Partnership Proposal Village of Middleburgh and "Middleburgh Commons" Project

MIDDLEBURGH COMMONS is a proposed Community, Art, and Science Center that would be built on the vacant Village owned lot just behind the also vacant 319 Main where the Napa building once stood. 319 Main will be developed into a garden featuring native northeast plants. A water fountain will sit at the corner of Baker Ave and Main Street. The building is proposed as a three story structure. Community event and rental space will be on the first floor, the second floor will have a garden deck along with a gallery and science center featuring exhibits about the Schoharie Valley Bioregion, telehealth therapy rooms will be on the third floor, management offices and 6 - 8 apartment units will fill out the remaining building footprint.

Middleburgh Commons asks the Village of Middleburgh to participate in this development by acting as the municipal applicant for the BRICKS grant available through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic preservation. The grant is administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. BRICKS stands for: Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids, and Seniors. The village would be asked to act as the applicant and commit to secure a bond for the full project costs if the project is awarded funding through the BRICKS grant. The application is due August 15th, being prepared in partnership with Rose Hollow Design and Schoharie Economic Enterprise Council (SEEC). If awarded, SEEC would act as the grant funds administrator and Rose Hollow Design will oversee all project development with design and construction partners. The BRICKS grant offers an extraordinary 80% project reimbursement. The 20% match will be fundraised by Rose Hollow Design and paid in full by the Middleburgh Commons 501c3 which will be fully incorporated by that time.

Tanja Konwinski, on behalf of the Middleburgh Commons project, will present the project to the Village Board.