

**Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee
Minutes of Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 4:30 pm
Middletown Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

Members Present:

Joseph A. Cirillo, Vice Chair
Rita Lavoie
Tom Kowalczyk
John Bagwill
David Lepore
Nicholas Coogan
Liana Ferreira-Fenton

Members absent:

Erin Donovan-Boyle
Barbara VonVillas
Ronald Wolanski
Dennis Turano
Robert Silva

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2018 MEDAC meeting, motion by Mr. Kowalczyk, seconded by Mr. Coogan. Vote 7-0-0.
2. Update on status of Atlantic Beach District roadway design improvements.
 - a. Ms. Lavoie updated the committee on the date of the joint Town Council and Planning Board meeting to discuss the Atlantic Beach District designs on March 5, 2018 at 5:30pm. MEDAC members were invited to attend, there will be a presentation by the consultant, VHB. There was discussion regarding the expected outcome of the meeting.
3. Update on status of tax increment finance (TIF) discussion.
 - a. Ms. Lavoie stated that there is a meeting scheduled with the Town Planner, the Town Administrator and an attorney for the Town next week. An update can be provided at the next MEDAC meeting regarding the outcome of the meeting.
 - b. Mr. Bagwill asked questions regarding the procedure for undergrounding the utilities in the Atlantic Beach District.
 - c. There was discussion regarding seeking clarification from National Grid on the procedure and costs to the Town. There was mention of a recent undergrounding of utilities on Indian Avenue.
4. Update on status of regional economic development efforts.
 - a. No update was provided

5. A member of the public, Mr. Ryan Kennefick offered input regarding parking for Middletown beaches.
 - a. He mentioned a valet service idea for 1st Beach and shuttle buses from the Aquidneck Ave School and/or Gaudet School to 2nd Beach.
 - b. There was discussion by the committee regarding logistics, procedure for recommending such a concept to the Town Council, insurance, and revenue.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm

Respectfully submitted:
Rita Lavoie, Principal Planner

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