

Middletown Tax Exploratory Committee

Minutes:

- Tax Committee met at the Middletown Fire Station

- Sep 26, 2016

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- Attendees:

o Antone Viveiros - President

o Dennis Turano "C Vice President

o Larry Connell - Secretary

o Dana Gelb - Resident

o Joya Hoyt - Resident

Purpose: Examine the way the Town of Middletown assesses and levies property taxes.

Objective: Compare and contrast alternative methods for levying residential property taxes. Present findings and recommendations to the Middletown Town Council.

Old Business:

Approval of minutes.

Motion: Approve minutes from Aug 24, 2016 Committee board meeting

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Aug 24, 2016 approved without modification

New Business: Alternative Methods for taxing residential properties

Discussion:

• Discussion on the merits of Proposition 13 in California.

• A Prop 13 type model would give middletown taxpayers affordable, predictable, and transparent tax liability.

• Using a fixed rate of tax increase and equal distribution of line items and services provided by the town

• Councilman Viveiros made a presentation on how a Prop 13 type model could be implemented in Middletown.

Larry Connell - Secretary