Minutes

Meeting of the Middlesex Planning Commission
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
6:00 PM
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
5 Church Street
Middlesex, VT 05602

This meeting was conducted in-person at the Town Clerk's Office and remotely using the town's Zoom account.

Planning Commission Members
Sandy Levine - Absent
Elle O'Casey
Mitch Osiecki
Paula Otenti
Betsy Davis - Absent

Call to Order
Vice-Chair Mitch Osiecki called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Roll Call
Planning Commission members Elle O'Casey, Mitch Osiecki, and Paula Otenti, were present. Betsy Davis and Sandy Levine were absent.

Mitch and Paula were present at the Town Office; Elle participated remotely via Zoom. Paula volunteered to take minutes.

Adjustments to Agenda
None

Minutes
Elle moved to approve minutes of July 17; Paula seconded.
Vote to approve: 3-0.

Old Business:

Municipal Water System in the Middlesex Village (update)

Mitch reported that the July flooding has taken much of the attention of the Select Board and Town staff. The PC has prepared a survey for Village-area residents about a possible municipal water system. We will look into whether the PC can help get this survey distributed soon.

Rumney School Road (update)

Paula shared costs of the hardware that will be required to clearly identify the school zone area, reduced speed areas, and generally enhance the overall safety in the Rumney area of Shady Rill. Preliminary costs do not include labor for installing signage. Paula also described a possible build-out approach, starting with traffic signage, as funding becomes available.

Mitch provided an update from Chris McVeigh regarding a possible pedestrian trail between Wood Rd and Rumney (north side of Shady Rill Rd). All but two landowners have responded to Chris so far. All respondents have indicated interest in developing a path or trail to enhance pedestrian safety. Chris agreed to try to get in touch with the two remaining landowners.

Galaxy of Yes (Colby Farm) Renewable Energy Project (update)

No news on this project.

Neighborhood In-fill Housing (update)

Elle discussed a housing survey she's been working on. Will share survey with PC members for comments/feedback in the near future.

Middlesex Village Traffic-calming Demonstration Project (update)

Due to flood-recovery efforts, projects of this type have been postponed until 2025.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct 16 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

Paula moved to adjourn; Elle seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Osiecki (from Paula's notes)