

August 4, 2008 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Norman Bird Sanctuary on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 4:05 P.M.

Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello, Presiding

Councillor Barbara A. Barrow, arrives at 4:20 PM

Councillor Louis P. DiPalma

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Members Present

Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Absent

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

POSTED – July 31, 2008

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:

Tour of Norman Bird Sanctuary facility and Presentation by Evan Smith, Newport County Convention & Visitors Bureau – Discussion of local tourist industry (tourism/hospitality) and matters related thereto

Said meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2008, at 4:00 P.M. at the Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Paul M. Rodrigues, President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

Public Library

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 Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication and open said meeting.

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Present also were Town Planner Ron Wolanski, Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay, State Senator June Gibbs, State Representative Bruce J. Long, representatives from the Norman Bird Sanctuary, Middletown Economic Development Committee, Newport County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Newport County Chamber of Commerce, and the United States Navy.

Natasha Harris, Assistant Director of the Norman Bird Sanctuary, addressed the Council reviewing the history of the Norman Bird Sanctuary and Events held on the premises.

Evan Smith, President/CEO, Newport County Convention & Visitors Bureau gave the following presentation on Travel & Tourism – Mid – Season Progress Report entered here:

Discussion centered around opportunities for growth in the area pertaining to tourism, bringing conferences to the local hotels, concerns of visitors to the area and development of a pavilion at Sachuest Beach.

On motion of Councilor Barrows, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 5:20 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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