

# **Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**December 4, 2010**

**A meeting of the Open Space & Fields Committee took place on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 10 am at the Demery Memorial Park, located at the intersection of Green End Avenue and Riverview Avenue.**

**Members Present: Denise D'Amico, Cheryl Boergesson, Nicholas Coogan, Mason Hawes, Ralph Thomas and Anne Wilson**

**Members Absent: Dick Barker, John Pinto and Steve Ponte**

**Ex-officio Members:**

**Present: Dick Adams, Planning Board**

**Absent: Town Council Liaison; Robert Johnson, Conservation Commission**

**Others Present:**

**Tom O'Loughlin, Public Works Director**

**Mimi Carrellas, Linda Finn, Dirk Johnson, Rana Johnson, Bob Marsten, Don Parker, Ed Sisk and Kate Sisk.**

**The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize committee members with Demery Memorial Park and to receive comments with regard to the park's condition and any suggestions for changes to the current park plan from neighboring residents and others interested in the park.**

**In general, neighboring residents were pleased with the parks condition and indicated it was improving each year. Linda Finn led a tour of the park and discussed deviations from the original Demery Memorial Park Plan that was adopted by the Middletown Town Council in 2005. Tom O'Loughlin addressed park maintenance issues.**

**The committee noted with concern the possible encroachment of unsightly items associated with the residence located at the southwest corner of the park at the intersection of Green End Avenue and Riverview Avenue, and will continue to monitor the situation and advise the Public Works Department if action to remove encroaching items is necessary.**

**Suggestions for improvement included allowing park grasses to grow taller in certain areas, relocation of some park benches and building of a low stone wall along the Green End Avenue side of the park.**

**The committee thanked Tom O'Loughlin and Linda Finn for the information they provided and the neighboring residents who attended for their useful comments on the parks condition and suggestions for future improvements.**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee will be at 5 pm in the Community Room of the Middletown Police Station.**

**Ralph Thomas**  
**Recording Secretary**