

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

PRESENT: Chair Sydney Waller, Andy Baugnet, Marian Karl, Roy Kortick, Johnnie Nemec, Bill Ralston

Also: Neal Newman, Middlefield ZEO

Meeting called to order 7:04 pm by Chair Waller

Minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting were read. Motion to approve by J. Nemec , 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Karl, All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Internet connectivity was discussed in relation to federal funding available from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. No database exists regarding customers who are unable to get broadband service within Middlefield. Johnnie Nemec is in discussion with representatives from OEConnect regarding specifics. Spectrum cable may also be contacted.

The Town Board made a motion at the August 10, 2021 meeting to support our further investigating the revision of the Comprehensive Plan based upon our written response to Resolution #4.

The application through Otsego County Conservation Association for Climate Smart Communities CFA funding was denied. We can re-apply in 2022 and address any needed modifications.

Steering Committee volunteers needed for updating of Comprehensive Plan will be recommended by planning board members for. This commitment would probably be two years.

NEW BUSINESS

Formation of a Small Group to study Profile Data for the Comprehensive Plan update that will consist of 2 planning board members was discussed. Chair Waller and Johnnie Nemec volunteered. 2 town board members will be selected in addition to Neal Newman, Middlefield ZEO. Otsego County Planning Department will help to identify data sources with this group.

Funding sources for update of Comprehensive Plan was discussed. Sources will be sought from local non-profits, private foundations, and grant opportunities that are available.

Motion to adjourn by J. Nemec, 2nd B. Ralston. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

The next meeting of the Middlefield Planning Board will be October 7 at 7PM. Any interested person (s) interested in being put in the agenda for the next must do so in advance.