

May 17, 2018
Middlesex Vision to Action (VAF) Planning Meeting
Middlesex Town Hall

Draft Minutes

List of attendees, with committee/affiliation if any

Susan Clark (Solutions Committee)
Ursula Stanley (Girl Scouts)
Jill Drury (PTO)
Tim Murphy (Solutions Committee)
Dave Lawrence
Sandra Bettis
Sorsha Anderson (Conservation Commission)
Chris McVeigh (Rumney School Board)
Mark Bushnell
Susan Warren
Mitch Osiecki (Rec Director, Planning, Zoning)
Joanne Breidenstein (Rumney)
Jeff Koonz (Fire Dept. and Emergency Mgt. Committee)
Randy George (Red Hen)
Steve Melamed
Mike Pelchar
Michael Levine
Sandy Levine (Planning Commission)
Kimberly Jessup (State Rep)
Aimee Toth (Rumney Principal)
Dexter Lefavour (Solutions Committee)
Liz Scharf (Selectboard)
Lauri Scharf

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. VAF: Why Now?
4. What is a VAF?
5. Date and Location
6. Neighbors and Stakeholders
7. Next Steps

Agenda items 1 through 4) After welcome and introductions, Susan Clark (Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Chair) offered an overview of the reasons for the VAF and what it entails. (See attached FAQ sheet.)

Susan explained that the VAF timing seems especially timely now for a number of reasons. The planning commission is re-doing the Town Plan, and could use public input. She also noted that Camp Mead (Red Hen complex) has recently changed hands; meanwhile, there is a new principal at Rumney, and Washington Central Supervisory Union (which includes Middlesex/Rumney and U32) has been in difficult conversations regarding consolidation (Act 46) in recent years. The Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee agreed that the VAF will be a useful opportunity for the existing boards, commissions, groups etc. to hear about residents' priorities, generate fresh energy, and consider new possibilities for the future.

The group watched the VAF video -- available at this link:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1svufeRF9_o5tOuxMy9UnyD2DCbtwdVFK
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1svufeRF9_o5tOuxMy9UnyD2DCbtwdVFK/view?usp=sharing>

5) Date and Location

The group discussed these date possibilities:

Sept 21-22, 2018

Oct 26-27, 2018

Nov 30-Dec 1, 2018

While the group liked the September date, there were concerns that it could be too early to get all the community organizing done. Some feared the late November date would overlap with holiday parties. The October date was good but we needed to discuss how not to have this interfere with the Fall Harvest Dinner tradition. The group did not decide definitively on a date, and Susan said she would talk with the Harvest Dinner planners.

6) Neighbors and Stakeholders

In order for the VAF to succeed, the VAF will need to include as many residents from as many different geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic sectors of Middlesex as possible, as well as reach out to existing organizations and networks.

As a place to begin thinking about the diversity of our community and the wide range of people we need to invite, the group brainstormed a list, which we will continue to add to as we move along:

Town:	Historical Society
Selectboard	Bandstand
Town Clerk	Roads
Planning Commission	Recreation Committee
Conservation Commission	Wrightsville
Fire Dept	

School and Education:

Rumney students
 Rumney parents/PTO
 Rumney School Board
 Rumney Teachers, Staff,
 Administration
 U-32 (same list as above)
 Supervisory Union
 Home schoolers
 Daycare providers

Churches

United Methodist
 Shady Rill Baptist

Businesses

Red Hen
 Sticks & Stuff
 Snowplowers
 Firewood providers
 Bolducs
 McCullough Crushing
 Nutty Steph's
 Kingsbury Construction
 Mechanics
 Plumbers
 Veterinarians
 Roofing
 Dubois Construction
 Bear Creek Environmental
 Tree Farm
 Highland Gardens
 Sally's

Recording Studio (Madtech)

Loggers
 Farmers
 Construction and Trades
 Home businesses

Artists

Painters and other visual artists
 Writers
 Musicians
 Nick Hecht
 Mud Studio

And...

Retirees
 New residents
 Hunters
 Gardeners
 Book groups
 Yoga classes
 Herbalists
 Acupuncture
 Snowmobilers

Geographic Diversity

Village
 3 Mile Bridge
 Putnamville
 No. Middlesex
 ...Every road in town

7) Next Steps:

The group discussed the need for subcommittees. While we will need to recruit more for each subcommittee, we have the following as a starter list:

**Promotion and Publicity
(Includes print and social media)**

Lauri Scharf
 Michael Levine
 Chris McVeigh

Dave Lawrence
Mark Bushnell
[Janette Schaffer?]

Food

Liz
Randy George
Mitch Osiecki
[Honi Bean Barrett]

Site Logistics

Aimee Toth
Joanne Breidenstein
Dave Lawrence

Youth and Senior Involvement

Sorsha Anderson
[Eric Scharf]
Jen Campbell (student artists)

**Small Group Facilitators
(Identification and Recruitment)**

Steve Melamed
Sandy Levine

Child Care

Jill Drury
Ursula Stanley

Creative Engagement

Businesses
Dexter Lefavour
Susan Warren

Artists

Dexter Lefavour
Susan Warren
Jen Campbell (youth)

Fundraising

Susan Clark