

Middletown Open Space and Fields Committee

Minutes of Meeting

February 19, 2014

A meeting of the Open Space and Fields Committee took place on Wednesday, February 19, at 5:30 in the Community Room of the Middletown Police Station, Middletown, Rhode Island. The meeting was called to order by Mason Hawes, Chairman.

Member Present: Mike Richards, Cheryl Boergesson, Ed Sisk, and Nick Coogan

Members Absent: Austin Pendergast, Ralph Thomas

Town Officials: Dick Adams, Town Council Liaison

Others Present: None

The minutes of the December 18 meeting were approved as drafted.

Immediately upon opening the meeting and calling the roll, the following motion was moved, seconded and unanimously approved: That in accordance with Sections 42-46-2, 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(5) of Rhode Island General Laws the open meeting be recessed and the committee reconvene in Executive Session at 5:35 PM.

The Executive Session concluded at 6:00 p.m., at which time the committee reopened in Open Session with those present as indicated above.

A motion was then made, seconded and unanimously approved that the minutes of the Executive Session be sealed in accordance with Section 42-46-7 of Rhode Island General Laws.

Old Business:

- **Town Memorial Policy – still being reviewed**
- **Property Updates-**
 - o **Tibets/ Boulevard/ Albro Woods-** Dick Adams reported that the Town Council is still studying ideas for the best use of these properties
 - o **The Valley Trails-** No updates
- **Other Parks-** No updates
- **Purgatory Walkway/ Vista Improvements-** nothing new, no official communication from the state
- **BRAC Properties Update-** Shawn is in communication with Washington DC negotiations are continuing as to what the best price should be.
- **Beach Facilities Advisory Committee Report-** There will be an open information session for all interested individuals March 4 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Middletown Town Hall. This will be advertised in the Newport Daily News.
- **New Business:**
- **Earth Day 2014-** Tuesday April 22. Waiting to coordinate with Will Cronin and the School Department.

Adjournment: The meeting adjournment at 6:45 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 5:30pm in the Community Room at the Newport Police Station, 123 Valley Road, Middletown.

Nick Coogan
Acting Secretary