

**TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD  
PLANNING BOARD  
April 17, 2014  
MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Michael Hale, Cam McNeill, Terry Crean

**Regrets:** Alan Vint

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M.

**Strategy for Town Meeting:**

Michael suggested having a presentation at the annual town meeting. Handouts and mailings were discussed. A short presentation informing the residents of the status of the Planning Board was discussed.

Terry is fulfilling the end of his term on the Planning Board. He will continue working with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Special Permit Granting Authority:**

The ZBA has the authority to grant special permits. A couple of bylaws state that the Planning Board has the authority to grant special permits, but the town's bylaws haven't caught up. It makes sense for the Planning Board to have the authority because it has a lot of knowledge.

**Solar Panels:**

Middlefield had an informational hearing on commercial solar arrays. At the town meeting, near its completion, a motion was made to make an amendment to allow commercial solar arrays only on town property. The motion passed.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of March 26 were deferred to the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Cam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M. Michael seconded. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be held on April 30, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux  
Recording Secretary