

Town of Middlefield Planning Board
Minutes of the regular meeting, May 2, 2019

Present: A. Baugnet, R. deRosa, R. Kortick, J. Nemec, S. Waller

Also: Peg Leon, Town Board Member, Bud Tabor, Town Board member, and Neal Newman, Town of Middlefield ZEO

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair, S. Waller, at 7:04 P.M.

Reading of the April 4, 2019 minutes. Motion to accept as read by J. Nemec, 2nd. by R. deRosa. All in favor.

- There being no official business before the board, a general discussion ensued regarding concerns raised by several constituents in attendance. Among them was the issue of short term rentals. While there are no plans at present for the board to revive the short-term rental situation within the district, it was suggested that if the issue were raised in the future there should be a public meeting to afford town residents an opportunity to share their views with the Town Board. Town Board member Tabor reaffirmed the board's position that if there ever were a permitting process put in place, it would necessarily apply to the whole town of Middlefield.
- Town attorney David Clinton has reviewed the Planning Board's recommended definition of a junkyard. The board determined that ZEO Newman should work out the final language with Mr. Clinton and then present it to the Town Board.
- As part of the general discussion of short-term rentals, ZEO Newman pointed out that any person could propose changes to the zoning law. Under Article IX - Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Law #1, June 14, 2011), it is stipulated that "*All proposed amendments to this Local Law shall be referred to the Town Planning Board upon its consideration of the Town Comprehensive Plan. The Town Planning Board shall report its recommendations on such referral to the Town Board within thirty (30) days of such referral.*"

Motion to adjourn by J. Nemec, 2nd. by R. Kortick. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard J. deRosa, Secretary