

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown,  
RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at  
9:00 P.M.**

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

**Councillor Henry F. Lombardi, Jr.**

**Councillor Paul M. Rodrigues**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Antone C. Viveiros**

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

**Vice President Robert Kempenaar, II, Absent**

**POSTED – April 8, 2015**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk**

**Town of Middletown**

**Town Hall – 350 East Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

**Dear Ms. 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. All items on this agenda, may be considered, discussed and voted upon.**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**Trolley Tour of the following recreation fields to review field conditions and matters related thereto:**

- 1. Linden Park – West Main Road**
- 2. Oliphant School Field – Oliphant Lane**
- 3. Drive In Property - Aquidneck Avenue**
- 4. Joseph H. Gaudet School Field - Turner Road Entrance**
- 5. Berkeley Avenue Open Field – Berkeley Avenue**
- 6. War Memorial Field – Berkeley Peckham School – Green End Avenue**
- 7. Aquidneck School Field - Reservoir Road**
- 8. Middletown High School Field – Valley Road**

**Said meeting will be begin and conclude at the Middletown Town Hall,  
350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842 on Saturday,  
April 18, 2015 at 9:00 AM.**

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**Robert J. Sylvia, President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**cc:**

**Town Council**

**Public Library**

**Finance Director**

**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 this meeting.**

**Present also were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Solicitor Peter B. Regan, Deputy Town Clerk Karin Clancey, Public Works Director Tom O'Loughlin, Town Engineer Warren Hall, Operations & Facility Manager Will Cronin, and School Department Facilities Manager Pete Anderson.**

**Council President Sylvia noted that today is the start of the process regarding field conditions within the Town, only fact finding. Mr. Sylvia requests participants to write down their questions and return to the Town Administrator to be addressed at a later date.**

**Council President Sylvia reviewed the communication, above.**

**On motion of Councillor Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to write down questions, no questions or decisions during this fact finding trip, all communications be relayed to the Administration and addressed as a whole.**

**The Trolley departed Middletown Town Hall at 9:05 a.m. The first stop was Linden Park.**

**Operations & Facility Manager Will Cronin explained that Linden Park is used for Youth Lacrosse practice and games. The field is not regulation size and cannot be used for the older Youth Lacrosse programs. If the direction of the field is changed to East / West, the area would be a regulation field.**

**Left Linden at 9:20 a.m.**

**Second stop Oliphant School Field.**

**Operations & Facility Manager Will Cronin explained the field is used for T-Ball and Single M Baseball**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that the back field is close to wetlands and it is the only public space on the west side of Town.**

**Discussion centered around wetlands, Bailey Brook, parking issues, the composition of the infield being the incorrect material and the fields become dusty, due to lack of irrigation.**

**Left Oliphant School Field at 9:37 a.m.**

**Third stop was Gaudet School Field from Aquidneck Avenue.**

**The participants walked from Aquidneck Avenue side of Gaudet School to Turner Road side of the School, walked the fields at the school and entered Drive In Property through Gaudet School back gate.**

**Town Engineer Warren Hall explained that the Drive In Property is approximately 11 acres, approximately 4 of which is wetland. The property is gently sloping.**

**Discussion centered around no environmental issues on the property, drainage and a couple of fields would be able to fit on the property.**

**Left the Drive In Property at 10:20 a.m. heading to Berkeley Avenue Field.**

**Town Engineer Warren Hall noted that the property is 6 acres.**

**Left Berkeley Avenue Field to War Memorial Field (Berkeley Peckham School) at 10:39 a.m. heading to Aquidneck School Field.**

**Left Aquidneck School Field at 11:22 a.m. heading to the Middletown High School Field.**

**Matthew Nunes from Island Lacrosse noted that this area contains one regulation field at the Middletown High School.**

**Left Middletown High School at 11:38 a.m. to Town Hall**

**On motion of Councillor Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 11:45 a.m.**

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**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Town Clerk**

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