

Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee

Minutes of Meeting

December 14, 2016

A meeting of the Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee convened on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 5:00 P.M. at the Fire Department in Middletown, R.I. The meeting was called to order by Mason Hawes, Chairman

Member Present: Mark Donahue, Mason Hawes, Nick Coogan, Sara Poirier,

Tom Welch, Allan Gray, Jason Evans

Members Absent: Cheryl Boergesson, David Kirchner, Robert Johnson Conservation Commission Liaison

Ex-officio Members: Matt Sullivan, Planning Board Liaison

Town Officials: Present: Will Cronin

Town Council Liaison:

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM.

It was established that enough members were present for a quorum. At 5:06 PM a motion was made by Mason Hawes to go in to executive session. Tom Welch seconded the motion. At 6:16 PM the executive session was closed.

Agenda

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the October 19 meeting once they are amended. The motion was seconded and the minutes will be corrected and forwarded to Mason Hawes.

Old Business:

Properties Updates:

1. Will reported that signs for the Valley trails are being installed. There is concern about erosion due to rain on certain parts of the trails. Railroad ties will be installed along the steep banks to help control this problem.

2. Allan Grey gave an update on the youth Lacrosse program in regards to field usage. Newport is starting their own lacrosse league and Middletown may therefore see a decrease in players. At present the Middletown lacrosse program is not actively pursuing a new practice field.

New Business:

1. Athletic Fields: The question was raised as to whether there should be an active liaison member from the Town Council to address the various sports issues that keep reoccurring as pertains to use of the Town's athletic fields. This individual would have data concerning

the use of fields for practice and games as well as the number of individuals and their age ranges. This data could be updated on a regular basis and could be easily accessed.

2. Scoring Sheet: At the next Committee meeting the property scoring sheet will be reviewed and updated.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:00: PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 5:00.

Nicholas Coogan

Recording Secretary