

# Draft Minutes

Middlesex Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

6:00 PM

Middlesex Town Clerk's Office

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## **Planning Commission Members**

Elias Gardner

Theo Kennedy

Sandy Levine

Mitch Osiecki

Dick Alderman – Absent

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

## **Adjustments to Agenda**

No adjustments to agenda.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mitch moved to approve minutes of meeting of September 18 and November 20; Elias seconded.

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

## **Old Business**

### *Enhanced Energy Plan*

Theo suggests that the Planning Commission review and discuss the final draft before releasing it to the community for further consideration.

Sandy suggests that we plan to devote an upcoming meeting to this topic. We should also consider presenting the EEP to the Select Board as part of a formal approval process.

It might also be a good idea to engage with the WNM Economic Development Work group and the Solutions Committee to help shepherd the EEP through town review.

### *MPG Update*

Mitch shared the news that our MPG application has been awarded full funding. Mitch briefly outlined next steps.

For the January meeting, Mitch will put together a short overview of the scope of our grant project and lay out steps, timelines and deliverable items.

### **New Business**

#### *Town Report – Planning Commission Report*

Sandy put together a draft report for inclusion in the Annual Town Report. No edits offered.

#### *Zoning Updates*

The Select Board has indicated support for the Planning Commission undertake revisions/updates to Middlesex Land Use (Zoning) Regulations.

Clare Rock of the CVRPC has previously shared some initial thought about potential revisions.

The observation was made that it will be important to strike a balance between incremental vs. major changes to the regulations. There's nothing wrong with offering major revisions where appropriate, but major changes will be expected to be met with more resistance. Could be worthwhile in some instances, but we'll have to be prepared to explain our rationale for all updates, especially the bigger ones.

#### *Miscellaneous*

We should also research status of members' terms – whose terms expire when?

### **Correspondence**

None

**Next Meeting** Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00.

### **Adjournment**

Theo moved to adjourn, Elias seconded. **Motion carried, 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Dick Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Elias Gardner \_\_\_\_\_

Theo Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_

Sandra Levine \_\_\_\_\_

Mitch Osiecki \_\_\_\_\_