

Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee

Minutes of Meeting

April 20, 2016

A meeting of the Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee convened on Wednesday, March 20, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in The Valley, Middletown, R.I. The meeting was called to order by Mason Hawes, Chairman

Member Present: Mark Donahue, Mason Hawes, Thomas Welch, Jason Evans, Sara Poirier, Cheryl Boergesson

Members Absent: David Kirchner, Nick Coogan, Michael Richard

Ex-officio Members: Matt Sullivan, Planning Board Liaison (absent), Robert Johnson, Conservation Commission Liaison

Town Officials: Present: Will Cronin

Town Council Liaison: Rocky Kempenaar (absent)

George Barcus: interested neighbor

The March minutes were moved for consideration to the May meeting.

The meeting began with a presentation by Alan Kirby, tree warden. Mr. Kirby gave his presentation and the business portion began at 6:00.

Alan Kirby shared the tree commission plans for the Valley. Mason Hawes shared that

concerns/issues with design/selection of species should be brought

forward to the tree commission.

Agenda

Old Business:

Properties Updates.

- 1. Howland Park: Will Cronin stated project is waiting for warmer weather**
- 2. awaiting scheduling updates regarding fields subcommittee meeting and new information**
- 3. official resignation of committee member**
- 4. Did not receive RI Foundation grant for property next to Paradise Park (trails)**

New Business:

- property scoring document suggestions**
- site visits**

1. Discussion occurred regarding property scoring. Mason Hawes shared that it is a document that should have additional input from other town committees. Committee members feel that we should internally review the documents and develop a new list of attributes that merit scoring. We would then determine priority. Meanwhile, Mason Hawes will reach out to town administration for advice regarding receiving

addition input. Cheryl will generate a list to begin our discussion.

2. Site visits. The committee individually will visit town properties and report at the next committee meeting. The discussion regarding each property will determine which site the committee will select for their next site visit.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 5:30.

Mason Hawes