

Middlefield Planning Board

Minutes of May 22, 2013

The meeting was convened at 6:33 P.M.. Attending were Terry Crean, Michael Hale, Janine Savoy, Alan Vint and new member Cam McNiell

Election of Officers:

Alan Vint was elected to chairman's position with a four to zero vote with one abstention.

Terry Crean was elected to the position of planning board secretary by a 4 to 1 vote with Crean voting against himself.

There was ample board discussion regarding procedural matters such as the taking of adequate minutes and proper posting protocol such as the physical locations for the postings plus strategies for posting the minutes to the town's web-site.

Members further engaged in a discussion related to proper and significantly limited use of e-mail as a means of communicating with each other in-between meetings and other points related to Open Meeting Laws. Also, a reference to a new pamphlet about the Open Meeting Laws was made during the course of the meeting.

New chairman Vint is to set the agenda for the next meeting and indicated that Markel Smith from the Nature Conservancy requested time with the board regarding a sub-division matter. Gerry Garner, Building Commissioner is also scheduled to make a presentation to the board regarding his impressions of and suggestions for the proposed new Use Tables.

Member Savoy exited the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Numerous discussion items regarding deficiencies and discrepancies of the newly revised by-laws included the following list of concerns:

- Farm Stand Definition is very confusing
- Edits on headings not yet completed
- Section III: 3.0.1
- Home Based Businesses / Cottage Industry / Home Occupation

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Terrence Crean,
Board Secretary

