

Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 5:00 pm

Middletown Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

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Shawn Brown, Town Administrator X

The meeting was called to order at 5pm

1. Update - Regional economic development proposal in cooperation with the Newport County Chamber of Commerce and other county municipalities.

Mr. Wolanski provided copies of the MEDAC memo and resolution the was forwarded to the Town Council regarding town support for the regional economic development effort.

Ms. Sullivan indicated that she will submit a letter to the Town Council in order to appear on the March 3rd docket for consideration of town support for the effort.

**2. Continued discussion of MEDAC priorities and work plan for 2014.
There was discussion of potential opportunities to support the educational pipeline.**

Ms. Von Villas discussed the need to promote training entry-level jobs that do not require a college degree.

Mr. Semonelli mention the STEAM summit in April.

Ms. Fenton provided copies of the Massachusetts Plan for Excellence in STEM Education.

The meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ronald M. Wolanski, Planning Director