

Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee

Minutes of Meeting

January 18, 2017

A meeting of the Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee convened on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in The Valley, Middletown, R.I. The meeting was called to order by Mason Hawes, Chairman

Member Present: David Kirchner, Mason Hawes, Thomas Welch, Sara Poirier, Alan Grey

Members Absent: Mark Donahue, Nick Coogan, Cheryl Boergesson, Jason Evans

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

Town Officials: Present: Will Cronin

Town Council Liaison: Antone Viveiros (absent)

Agenda

Minutes from the December meeting postponed until February meeting

Old Business:

Properties Updates.

- 1. The Middletown Council approved a \$300,000 conditional challenge grant to ALT for the purchase of Spruce Acres**
- 2. The Town Council has approved proceeding with wetlands mapping and then upon DEM approval of the mapping the construction of multi-purpose fields, emergency vehicle access from Aquidneck Avenue and clean up of the drive-in site. Priority will be given to all safety concerns. It was suggested that neighbors be advised of the plans.**

New Business:

Will Cronin facilitated a review of maps contained on the town's website under the planning department/stock maps. The committee felt the maps are very informative but feel they need updated and in some instances need revised. Additional maps should also be considered. A new assistant planner recently hired should be able to with our requests. It was also suggested that on the town's home page that a map link to all the active and passive recreational areas would be beneficial especially to those new and vacationing on the island.

Sarah Poirier has been meeting with the director of the Aquidneck Planning Commission. A presentation will be scheduled for the committee at a later date.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting

will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:30.

Mason Hawes