



## Town of Middletown Planning Department

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### PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

**March 5, 2018**

Town Council Chambers, 350 East Main Rd., Middletown, RI

#### **Board members present:**

Paul Croce, Chair  
Terri Flynn, Secretary  
B.J. Owen  
Jim Williams  
Art Weber

Ron Wolanski, Planning Director  
Rita Lavoie, Principal Planner  
Peter Regan, Town Solicitor

**Members absent:** Liz Drayton, Bill Nash

*Meeting called to order 5:30pm (recorded: <https://vimeo.com/258983639>)*

#### **1. Review and discuss conceptual design plans for proposed roadway improvements in the Atlantic Beach District, lower Aquidneck Ave.**

##### **i. Mr. Wolanski:**

- Meeting purpose-input to VHB to complete contract/30% plans
- Completion required to request Transportation Improvement Plan/project funding
- Conceptual plan builds on Atlantic Beach District Master Plan (ABDMP); would require: State coordination/support, public workshop(s)

##### **ii. Powerpoint/handout:**

- Mr. Jamie Pisano, VHB: RI DOT area plans/coordination; sidewalk, shoulder, roadway widths; awaiting National Grid information/undergrounding utilities
- Mr. Geoffrey Morrision-Logan, VHB: current conditions shown with overlays of proposed sidewalk/street improvements; seasonal foot traffic-increase walkability, pedestrian places, handicapped access; material use distinguishes foot from vehicle traffic; implement ABDMP/portray character of waterfront community

##### **iii. Planning Board discussion:**

- Careful planning; DOT, National Grid coordination
- Publicly accessible Milestone Documents
- Work schedule-minimize beach traffic/local business impact (ref Broadway; Newport)

##### **iv. Town Council discussion:**

- Undergrounding utilities cost, location
- ADA compliant sidewalks, crosswalks
- reconfiguring Newport Ave 3 driveways
- timelines-disturb area only once

- use native materials
  - stormwater-sand filters, not gullies
  - no additional parking planned
  - project area
  - next steps: resident input, design
- v. Mr. Wolanski: Atlantic Resort not part of roadway improvements, part of funding proposal
- vi. Town Council requested Planning Board schedule Public Hearing asap for all residents: receive public input on proposed changes.

*Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20PM*

Respectfully submitted:

Terri Flynn  
Planning Board Secretary