

**November 22, 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 Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 10:00 P.M.**

**Council President Christopher T. Semonelli**

**Vice Chairman Richard Cambra**

**Councillor Frank A. Bozyan, Members Present**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.**

**Councillor Robert J. Sylvia**

**Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas**

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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:**

**1. Appointment of Town Council representatives to various boards and commissions.**

**2. Communication of Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Chairman, Middletown Planning Board, re: Establishing a sub-committee for Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan.**

**Said meeting will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.**

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**Christopher T. Semonelli,**

**President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**CC:**

**Town Council**

**Public Library**

**Town Administrator**

**Town Solicitor**

**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.**

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## **ADDENDUM TO COUNCIL AGENDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008, 10:00 A.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

- 1. Communication of Town Administrator, re: Establishment of Audit Committee.**

**Councillor VonVillias moved, and it was duly seconded, to receive said communication.**

**Present also were Town Administrator Shawn Brown and Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller.**

**2. Appointment of Town Council representatives to various boards and commissions.**

**Council action concerning appointment of Council representatives on various boards is as follows:**

**Council President Semonelli withdrew his name from requesting to be appointed to the Beach Commission.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor Bozyan and Councillor Silviera to the Beach Commission.**

**No appointment was made to the Charter Review Commission, due to Charter recently being revised.**

**No appointment was made to the Coastal Resources Management Council, due to no issues facing Middletown at this time.**

**On motion of Councillor Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted to appoint Councillor Silveira to the Newport County Convention and Visitors Bureau.**

**No appoint was made to the Demery Memorial Park Committee. It was the consensus of the Council that the committee is now dissolved, due to the completion of the project.**

**No appointment was made to the East Bay Community Action Program/New Visions. The Town of Middletown shares a seat with the Town of Portsmouth, currently Portsmouth holds the seat.**

**Council President Semonelli, Vice Chairman Cambra and Councillor Silviera all requested to withdraw their names from being appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Camba, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor Sylvia to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.**

**No appointments were made to the Financial Planning Committee, due to a suggestion that the committee be dissolved.**

**Councillor VonVillas expressed interest in the committee, however, noted that since the committee will be dissolved she would like to be appointed to the Audit Committee.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to dissolve the Financial Planning Committee.**

**Councillor Bozyan nominated Councillor Santos to the Hall of**

**Fame/Veterans Memorial Committee.**

**Councillor Silviera nominated Councillor Sylvia to the Hall of Fame/Veterans Memorial Committee.**

**Vice Chairman Cambra nominated Councillor Silveira to the Hall of Fame/Veterans Memorial Committee.**

**On motion of Council Santos, duly seconded, it was voted, unanimously to close said nominations.**

**On motion of Council President Semonelli, duly seconded it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor Santos, Councillor Silviera and Councillor Sylvia to the Hall of Fame/Veterans Memorial Committee.**

**Discussion centered around if the Information Technology Committee should be dissolved.**

**On motion of Councillor Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor Bozyan to the Information Technology Committee and request that Councillor Bozyan evaluate the committee, report to the council for consideration of dissolving said committee.**

**On motion of Councillor Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor Bozyan to the Library Board of Trustees.**

**On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Vice Chairman Cambra to the Open Space and Fields Committee.**

**On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted**

**unanimously to appoint Councillor Silviera to the Open Space and Fields Committee, if more than one representative can sit on said board. The Composition, Terms and Meetings of the Committee were reviewed and indicated only one seat on the board. Councillor VonVillas withdrew the motion.**

**On motion of Councillor Silviera, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor VonVillas to the Pension Trust Fund Investment Committee.**

**No appointments were made to the Potter League Board of Directors, due to the request of the Executive Director. The seat held by Middletown will be returned to the general community.**

**On motion of Councillor Silviera, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously not to appoint a Council member to the Potter League Board of Directors.**

**On motion of Councillor Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor Bozyan to the Roads & Utilities Advisory Committee.**

**No appointment was made to the School Building Committee, due to the committee having been dissolved.**

**No appointment was made to the School SPARK Team, due to the committee having been dissolved.**

**No appointment was made to the Sister Cities committee, due to the committee having been dissolved.**

**No appointments were made to the Special Assessment Sub-Committee, due to no current water/sewer projects being performed in Middletown at this time.**

**On motion of Councillor Bozyan, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor Silviera to the Substance Abuse Task Force.**

**On motion of Councillor Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to dissolve the Town Administrator Sub-committee.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor VonVillas to the West Side Mater Plan committee.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to rename the Hall of Fame/Veterans Memorial Committee to Citizens Memorial Committee.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown addressed the Council requesting the establishment of a Proposed Budget Advisory committee. The**

**committee would meet at least once a week to discuss the budget.**

**On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to request the Town Administrator to formalize the establishment of a Proposed Budget Advisory committee to be considered at the Council's next regular meeting December 1, 2008.**

**3. Communication of Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Chairman, Middletown Planning Board, re: Establishing a sub-committee for Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan.**

**On motion of Vice Chaiman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Chairman, Middletown Planning Board, addressed the Council reviewing his request for the Council to**

**establish a sub-committee for the Comprehensive Community Plan update which needs to be completed by July 2009.**

**On motion of Councillor Silviera, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to continue this matter to the next regular meeting of the Council, December 1, 2008.**

**4. Communication of Town Administrator, re: Establishment of Audit Committee.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that the AICPA has issued new auditing standards which includes the Town Council to sign and accept the Town Financial Statements. The Auditor General of the State of Rhode Island encourages the formation of this committee.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to continue this matter to the next regular meeting of the Council, December 1, 2008.**

**On motion of Councillor Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 10:35 A.M.**

**Wendy J.W.**

**Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**