

February 17, 2009 - 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 Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding

Vice Chairman Richard Cambra

Councillor Frank A. Bozyan

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

POSTED – February 11, 2009

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:

Presentation of Wind Turbine Feasibility Committee, re: Municipal Wind Energy in the Town of Middletown and matters related there to

**Said meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 6:00 P.M.
at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode
Island 02842.**

Christopher T. Semonelli,

President

Middletown Town Council

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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.

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

Present, representing the Wind Turbine Feasibility Committee were Christine W. Forster, Chair and members Donald F. Mallinson, Raymond V. Mosher and Peter T. Tarpgaard.

Christine W. Forster, Chair, Wind Turbine Feasibility Committee addressed the Council and presented the following Power Point

presentation entered here:

The areas within the Town which can support Wind Turbines are along Burma Road, West Main Road and Sachuest Beaches.

Peter Tarpgaard, Member of the Wind Turbine Committee presented the following Power Point presentation entered here:

Christine Forster, Chair of the Wind Turbine Committee recommends the Town move forward with a site suitability study. There is an Economic Development Grant which closes March 31, 2009 that may be used to conduct such a study.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that a decision would need to be made pertaining to the placement of the wind turbine. There may be planning issues relating to placement of a wind turbine. The Council would need to pass a resolution which would include the Town matching grant funds.

It was the consensus of the Council to request the Town Administrator to review the process for a wind turbine project and recommend areas in which a turbine could be placed. The Town Administrator will provide this information to the Council at its March 16, 2009 regular meeting.

On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 6:48 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk