

Town Center Committee
2/19/16 Minutes

The meeting came to order at 1:02. Committee members in attendance were Judy Hoag, Mitch Feldmesser, Alan Vint, Jay Swift and Maureen Sullivan.

A goal statement, *the creation of a vibrant village center that will encourage more community involvement and provide for greater economic opportunities*, for the purposes of a Downtown Initiative grant application, was arrived at.

Some of the possible means to achieve that goal were identified as:

- Demolition of the former general store structure for reuse of the parcel, perhaps in the short term as a park.
- Rehabilitation of the abutting property's house for either public use or sale of that property for a business or mixed use.
- Adoption of the Village Center District into the Town's zoning bylaw.
- Aesthetic improvements to the Center.

Other considerations identified were:

- Middlefield is a very small community, population-wise.
- Many citizens commute out of town to work.
- Middlefield needs to create its identity
- How best do we draw people who are visiting natural and historic sites in and around the town to the Town's Center?

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen