

Draft Minutes

Middlesex Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

6:00 PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom videoconference & Phone

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Roll Call

Planning Commission Members

Elias Gardner
Theo Kennedy
Sandy Levine
Mitch Osiecki
Dick Alderman – Absent

Guests

Lauri Scharf, Middlesex Energy Coordinator

Note: Due to concerns about the spread of coronavirus, this meeting was conducted via Zoom videoconference and phone.

Adjustments to Agenda

No adjustments to agenda.

New Business

None

Old Business

Enhanced Energy Plan

Members have reviewed the working draft. Consensus that it looks pretty good, other than a few minor typos and corrections. Likely ready to distribute, once minor edits have been made.

Motion: Theo moved to accept final draft; Elias seconded. Roll call vote: Theo, Elias, Mitch, Sandy voted in the affirmative. **Motion carried, 4-0-0.**

Discussion of timeline

Observation was made that it will be useful to keep the Select Board apprised of progress on this project.

Municipal Planning Grant

Sandy and Mitch had a conference call with Chris and Dayton for an informal kickoff meeting last week. Chris scoped out initial steps. We hope to set up a site visit and begin some public outreach in June. The current ban on gatherings of groups larger than ten people presents challenges, of course.

Discussed importance of reaching out to businesses in the area, particularly the Planetary Matters team and also the Francis Foundation. Elias has contacts at Francis Foundation. Will coordinate with Dayton to make initial introductions.

Upcoming calendar:

- June 10: Special Meeting -- site visit/walkthrough
- June 17: scheduled June meeting
- July 1: Public Meeting on Enhanced Energy Plan
- July 8: Special Meeting - meet with Dubois & King/feedback
- July 15: scheduled July meeting
- July ??: Scheduled SB meeting – update SB on MPG work
- July 29: Special Meeting - Public Presentation of MPG project

Engineering Feasibility/Design Phase/Scoping Study would be the typical elements of the next phase of this project.

Public Communication

We're setting up a page on the What's Next Middlesex web site as a channel for sharing information about this project with the community. Elias will work with Lauri on this. Front Porch Forum is also a great channel to use.

We will also want to make plans to reach out to residents of the village about this project. Will be to our advantage to start making personal connections to as many village residents as we can.

Correspondence

Received a letter from Montpelier with updates regarding proposed changes to their zoning bylaws. No action needed.

Approval of Minutes

Elias moved to approve minutes of meetings of April 15; Theo seconded. Roll call vote: Theo, Elias, Mitch, Sandy voted in the affirmative. **Motion carried, 4-0-0.**

Adjournment

Motion: Theo moved to adjourn; Elias seconded. Roll call vote: Theo, Elias, Mitch, Sandy voted in the affirmative. **Motion carried, 4-0-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

