

PL ANNING BOARD MINUTES

Special Meeting

November 21, 2006

Board members present:

Art Weber, Chairman Ron Wolanski, Town Planner

John Tucker, Vice Chairman Gerry Kempen, Town Administrator

Jan Eckhart, Secretary

Richard Adams

Also present: Teresa Crean and Tina Dolan of the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

There was discussion of the options for the Town to either adopt or endorse the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission's West Side Master Plan.

Mr. Wolanski summarized the options, including adoption of the full plan or endorsement of the plan with adoption of only those items applicable to Middletown in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Tucker stated that he had begun reviewing the West Side Plan recommendations and identifying appropriate location for incorporation into the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Kempen discussed the status of the proposed transfer of

ownership of the Burma Rd. and other lands to public or private ownership. This includes the proposed Green Lane waterfront park which would likely be transferred to state ownership before eventually being transferred to the Town.

Following additional discussion there was consensus that the Town Council should be asked to endorse the plan first, then the Planning Board would proceed with developing a proposal to implement the plan through amendments to the Middletown Comprehensive Plan.

Motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Eckhart, to forward a recommendation to the Town Council that they provided conceptual endorsement of the West Side Master Plan. Vote: 4-0-0.

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to adjourn. Vote: 4-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 10am