

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Dec 2, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Sydney Waller, Roy Kortick, Johnnie Nemec, Bill Ralston, Abby Rodd, Marion Karl
Also: Neal Newman, Middlefield ZEO, Peg Leon and Kelly Branigan town board

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by chair Waller.

Minutes from Nov 4, 2021 meeting were read.

Sydney Waller made a motion to approve, seconded by A. Rodd. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

no one appeared with new business

OTHER BUSINESS

updates

Chair Waller showed pictures from a field trip to the Cornish Hill Rd. solar proposal.

Chair Waller announced updates from the Town Board Meeting Nov 9th.

Amy Wyant had attended to represent OCCA's contractual proposal. The board wanted to see the lowest cost option. A Wyant noted that we can consult with Mohawk Valley economic group as another possible way to fund the comprehensive plan using ARPA funds.

Planning board members were reminded to complete their required training hours using resources from NYPF library and NYS DOS sites

Johnnie Nemec brought up that his term is coming up and that he volunteers to serve another term.

Chair Waller updated the board on the comprehensive Plan project's progress.

The small group meeting on data collection was put on hold until we have a professional planner in place at the recommendation of the County Planning Dept Chair.

OCCA- Danny Lapin leaving and his position is to be filled soon.

Fundraising- Chair Waller is to meet with Otsego 2000 regarding a possible grant and other select donors are being approached.

The Town Board is set to discuss OCCA contract at their Dec meeting.

Potential recommendations of candidates for the steering committee were discussed as well as what size it should be.

Chair Waller attended Jeff Woeppel headed Climate Smart meeting, per recent TB meeting, a member of the PB will attend all Climate Smart meetings for good inter-board communications and the integration of Climate Smart goals with planning.

Kelly Branigan had questions about how extensive the plan should be.

General discussion about best practices, what the process is and hopes to be.

Motion to adjourn by J Nemec, 2nd R Kortick, Meeting adjourned 8:49

as a matter of record Marion Karl announced that she was regretfully resigning from the Planning board. She was thanked for her many years of service on the Board. Advertising the vacancy will happen, all TB and PB members present were encouraged to explore for community members who might be interested in serving.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Planning Board will be held Jan 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Roy Kortick
filling in for Andrew Baugnet
Secretary