provided by Chair Waller which included a summary of recent presentations to include “The Future of Transportation,” by “OCCA – Clean Energy & NYSEG rep.” , Summary (take ways) included: Forecasts for new developments, explore infrastructure incentives and challenges for Otsego’s rural areas as well as details on rebates and incentives for electric vehicles, plans for increasing the number of EV chargers in the region, and tools to help individuals and municipalities decide which EV is right for them. Details on the Climate Smart Website.

-Short Term Rental Research Updates. Research continues. Assigned Planning Board Members provided inputs regarding areas of concern / interest that would trend to be municipality problem areas. Additionally, Short Terms rental data from the Comprehensive Plan resident survey will be incorporated into our research.

NEW BUSINESS

-Discussion: Permit application for the rebuilding the house at 144 Valenza Lane (previous house destroyed by fire). Given the house is within 500 feet of the lake, the PB has reviewed and approved the site plan; with following conditions: Owner plans to build essentially the same house on the same footprint. No Grade changes.

(Note: the site was visited by two PB members prior to approval.)

Motion to approve with conditions by Nemec, 2nd by Ralston. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The ZBA has a vacant position due to the recent resignation of Mr. Gibson

Motion to adjourn by Kortick, 2nd by A Rodd. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Johnnie Nemec, Secretary (Acting)

