

**Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 5:00 pm**

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

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**Mike Hill (exp. 1/13) \_\_x\_\_**

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

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

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

**Newport County Chamber of Commerce – ex-officio**

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

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**Others present:**

**1. Mr. Silva started the meeting with moment of silence in recognition of the passing Sen. June Gibbs.**

**2. RIEDC/Gov. Chafee Middletown Business Forum – May 9th.**

**Mr. Wolanski stated that Gov. Chafee and RIEDC will hold a small business forum on May 9th , 9:30am, at Middletown Public Library. MEDAC member are invited to attend.**

**3. Update on America's Cup & Tall Ships events planning.**

**Mr. Wolanski stated that the town will participate with Chamber of Commerce efforts, including possibly staffing a booth.**

**There was discussion of the town helping to promote local restaurants and other businesses.**

**Mr. Wolanski stated that these efforts are being addressed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention & Visitor's Bureau. He will confirm with these groups.**

**4. Update – Middletown Enterprise Zone legislation**

**Mr. Wolanski stated that he will contact Sen. DiPalma to learn the status of the bill to expand the proposed enterprise zone.**

**There was discussion of the types of businesses that are eligible to benefit from the enterprise zone designation. Mr. Wolanski stated that larger companies are eligible. He will confirm the eligibility requirements with RIEDC.**

**5. Update on RIDLT training grant.**

**6. Update on BRAC 2005 Navy surplus lands reuse planning.**

**7. Other business.**

**8. Adjourn**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Ronald M. Wolanski**

**Planning Director**