

# **Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**February 17, 2016**

**A meeting of the Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee convened on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 5:36 p.m. in the Community Room, Police Department, and 123 Valley Road, Middletown, R.I. The meeting was called to order by Mason Hawes, Chairman**

**Member Present: Mark Donahue, Mason Hawes, Nick Coogan, Michael Richards,**

**Thomas Welch, Jason Evans**

**Members Absent: Robert Kempenaar, Town Council Liaison, Ian Clemmey, David Kirchner, Cheryl Boergesson, Sara Poirier**

**Ex-officio Members: Matt Sullivan, Planning Board Liaison, Robert Johnson, Conservation Commission Liaison**

**Town Officials: Present: Will Cronin**

**Others Present: Warren Hall Town Engineer**

**The January minutes were accepted as written. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM.**

## **Agenda**

**Old Business:**

## **Properties Updates.**

- 1. Aquidneck School drains are done.**
- 2. Will is meeting 2/18 with vendors to discuss Howland court repairs.**
- 3. Grant for Diocesan Park was submitted.**

## **Council Docket Presentation Summary**

- 1. The presentation reportedly went well.**

## **Subcommittee meeting Summary**

- 1. Dan Reilly spoke to the subcommittee concerning the grant for the former Drive In property. This would be two fields and wetland property.**
- 2. It was decided not to put any money into Linden Park at this time.**
- 3. The question was raised as to whether we could get retroactive funding from DEM for a project that has already been started.**

## **New Business**

- 1. Tibbets lease/RFP**

**If the lease is not renewed than an RFP should be put out.**

- 2. Warren Hall Town Engineer**

**Warren was our guest and gave an over view of current projects**

**underway that will impact the Maidford watershed and the Sachuest Bay area.**

**a. Structural culvert reinforcement is underway at the bottom of Paradise Ave.**

**b. The road at Third Beach and Sachuest Point will be raised approximately 2 feet thereby minimizing flooding of the road by the Camp Ground. This will affect the area from the Third Beach cut to Peabody's Beach. The cost for this will be \$700,000.00. Partners in this include the Norman Bird Sanctuary, the Aquidneck Land Trust, Save the Bay, DEM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**

**c. During this time proper signage and public outreach will be addressed.**

**d. The Aquidneck Land Trust will conduct land use studies through the water shed for agricultural users.**

**e. BMPs will be studied with an eye as to where they should be put in place. Five BMPs will be sent to the Town Council, permits will then be secured.**

**f. DEM needs to mark off the wetlands at the Drive In site**

**Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 17:30 in the Community Room of the Middletown Fire Department, Middletown, Rhode Island.**

**Nicholas Coogan**

**Recording Secretary**