



Town of Middletown

TOWN HALL 350 EAST MAIN ROAD
MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND 02842

Minutes

***Of the meeting of Monday, April 13, 2009
Middletown, RI Conservation Commission***

Present: Gary Paquette, Chair; Bob Johnson; Peter Tarpgaard; Bruce Long

Absent: Stan Ehrlich; Betty Owen; Audrey Rearick, Planning Board Liaison

Guests: Warren Hall, Middletown Town Engineer Jim Marshall, Aquidneck Island Watershed Council

Old Business: None

New Business: Middletown Town Engineer, Warren Hall, presented a discussion of the Valley Road/Green End Avenue intersection improvement project stormwater abatement measures. A presentation on the proposed Middletown War Memorial Park project by Mr. Kenneth Walsh of the Middletown Historical Society originally scheduled for this meeting was postponed to the May meeting due to Mr. Walsh's inability to attend the meeting.

Mr. Hall stated that other than what was already in place, that there would be no additional upgrades made to the stormwater abatement system in the subject area. The Commission stated their desire that some improvements should have been designed into the project and that because runoff from the present intersection is already channeled directly into Easton's Pond without treatment that this might have been the ideal time to add additional stormwater abatement features. Mr. Hall stated that the project was essentially planned and funded at the State level and that the town had very little input to the project. The presence of a large number of legacy infrastructures in the area makes it very difficult to excavate without damaging existing pipes. For example, it is known that the stormwater line descending from the west up Green End Hill currently drains into the marshy area to the north of Green End Avenue but that the location of the outfall of this system is unknown and does not appear on any town plans. The Commission stated its desire that consideration be given to implementing as many no-cost or low-cost stormwater abatement features as possible within the budgetary and jurisdictional constraints of the project. Mr. Hall stated that he would recommend that the moving and renovation of the existing stone wall along the southern edge of Green End Avenue be moved inland as far as possible in order to provide a wider expanse of grassy area to allow for maximum percolation of the sheet flow from the intersection before it enters Easton's Pond. On the plus side, the Commission agreed that the anticipated increased

