

**Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, January 20, 2011, 4:30 pm**

**Middletown Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

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**Art Weber, Town Council Rep. ex-officio\_x\_\_**

**Chris Semonelli, Town Council Rep. ex-officio \_\_\_\_\_**

**Jody Sullivan\_\_x\_**

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**Ron Wolanski, Town Planner – ex-officio\_\_ x\_**

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**Others present:**

**Shawn Brown**

**Rick McAuliffe**

**Jeffery Taylor**

**1. Discussion with VHB re West Main/Coddington Master Plan**

**Geoffrey Morrison-Logan of VHB discussed the ongoing planning project. There was discussion of the findings of the market analysis, and early ideas for redevelopment options.**

**2. Potential visit by Congressman Cicilline**

**Mr. McAuliffe discussed the tentatively scheduled visit by Congressman Cicilline, planned for February 7th.**

**3. Potential Enterprise Zone for Former Navy Lands**

**There was discussion of possible legislation to establish a new enterprise zone that might encompass the surplus Navy lands and areas important to the defense industry. Mr. McAuliffe will investigate the options and report back.**

**4. Project updates**

**Mr. McAuliffe provided an update on ongoing efforts including the RIDLT workforce training grant awarded to the SENEDIA and MEDAC; appropriations requests (on hold due to federal budget delays); PowerPoint presentation to be given to local businesses.**

**Mr. Wolanski discussed the planned MEDAC/Chamber hosted presentation by USDA and People's Power and Light on alternative energy and energy efficiency funding opportunities for small businesses. The presentation is scheduled for February 2nd at 8am.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6pm.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Ronald M. Wolanski**

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