

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Sydney Waller, Andy Baugnet, Richard deRosa (via Zoom), Marion Karl (via Zoom), Roy Kortick, Johnnie Nemec (via Zoom), Bill Ralston
Also: Neal Newman, Town of Middlefield ZEO, Peg Leon Town Board Member

Meeting called to order 7:02 P.M. by Chair Waller

Minutes from September 3, 2020 meeting were read. Motion to approve by B. Ralston, 2nd Johnnie Nemec. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Ralston discussed continued Site Plan Review language. Bill Ralston and Andy Baugnet will make further changes and clarifications for presentation at next meeting. Progress has been made with wording and changes to the document as it was discovered that much of the wording from the 2011 document is either redundant, unclear, and/or not applicable.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Waller discussed previous work by Karen Sullivan (now retired Otsego County Planning Department Director) who advised the planning board to be proactive in thinking about how changes in land use affect the community through time.

Chair Waller discussed notes from a meeting that was held by Neal Newman (November 2019), and spoke of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. It was last updated in 2011 and should be updated every 5 years. It was agreed that a re-evaluation would benefit the Planning Board.

Broadband Internet was discussed in terms of having it at the town building. As supported by the Town of Middlefield Comprehensive Plan, it would be in the best interest of the town to ask for high speed internet to be installed. Neal Newman noted new home buyers are requesting broadband. It was suggested the Planning Board write a letter to the Town Board to see if they are aware of this, or would be interested in further investigating this matter.

J. Nemec made a motion to go on record to request the Town Board write a letter to internet service providers who service this area and the NY Governor's Office to request broadband access for town of Middlefield, court justice system, fire department, professional meetings, schools, etc. 2nd by B. Ralston. All in favor.

Neal Newman discussed how the town is required to have all Planned Development Districts (PDD) on a map available to the general public. Currently a map exists that shows all zoning districts with insets of the hamlets but it does not have the PDD districts noted.

Motion to adjourn by J. Nemec, 2nd R. Kortick. All in favor
Meeting adjourned at 7:40P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Baugnet, Secretary