

## **Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 4:30 pm  
Middletown Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

### **Members Present:**

John Bagwill  
Joseph A. Cirillo, Vice Chair  
Tom Kowalczyk  
David Lepore  
Barbara VonVillas, Town Council ex-officio  
Dennis Turano

### **Members absent:**

Nicholas Coogan  
Erin Donovan-Boyle  
Liana Ferreira-Fenton  
Robert Silva  
Ronald Wolanski

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cirillo at 4:30pm

### **1. Approval of the minutes of the September 13, 2017 MEDAC meeting.**

**Motion** by Mr. Kowalczyk, seconded by Mr. Bagwill to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

### **2. Continued discussion of potential revisions to the town's economic development tax incentive ordinance.**

There was discussion regarding sending out a draft proposal to local businesses for feedback. Ms. VonVillas recommended that preliminary drafts not be distributed, but that members wait until the committee approves a draft before seeking feedback from the public.

Mr. Turano expressed interest in meeting with the Tax Assessor and Town Planner to review examples on how taxes will be impacted by the proposal.

There was discussion regarding if landlords or business owners benefit from tax incentives.

### **3. Update on status of design of roadway improvements in the Atlantic Beach district.**

There was discussion regarding the procedure for undergrounding utilities. Mr. Bagwill explained that there is a written process provided by National Grid.

### **4. Update on status of investigation of potential TIF funding for improvements in the Atlantic Beach district.**

Mr. Bagwill provided a review of the project. No updates on the progress were provided.

### **5. Update on status of regional economic development efforts.**

It was noted that this item relates to the activities of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce and that an update may be provided next meeting.

**Motion** by Mr. Kowalczyk to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Turano. **Vote** 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rita Lavoie  
Principal Planner

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