

AQUIDNECK ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION
MIDDLETOWN - NEWPORT – PORTSMOUTH – NAVAL STATION NEWPORT
437 Broadway, Newport RI 02840321

Board of Directors' Meeting Friday, March 16, 2012
10 a.m. to 12 noon

Review of Minutes from AIPC meeting of Friday, February 10, 2011

AIPC receives specific suggestions to improve its services to the communities and comments on recent work from Council Liaisons; Board Members; Planners; Navy and CRC liaisons

AIPC Director's Progress Report

- Current activity as we advance selected grants:
 - Cooperative Ventures in Municipal Government
 - Managers have met twice so far, and are carefully exploring the possibilities for shared regional services. The Finance Directors are lending even more expertise to the discussions
 - Continue to consider all options and eventually develop a SOW to hire a consultant
 - Renewing the “Partnership” project to measure island success on goals set in 2000 and agree on new goals for the coming decade
 - The first meeting took place Wednesday, March 13 with many of original members plus new participants
 - Chris has collected and interpreted data to more precisely assess progress from 2000
 - AIPC Board of Directors' reorganization
 - AIPC collaborative development of a new strategic work plan
 - Both of the above will begin based on directors' decision
 - AIPC Aquidneck Island Transportation Study has won another award: The RI Smart Growth Outstanding Comprehensive Plan. It will be printed in the March 26 issue of the Providence Business News, along with all the Grow Smart Awards. It will be formally presented at the May 11 Grow Smart Summit in Providence
 - Request by Randall Arendt to conduct workshop through AIPC

Staff and AIRPA Progress Reports

Chris Witt: Director of Planning and Communications

Sarah Cookson: AIPC Energy Coordinator

- Dashboards are working in all 3 schools. Training is scheduled for March 21 (Forest Ave) and March 28
- (Aquidneck) for teachers and staff. The last energy newsletter contained the links for the web portals. Currently working on a small grant with Chris to get funding for 3 more schools- Middletown High, Portsmouth Middle and Thompson Middle.
- Energy Alliance is in the process of planning an Earth Day event; possible film showing
- RI Renewable Energy Day hosted by RESP is Saturday, March 31 at Roger Williams 9am to 4pm. It will provide an overview of the RESP project; a panel discussion about local & state projects; and breakout sessions in the afternoon. Free but registration is required. Please pass along to all councils/planners/boards.

AIRPA Review: Tina Dolen – PRC

- Three communities have many questions regarding the Interlocal, the Economic Development Conveyance and BRAC protocol. I will schedule a joint meeting on island with OEA and BRAC representatives that should answer all or most of the questions and allow us to move forward
- Planners and Tina will interview the consultant candidates this afternoon