

MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
1/8/2013

The meeting came to order at 6:42. Members present were Terry Crean, Michael Hale, Janine Savoy, and Alan Vint. The minutes of the November 27, 2012 meeting were read and accepted.

A brief discussion of the former general store property and its neighboring property, both undergoing a tax taking, touched upon possible future reuse.

Janine Savoy handed out the most current version of a list of changes to the Open Meeting Law.

Maureen Sullivan joined the meeting at 6:50.

The Board devoted the meeting to planning the Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the Use Tables. It was deemed important that the Board conduct community outreach to garner interest and support for the proposed changes prior to the Public Hearing. Each board member was assigned the task of drafting an 80 word summary of the Use Table changes as a first step in preparation for community outreach.

It was determined that the Board would hold an information sharing event so that the community would be familiar with the proposed changes to the Use Tables prior to the Public Hearing. This meeting is planned for mid February. Janine and Michael volunteered to look into bulk rate mailing prior to an invitation to the informational event being sent to Middlefield residents. Michael will draft a letter of invitation.

Potential Public Hearing dates were discussed. It was concluded that scheduling the hearing within the first 10 days of March would allow time for making changes to the draft and allow for a continuation of the hearing if need be. This timetable will allow for the warrant article on the Use Table changes to be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Maureen will post the Use Table Drafts on the Town website.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 29, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Sullivan, Secretary