

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2023

PRESENT: Chair Sydney Waller, Andy Baugnet, Roy Kortick (zoom), Johnnie Nemece, Bill Ralston (zoom), Abby Rodd
Also: Neal Newman, Middlefield ZEO. Jennifer Pinder Van Kampen, Middlefield Town Board

Meeting called to order 7:02 pm by Chair Waller

Minutes from December 1, 2022 meeting read. Motion to approve as amended by J. Nemece 2nd A. Rodd, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Waller inquired about getting an annual summary of ZEO activity. It was agreed this would help board members better understand projects that are being undertaken in the community. Neal Newman will provide a summary.

OLD BUSINESS

A public hearing was held to address the Solar Law revisions on Tuesday December 13, 2022 at the Middlefield Town Hall.

Comprehensive Plan Committee is scheduled to meet the third Tuesday of January. The meeting will be posted on the town website and open to the public.

Cannabis Law was discussed. Final draft gets sent to the Town Board.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was discussed. Money from this fund is administered by the Middlefield Town Board.

Climate Smart Community Task Force update. Otsego County Conservation Association (OCCA) is sponsoring a session regarding electric vehicles, charging stations, and other related topics sometime in March, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Administration of terms was discussed. Motion to recommend the Town Board appoint Andrew Baugnet for another term by J. Nemece, 2nd A. Rodd. All in favor.

Monthly agenda was discussed. It was decided the agenda will post on the town website 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting in order to better keep the public informed of planning board business.

Zoning Law edits. Chair Waller met with Bill Ralston and presented *Proposed Zoning Edits Part 1*. The board discussed proposed changes. Chair Waller will meet again with Bill Ralston to continue revisions.

Site Plan review and formatting of the document from Bill Ralston was discussed. Formatting of the document is an ongoing issue.

Other zoning law changes were discussed including cluster development.

Short Term Rentals were discussed. The Town Board will be asked if they would like us to proceed into research of model law and community laws that are already in place, and present a recommendation in due course.

Motion to adjourn 8:35pm by J. Nemece, 2nd A. Rodd.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Planning Board will be held on February 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Andrew Baugnet
Secretary