

Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee

Minutes of Meeting

February 15, 2017

A meeting of the Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee convened on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 5:30 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, David Kirchner, Cheryl Boergesson

Members Absent: Jason Evans

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

Town Officials: Present: Will Cronin, Town Administration Antone Viveiros Town Council Liaison

It was established that enough members were present for a quorum. At 5:35 PM the meeting was called to order.

Agenda

Old Business:

Properties Updates:

1. Valley Status: An article appeared recently in The Newport Daily News mentioning a plan for tree planting in the Valley. There is a report that details the specifics of the plan.

2. Property Updates: None

3. A property user survey was distributed to the committee for review

4. OS&F link on the Town's web page needs to be updated.

5. Town maps need to be revised, they should link with the Town's web page. This will start with the maps for Middletown's Recreation and Open Space Inventory. The question was raised as to whether the maps should only include open space that falls under this committee or if private areas should be included. Private areas would include areas such as The Norman Bird Sanctuary and Sachuest Point. Mason will discuss this with Shawn and Ron. Maps could include areas that show "where you can go ". This committee will try to find examples of similar maps used by other towns, and bring them to the March meeting.

6. Spruce Acres: The town of Portsmouth may be moving forward with a \$300,000 contribution.

New Business:

1. Surplus Property: If the Navy Lodge sale goes through there will be changes made to the property. The Linden Park area may become the site of a new library and Potsie Field may be lost. Due to a deeded right a new comprehensive recreation area will be needed to replace the lost field. The Drive In and Old Farm could both qualify to fill this need.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

Nicholas Coogan

Recording Secretary