

July 11, 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 Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 2:15 P.M.

Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding

Vice Chairman Richard Cambra

Councillor Frank A. Bozyan

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Councillor M. Theresa Santos, Absent

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia

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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., 42-46-4. 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:

Joint Meeting with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Congressman Patrick Kennedy, re: Discussion of the following items:

- 1) Economic Development & Aquidneck Corporate Park**
- 2) Fire Station Renovation**
- 3) Aquidneck Corporate Park Tour**
- 4) Wastewater issues**

Said meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009, at 2:00 P.M. beginning at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842, 2:30 P.M. will be a Tour of the Aquidneck Corporate Park, Valley Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842, 3:30 P.M. Wave Avenue Pump Station, Wave Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842 and at 3:45 P.M. Atlantic Beach Club, Purgatory Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Christopher T. Semonelli,

President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Public Library

Finance Director

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Building Official

Town Planner

Public Works Director

Town Engineer

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.

Also present were U.S. Congressman Jim Langevin, Rhode Island Senate President M. Teresa Paiva-Weed, State Representative District 74 Deborah L. Ruggiero, State Representative District 72 Amy G. Rice, Representing the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Keith Stokes, Representing MEDAC Chairman Robert M. Silva, Representing the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation John Riendeau, Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Planner

Ronald Wolanski, Fire Chief Ronald N. Doire, Public Works Director Thomas O'Loughlin, Town Engineer Warren Hall, and Representing the Middletown School Department Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger.

Congressman Patrick Kennedy introduced Rhode Island Senate President M. Teresa Paiva-Weed, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Keith Stokes and U.S. Congressman Jim Langevin.

Council President Semonelli introduced Vice Chairman Cambra, Councillor Bozyan, Councillor Silveira, Councillor VonVillas, Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Planner Ronald Wolanski, State Representative District 74 Deborah L. Ruggiero, State Representative Amy G. Rice, MEDAC Chair Robert Silva and Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation representative John Riendeau.

Council President Semonelli welcomed and expressed his appreciation to all for attending the meeting in Middletown. Mr. Semonelli presented a Town Tile to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

MEDAC Chairman Robert M. Silva addressed the attendees noting he has been a member of MEDAC since 1991. Mr. Silva reviewed the history of creating the Aquidneck Corporate Park also noting that the Town is researching possibilities for expanding the park.

John Riendeau, representing the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, explained the importance and existence of the Naval War College and the Naval Underwater Warfare Center. Mr. Riendeau noted that the Corporate Park is a successful entity with highly skilled professionals.

Congressman Patrick Kennedy noted that the professional development of the Navy, technology development and an investment of infrastructure are very important. Mr. Kennedy expressed the need for low interest loans and the need for federal dollars to support future economic development.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Keith Stokes noted that the visit to the Aquidneck Corporate Park will enable all to see infrastructure at work.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi noted that she is honored to be here in Middletown. Ms. Pelosi realizes the pride within this community and is looking forward to touring the Aquidneck Corporate Park.

At 2:35 pm, the group left Town Hall and arrived at Advanced Solutions For Tomorrow at 2:45 pm.

President/ CEO Anjan Dutta-Gupta, Executive Vice President Wayne King, Senior Vice President/Technical Director Philip Higgins and Vice President James Paiva, representing Advanced Solutions For Tomorrow gave a brief overview of their company. A handout was supplied by Advanced Solution For Tomorrow which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

At 3:00 pm, the group left Advanced Solutions For Tomorrow and arrived at SGE Renewable Energy f/k/a Northeast Engineers & Consultants at 3:04 pm.

Representing SGE were Blake Henderson and Eric Offenber, Principals of the Company, explaining the company's transition to the renewable energy area and how the company will create and retain jobs.

At 3:10 pm, the group left SGE Renewable Energy and arrived at New Child & Family Community Center at 3:15 pm.

President/CEO Peter DiBari, representing Child & Family, explained that the company provides services for children and families from infant care to elderly care. The group met two families which utilized the services and programs provided by Child & Family, toured the new facility including the Counseling Center and Early Learning Center followed by a press conference held in the new Vera C. Mason Community Room.

At 3:52 pm, the group left the New Child & Family Community Center and arrived at Dunlap Wheeler Park at 4:00 pm.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Public Works Director Tom O'Loughlin, Town Engineer Warren Hall and Town Planner Ronald Wolanski explained the Middletown storm water, sanitary sewer and economic impact on businesses within the Town.

On motion of Councillor Silveira, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 4:11 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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