

May 19, 2008 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding

Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello

Councillor Louis P. DiPalma

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Members Present

Councillor Barbara A. Barrow, Absent

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:

**Review of FY 2008 – 2009 proposed Department Budgets – Town Hall
Departments, Refuse and Recycling Fund and Non-Department
Specific**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at the
Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode
Island 02842.**

Paul M. Rodrigues, President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Town Administrator

Finance Director

**Town Solicitor
Public Library
Recreation Director**

**Tax Assessor
Building Official
Town Planner**

**Human Resource Director
Senior Citizens Director**

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Also present were Interim Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Deputy Finance Director Lynne Dible, Accounting Manager Deb Barrett, Accountant Mark Tanguay, Building Official Jack Kane, Information Technology Director Matthew Wainwright, Substance Abuse Task Force Coordinator Lori Verderosa, Town Planner Ron Wolanski, and Tax Assessor William Shorey.

Refuse and Recycling Fund

Interim Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the options requested by the Council for the pay as you throw program entered below. Mr. Brown noted that the tax rate would not increase to fund the program.

Discussion centered around setting a participation fee, the cost of bags and minimizing the diversion rate. Mr. Brown explained that the options are based on the number of participants there are in the

program today. Waste Management wants to look at the summer counts before considering adjustments to the contract. They will look at the contract in the fall of 2008.

Building Official

Building Official Jack Kane reviewed the budget handout, which included the goals and highlights of the department entered here:

Mr. Kane is requesting the Zoning Enforcement Officer position be increased to full time and allow the Assistant Building Official to obtain certifications for mechanical, plumbing and electrical inspector. It was noted that these changes would decrease liabilities to the Town.

Planning

Town Planner Ronald Wolanski noted the increase in salary to the Assistant Town Planner position was due to a reclassification. Currently, the department is in the process of hiring to fill the position.

Information Services

Discussion centered around the proposed purchase of a new accounting program. Information Technology Director Matthew Wainwright noted the overview of the department budget entered here:

Mr. Brown noted that the current accounting system is (8) eight years old and to upgrade would be a large expense. Mr. Wainwright explained that the new system would meet the requirements set by new state legislation.

On the motion Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk