

**Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee
Meeting Minutes
15 June 2010**

A meeting of the Open Space & Fields Committee took place on Tuesday, 15 June 2010 at the Middletown Town Police Station. Read Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendees:

Read Saunders - Chairman
John Pinto
Anne Wilson
Denise D'Amico
Dick Barker
Kimberly Kestler
Mason Hawes
Dick Adams – Planning Board Rep
Robert Johnson – Conservation Committee Rep

Review and approval of minutes: The minutes of the 19 May 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

1. Community Farming Initiative

- Thanks to the efforts of Denise D'Amico we were able to meet with Lisa Lewis, President of the Aquidneck Grower's Market.
- Lisa Lewis provided a brief history of the Market, an overview of the Market's organization and operating processes, and shared some insights into their future. A question and answer period then took place covering various topics such as seller demographics, challenges faced in growing the market, followed by a discussion concerning competition and the lack of growers to support additional local markets.
- The collective AGM members all fully support an extended season Winter plan.
- Anne Wilson will continue to attempt to set up a similar face-to-face meeting with Betsy Peckham.

New Business:

There were no new issues brought before the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next Open Space & Fields Committee meeting is scheduled for 21 July 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Middletown Police Station.

Submitted by
Read Saunders