Draft Minutes

Meeting of the Middlesex Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
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
Tom Jackman - absent
Dave Magida
Mitch Osiecki
Paula Otenti

Call to Order
Chair Sandy Levine called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call
Planning Commission members present: Sandy Levine, Dave Magida, Mitch Osiecki and Paula Otenti were present. Tom Jackman was absent.

Dave Magida attended the meeting remotely. All others were present at the Town Office.

Agenda
No changes

Minutes
Approval of minutes from January 21 meeting was tabled.

Old Business

Middlesex was not selected to participate in the Municipal Climate Planning Framework & Guide Pilot program.

Middlesex's MPG application was approved for funding. Work on the project will begin in April. We should begin to think about potential zoning changes that might be appropriate.

SB Hearing
The Middlesex SB will be holding a public hearing to consider a possible upgrade of a Class 4 section of South Bear Swamp Rd.

Discussion of whether the PC should submit comments to the SB. The consensus was that the PC doesn't have a strong opinion one way or the other. The folks living near the area of interest may have legitimate concerns that should be considered. The decision whether to upgrade ultimately lies with the SB. Sandy agreed to draft some comments for the PC to consider focused on what the Town Plan says about Class 4 roads and having a policy about criteria for upgrading Class 4 Roads

Informational Table at Town Meeting
PC will set up a table and staff it for a chunk of the day. Paula and Mitch will collaborate.

Other updates to ongoing projects:

Rumney Walking Trails
Mitch will get an update from Chris McVeigh.

Neighborhood Infill Housing
We will include some information about housing infill at Town Meeting table. May present a short survey to collect feedback.

VTrans Demonstration Project in Middlesex Village
No updates.

FIT (Facilities Improvement Team)
Town Hall weatherization is ongoing.

Town Garage – committee is studying options. An Open House is scheduled for the day of Town Meeting.

Town Hall – storage space and accessibility are the two biggest deficiencies.

Workplan and Agenda Brainstorming
We should discuss short/medium/long term projects & opportunities at an upcoming meeting.

Project List Updated
Sandy has updated the project list. Information available on our Google Drive.

Other Business:

CVRPC re: Regional Transportation Planning. Not sure when this is slated to be taken up.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Mar 18 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

Paula moved to adjourn. Mitch seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Osiecki, Secretary