

**At a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown,  
RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 6:00  
P.M.**

**Vice President Robert J. Sylvia, Presiding**

**Councillor Richard P. Adams**

**Councillor Bruce J. Long, arrives at 6:05 pm**

**Councillor Paul M. Rodrigues**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present**

**Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Absent**

**POSTED – April 4, 2013**

**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., 42-46-5., 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. Executive Session - Pursuant to provisions of RIGL, Sections 42-46-2, 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a) (5) Land Acquisition (Berkeley Avenue).**

**2. Review with School Committee – School Budget, related grants, CIP submissions and matters related thereto**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2013, at 6:00 P.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**

**Finance Director**

**Town Administrator**

**Town Solicitor**

**School Department**

**Human Resource Manager**

**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 Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**1. Executive Session - Pursuant to provisions of RIGL, Sections 42-46-2, 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a) (5) Land Acquisition (Berkeley Avenue).**

**On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to recess open session and reconvene in executive session at 6:03 pm.**

**On motion of Vice President Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted**

**unanimously to recess executive session and reconvene in open session at 6:40 pm.**

**On motion of Councillor Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted to purchase the conservation easement on Berkeley Avenue, all voted NO to said motion; MOTION FAILED TO PASS.**

**On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to seal the executive session minutes pursuant to Section 42-46-7. RIGL.**

**Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller left the meeting at 6:45 pm.**

**Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Facilities Director Edward Collins, School Committee Chair Theresa Spengler, Vice Chair Kellie DiPalma, and members Liana Ferreira Fenton, Paul Mankofsky, and William O'Connell.**

**Also, present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Finance Director Lynne Dible, Deputy Finance Director Mark Tanguay and Deputy Town Clerk Karin Clancey.**

**2. Review with School Committee – School Budget, related grants, CIP submissions and matters related thereto**

**On motion of Vice President Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to begin review of School Budget, related grants, CIP submission for the proposed FY 2013-2014 budget and matters related thereto.**

**Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger reviewed an informational packet regarding the proposed FY 2013-2014 School Department budget, which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.**

**School Committee Chair Theresa Spengler addressed the Council noting during this Legislative session she has testified on several bills including Pay to Play, Binding Arbitration and Teacher Layoff date.**

**School Committee Chair Theresa Spengler and Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger reviewed the Fiscal Year 2013/14 budget highlights requesting a 3.9% increase, entered here:**

**Discussion centered around the funding formula, healthcare costs, charter schools, staff reorganization, Basic Education Plan, purchase of text books, number of school employees, core curriculum, collaboration with other school districts and the Town, facilities maintenance department, labor contracts, average cost per employee, pay to play, grant submissions, the importance of communication, the School CIP budget, safety repairs on school properties, Fielding Nair report, impact Fees and cost efficiencies.**

**The Council explained to the School Committee that the School**

**would receive a budget increase of 2%.**

**On motion of Council Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 8:42 pm.**

**Wendy J.W.**

**Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**

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