TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
MINUTES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
September 19, 2023

PRESENT: Andy Baugnet, Middlefield Planning Board, Kelly Branigan Middlefield Town Board, Peg Leon Middlefield Town Board, Bill Gibson, Neal Newman, Middlefield Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Meeting called to order 6:04 pm. In the absence of David Karl, Committee member A. Baugnet chaired the meeting.

Minutes were read. Approved by P. Leon, 2nd K. Branigan. Abstain, Bill Gibson. All in favor.

7 members of the public attended this meeting on the topic of Water and Otsego Lake Water Quality.

Speakers:

Kiyoko Yokota, Ph.D., CLM
Scientific Advisor, Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee, NY
State University of New York (SUNY) Oneonta

Douglas Willies -Watershed Supervisory Committee

Al Keck-Watershed Supervisory Committee Septic Inspector

The guest speakers addressed the many different aspects of Water Quality and how it relates to the community. Topics included monitoring and inspecting septic systems, the recent Harmful Algal blooms (HABS) outbreak, Japanese Knotweed, monitoring water, the role of the Watershed Supervisory Committee (WSC), and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) involvement.

Middlefield resident Joseph Homberger spoke of how water quality affects us all in some way, shape, or form. Our regulations and land use affects our water and can be used for the common good to protect our resources. Robert Seward spoke of the importance to incorporate into the comprehensive plan storm water runoff, waste water treatment, conservation of water, and groundwater protection. Sydney Waller spoke of the importance of the scenic viewshed and how water relates to maintaining the visual integrity of the landscape. She pointed out that Otsego Lake is part of the area that makes up the 15,000 acre Glimmerglass Historic District.

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 by A. Baugnet, 2nd. P. Leon, All in favor.

The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be held at 6:00 pm Tuesday October 17, 2023.