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To: Hon. Paul M. Rodrigues, President
Town Council Members

From: Shawn J. Brown, Town Administrator

Date: June 28, 2022

Re: Updates on Middletown Projects

Here is a brief update on town projects:

Affordable Housing – Flagging of wetlands is underway at the Oliphant School property, which is necessary before the design and engineering work can continue.

Middletown Center – The developers will present to the Town Council on June 29th.

Green End Safety / Roundabout – The project kickoff meeting is scheduled for June 29th.

Roads – The Town received bid proposals on June 15th. The pricing received is unfavorable to the budget developed before the current economic realities began; therefore, we are revising the scope of work. After the budget is passed, the administration will forward a recommendation to the Town Council.

Tax Reform – Necessary legislation passed by the General Assembly. The Tax Assessor is implementing the tiered residential tax program along with the improved exemption amounts approved earlier in the year by the Town Council. The Assessor is also adjusting for the total phase-out of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.

Middletown Outreach – Committee meeting scheduled on June 30th. The meeting agenda is attached for your reference.

School Building Committee – Building Committee meets on June 29th to discuss soliciting proposals for an OPM.

Middletown IT Department Update – Next 5 Years – no update

Bond – Infrastructure Repair – no update

Pickleball Courts – no update

Keeping Middletown Clean – no update

ARPA Money/Projects – The Town Council has received updates regarding the obligation of ARPA funding during the FY23 budget cycle. The funds received by the Town are fully committed to mostly education-related projects.

Town/School Consolidation – On hold

Water Issues/Maidford River Project – Met with RIDEM and the project team to discuss matters related to mitigating risks associated with the project.

Short Term Rentals – The town’s enforcement program is underway.

Build-Out Study Recommendations – no update

School Performance Audit: Exploring whether one of the regional firms would be interested in performing the work. The goal is to schedule meetings after July 4th.

Regionalization: Project team is focused on communications and analyzing the potential for impacts related to finances and educational enhancement, which will be shared with the community in July. Conducted public outreach meetings in June. Necessary legislation passed the General Assembly last week.

Marijuana Legalization: Ongoing - The Town Solicitor is researching whether the form of the question – “Shall new cannabis related licenses for businesses involved in the cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing and for the retail sale of adult recreational use cannabis be issued in the city (or town)?” - stated in the legislative bill is the same that will be used for the ballot referendum in November.

Planning Board Recommendations to the Town Council – these were updated for the meeting at the beginning of May. These will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The next update will be provided to the Town Council at the meeting on August 1st.

Middletown Fire Department Community Room AND Zoom

Middletown Outreach Sub-Committee

*To support the efforts, and meet the needs, of all community members
by delivering enrichment, guidance, and wellness opportunities.*

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approve May 26, 2022, Minutes
3. Updates:
 - a. T Flynn: Sub-Committee Membership / Welcome New Members (Tom K. & Tami H.)
 - b. D Turano: Town Council Update
4. Funding:
 - a. State Budget (*status*)
 - b. ARPA (*status, etc.*)
 - c. Town (*Coordinator, line items, etc.*)
 - d. 3R Non-School Partner (*info, etc.*)
 - e. Other
5. Program
 - a. Community Member – Guest
 - b. Beyond the Bell Grant
 - c. Summer:
 - Active:**
 - “Adventure Academy”
 - Planning:**
 - Pre-K
 - Oxbow
 - Smart Bay Initiative (Mike Cullen)
 - d. FabNewport-Steve Heath
 - e. Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - f. Tom Kowalczyk – MEDAC – Student After School Programs
 - g. D Turano: myoptions.ri.gov
6. Next Steps
7. Adjournment

Said meeting to be held on **Thursday, June 30, 2022 5:30pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Said meeting will be held By Zoom at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82602000524>

Topic: Middletown Outreach

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82602000524>

877 853 5257 (Toll Free) or 888 475 4499 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 826 0200 0524

All items on this agenda may be considered, discussed, and voted upon.

Posted on Monday, June 27, 2022, at Middletown Town Hall, Middletown Public Library, Middletown Web Site and Secretary of State Web Site.