

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 5, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Sydney Waller, Andy Baugnet, Marion Karl (via Zoom), Roy Kortick, Johnnie Nemecek Bill Ralston

Also: Neal Newman, Town of Middlefield ZEO, Peg Leon Town Board Member

Meeting called to order 7:00 P.M. by Chair Waller

Minutes from October 1, 2020 meeting read. Motion to approve by J. Nemecek, 2nd B. Ralston; all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Site Plan Review language was discussed in regards to modifications and clarifications. The Town Board was informed of our intentions at the last meeting.

Planned Development District (PDD) maps were discussed in regards to getting the existing map modified. Neal Newman offered to call the Otsego County Real Property in order to gather more information about plotters and printers.

As follow-up to October discussion, Johnnie Nemecek has been researching broadband internet as it is not available in all parts of Middlefield. He spoke of the importance of having it for courts, schools, online learning, etc. Support of town government is going to be the general focus of a letter that he will be drafting for Town Board review, in order for the Board to consider sending to several entities such as the New York Governors Office, the State Broadband Program Office, State Senators and Assemblymen that represent this region. He will continue to research this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

Neal Newman has been bringing his own television monitor to each meeting and would like us to investigate purchasing one for future Zoom meetings. The Zoom conferences have been instrumental and essential for monthly meetings given the uncertainty of COVID-19.

Permitted uses in R-80 and hamlet districts was clarified by Neal Newman. Newman was approached by a citizen who would like to open an automobile body repair shop just outside a hamlet district. A small part of the interested parties parcel is in the hamlet district, but the location of the prospective building would be in R-80. Pre-existing uses versus new applications were discussed. J. Nemecek brought up how we should keep current with interest in land use in ways that are supportive of new business and economic growth.

Motion to adjourn by, R. Kortick, 2nd B. Ralston. All in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:01P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Baugnet, Secretary