

Town of Middlefield Planning Board Minutes of the regular meeting, October 5, 2017

Meeting started at 7:03 P.M.

Present: deRosa, Fink, Karl, Kortick, Nemec, Newman, Waller

Also: Town Board member Dave Edwards

1. Chairman Newman reported that he had submitted a lot-line procedure to David Clinton, Town Attorney, and that rather than create a separate law, it would be added to the existing sub-division law.
2. As part of the lot-line issue, Board Member Dave Edwards advised that it would be most efficacious to submit several sub-division additions/revisions to the Town Board all at once, rather than piecemeal.
3. Additional discussion re: sub-division laws included one suggestion for a budget request to the board to pay for a consultant to review existing sub-division law with a view to being apprised of current best practices, necessary revisions, etc. Also, to make sure that our laws are consonant with current N.Y. State law.
4. Phillip Kubis of 159 Moore Road, Cooperstown, NY reappeared before the board with most of the necessary documentation required for the board to certify a proposed sub-division. The board, after some discussion, determined that this is a minor sub-division and certified the proposal contingent on Mr. Kubis's sending the required letters to adjoining landowners. Motion to certify by J. Nemec, 2nd by S. Waller. All in favor.
5. The remainder of the meeting consisted of a wide-ranging discussion of the present short-term rental situation in the town and ways of addressing the complaints presented to both the Planning Board and the Town Board, primarily by the residents of the hamlet of Bowerstown. Board members agreed to continue researching remedies, including a permitting procedure. Chairman Newman mentioned that the village of Milford would be holding a meeting the following week to address the same issue and suggested that he and others on the board might attend.
6. Given the complexity of the issue, the board agreed that the November 2018 meeting would be designated as a Public Hearing to afford town residents to express their views.

Motion to adjourn by R.deRosa, 2nd S. Waller.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. deRosa, Secretary