

**Middletown Economic Development Advisory Committee  
Minutes of July 11, 2018, 4:30 pm  
Middletown Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

John Bagwill  
Joseph A. Cirillo  
Nicholas Coogan  
Liana Ferreira-Fenton  
Tom Kowalczyk  
David Lepore  
Robert Silva, Chairman  
Barbara VonVillas  
Ronald Wolanski

**Members absent:**

Erin Donovan-Boyle  
Dennis Turano

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

**1. Approval of the minutes of the June 7, 2018 MEDAC meeting.**

Motion by Mr. Kowalczyk, seconded by Ms. Fenton, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting. Vote 8-0-0. (Mr. Lepore had yet to arrive.)

**2. Update on status of Atlantic Beach District roadway improvements design contract.**

Mr. Wolanski stated that with the Town Council approval to expand the scope of the project, VHB is proceeding with development of the 30% design plans.

Mr. Silva stated that he had discussions with an official at National Grid regarding getting cost estimates for the proposed undergrounding of utilities. Mr. Wolanski stated that there is now an open line of communication between the town's consultant and National Grid. There was discussion that the Town will likely be responsible for the cost of design work.

Mr. Wolanski provided an update on the status of the RIDOT intersections project. RIDOT is planning to complete design of the three subject intersections and bid for the construction this Fall.

**3. Update on status of tax increment finance (TIF) discussion.**

The committee discussed the recent passage of TIF legislation. Two bills are of interest. The first is the bill that eliminates the requirement for towns to create a redevelopment agency in order to create a TIF district (H7556), and the second allows the Town of Middletown to use Dec. 31, 2016 or Dec. 31, 2017 as the base assessment date for any TIF created in 2018 (H8218).

Mr. Bagwill distributed a sheet containing anticipated revenues to the TIF based on the two assessment date options.

Mr. Wolanski distributed a map of the earlier discussed potential boundary for the TIF district. He recommended expanding the boundary somewhat to include residential properties fronting on Crescent and Aquidneck Ave. The committee decided to discuss further and possibly provide a recommendation to the Town Council during the August 8, 2018 MEDAC meeting.

**4. Update on status of regional economic development efforts.**

There was no new information to report. Mr. Wolanski suggested that the new regional economic development staff person, working out of the Chamber of Commerce, be invited to future MEDAC meetings. The committee agreed with this recommendation.

**5. Next meeting August 8, 2018, 4:30pm**

**6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm**

Respectfully submitted:  
Ron Wolanski, Town Planner