

Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 5:00 pm

Middletown Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

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Others present:

Rick McAuliffe

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 5pm.

1. Congressional funding requests – Mr. McAuliffe stated that he will be meeting with the congressional delegation in upcoming weeks regarding the town’s appropriations requests. Passage during the lame-duck session of congress appears increasingly unlikely.

2. RIDLT Workforce Training Grant – Mr. McAuliffe stated that an announcement of the grant award is expected in late November.

3. MEDAC activities –

a. There was discussion of the Power point presentation prepared by Mr. McAuliffe that will be provided to businesses and civic groups. Comments on the presentation should be forwarded to MR. Wolanski or Mr. McAuliffe. A “dry run” of the presentation will be provided during the January 2011 MEDAC meeting.

b. Meetings with the Govenor-elect and the Congressman-elect will be requested after the holidays.

4. Aquidneck Corp Park update – Mr. Wolanski stated that the utility and other repairs are nearing completion, and paving is expected during the next two weeks. An easement will be required to place one of the directory signs on private property, adjacent to Johnnycake Hill Rd.

5. Newport Airport Discussion – Mr. Hill stated that the committee may wish to work to promote runway extension at Newport State

Airport. There was discussion of the potential benefits to economic development, as well as likely resident concerns. Mr. Wolanski discussed the RI Airport Corporation's recently completed master plan for the airport, which does not include a runway extension. Mr. Wolanski will provide electronic copies of the master plan to the committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.