

April 27, 2011 - 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 Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Presiding

Vice President Bruce J. Long

Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Antone C. Viveiros

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Councillor Richard Cambra, Absent

POSTED – April 25, 2011

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 items of business:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

- 1. Review of FY 2011–2012 Proposed Department Budgets – Senior Citizens Center and Public Library, including related grants and CIP submissions.**
- 2. 7:00 pm - Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Charles Vaillancourt.**
- 3. 7:10 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Gregory S. Shultz.**
- 4. 7:20 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Henry Lombardi, Jr.**

5. 7:30 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Olin D. Gambrell, Sr.

6. 7:40 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Lynn Creighton Freeland.

7. 7:50 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Leonidas Amarant.

8. 8:00 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Nicholas Pasyanos.

9. 8:10 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – James Miller.

Said meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 6:00 P.M.

**at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode
Island 02842.**

Arthur S. Weber, Jr., President

Middletown Town Council

cc:

Town Council

Public Library

Finance Director

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

Senior Director

**Human Resource Manager
Middletown 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 Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller (arrived at 6:48 pm), Finance Director Lynne Dible, Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay and Accounting Manager Deborah Barrett.

1. Review of FY 2011–2012 Proposed Department Budgets – Senior Citizens Center and Public Library, including related grants and CIP submissions.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said department reviews.

Senior Center

Senior Citizens Director Arleen Kaull addressed the Council noting that the Senior Center is extremely active with weekly and daily activities, explaining the events, providing social services, meal site program (serving over 8,000 meals this year), and having improvements completed to the center at no cost to the taxpayer. Ms. Kaull explained that Eagle Scouts enclosed a coat rack in the center and there is a vegetable garden outside the center, which is shared with Head Start.

Discussion centered around a Visiting Nurse program (Home Med Wellness Center), Salve nursing students engaging with the seniors, the RIDE bus, building repairs and overtime within the proposed budget.

Library

Present representing the Library were Library Director Theresa Coish, Library Board Chairman Paul Lamond and Library Board Members Stephen Arendt and Ellrony Williams.

Library Director Theresa Coish presented a power point presentation reviewing the Library programs and services.

Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller joined the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Mr. Arendt reviewed the following power point presentation entered here:

Councillor Viveiros left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Discussion centered around the growth of library circulation, public computers, creating more quiet space and the Friends of the Library.

Finance Director Lynne Dible, Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay and Senior Account Deborah Barrett left the meeting at 7:08 pm.

2. 7:00 pm - Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Charles Vaillancourt.

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- 5. 7:30 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Olin D. Gambrell, Sr.**

- 6. 7:40 pm – Interview for Zoning Board of Review – Lynn Creighton Freeland. (application withdrawn)**

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Candidates for the Zoning Board of Review were interviewed in open session; applicants interviews began at 7:10 pm with 1) Charles Vaillancourt, 10 Wyndham Hill Road 2) Gregory S. Schultz, 110 Riverview Avenue

Council President Weber recused himself from participating in the interview of Henry Lombardi, Jr.

3) Henry Lombardi, Jr., 2 Linden Street 4) Olin D. Gambrell, Sr., 3

Orville Drive

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to recess this meeting at 7:30 pm.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to reconvene this meeting at 7:42 pm.

At 7:42 pm, the candidates interviewed in open session were: 1) Leonidas Amarant, 39 Crescent Road 2) Nicholas Pasyanos, 2 Toni Lynn Terrace and 3) James Miller, 150 Forest Avenue.

All applicants responded to the following questions:

- 1. Why do you want to be on the Zoning Board of Review?**
- 2. Are you available for meetings?**

Some applicants gave personal background, were asked if they had previous experience with the board and asked if they were aware of upcoming issues that may cause them to recuse from the board.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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