

**Middletown Charter Review Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007**

**Attending: Barbara Von Villas, Frank Forgue, Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas, Liz Bozyan, and Bill O'Connell as well as Shirley Mello, council liaison, were present. Robert Matose, Morrie Seiple, Virgel Blaschke, and David Leys were absent.**

**A motion was made and seconded and approved to accept resignation of Robert Matose because he accepted a position by the town (Public Works Department).**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.**

**Minutes of November 8, 2007 meeting were approved.**

**Old Business:**

- Article VI: Title: Town Officials is title; no action needed.**

**A motion was made, seconded and carried by the members in attendance to approve the following language for the following sections of the Charter:**

- Sec. 608. Judge of the Municipal Court**

**The town council may appoint a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Rhode Island, with no fewer than 5 years experience in the active practice of law, to sit as judge of the municipal court for a term of 2 years and subject to re-appointment for another term.**

**- Sec. 1006. Juvenile Hearing Board**

**The town council may provide for the creation of a juvenile hearing board consisting of 5 members and 2 auxiliary members appointed by the town council for a term of 3 years and subject to re-appointment for another term.**

**- Sec. 1010. Road and Utilities Advisory Board**

**There shall be a Roads and Utilities Advisory Board consisting of 7 to 9 members appointed by the Town Council to terms of 3 years. The Department of Public Works (DPW) Director will serve as a non-voting member.**

**The board will be charged with the reviewing all proposed subdivision plans, sewer connection applications and plans for public or private construction projects. The board will also assist the DPW by reviewing and commenting on priority lists for Public Works projects and bidding documents.**

**There was discussion of library trustee provisions and removal issues.**

**New Business:**

- Article VIII: to be discussed at next meeting pending contact with School Committee/Department representative**
- Summary of changes will be consolidated for review at the next meeting.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.**

**Next meeting will be held Jan. 10, 2008.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas  
Secretary**

**Handouts: NONE**