

Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 5:00 pm
Middletown Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

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Newport County Chamber of Commerce – ex-officio
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Ron Wolanski, Town Planner – ex-officio__x_

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Others present:

Shawn Brown

1. Review MEDAC charge - discuss potential revisions.

There was discussion and consensus that the current MEDAC charge is too limiting. Mr. Wolanski was asked to draft a revision that the committee will discuss during the November Planning Board meeting.

2. Discuss potential regional economic development effort.

Jody Sullivan discussed the concept of establishing a regional economic development effort under the banner of the Newport County Development Corporation. The effort would be staffed at the Chamber and would provide services to Newport County communities.

3. Update - Middletown Enterprise Zone application for formal designation.

Mr. Wolanski stated that the Town had requested additional time to formulate a regional approach to the application, which would make it more competitive. Mr. Brown will discuss with Newport City Manager the benefit of combined effort to also include the north end of Newport in the application.

The meeting adjourned at 6pm

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald M. Wolanski

Planning Director