

MIDDLETOWN LEADS

WHAT IS MIDDLETOWN LEADS?

Middletown Leads is a weekly newsletter intended to connect the Middletown community by providing information about civic undertakings by the Town.

HOW CAN A MIDDLETOWN RESIDENT BECOME ACTIVE IN TOWN GOVERNMENT?

Middletown has a number of Boards and Committees whose members are residents in the community with an interest in public affairs and the Town's proposed activities.

A primary qualification for members is objectivity. Committee members are expected to carefully consider discussion items, especially those requiring the application of rules and regulations, from a perspective of fairness without personal bias.

Most boards and committees meet on a monthly basis.

Board members are appointed for various terms, and some of the groups even have term limits that serve to encourage new participation. Vacancies are published in the local newspapers, and now they will also appear here to reach a larger audience

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN – BOARD VACANCIES

The Town Council of the Town of Middletown is seeking qualified Middletown electors to serve on the following named Town boards and commissions:

Aquidneck Island Planning Commission (AIPC) – 1 vacancy, to complete a term expiring 7-2020
a regional group that addresses such issues as transportation, affordable housing, etc.

Beach Commission- 4 vacancies, terms expire 11-2020
a town committee that reviews issues related to the beaches and makes recommendations

Citizens Memorial Committee- 2 vacancies, terms indefinite
a town committee that reviews applications to memorialize persons or events

Coastal Resource Management Council- 1 vacancy, Middletown Representative, term 2019
a state agency (with a local rep) that regulates development in coastal areas

Conservation Commission- 1 vacancy, term expiring 7-2021
a town committee that reviews applications for development in town watersheds

Economic Development Advisory Committee- 2 vacancies, terms 1-2024
a town committee that considers and reviews economic proposals and impacts

Juvenile Hearing Board- 1 vacancy, Auxiliary member, term expiring 4-2021
a board that reviews issues related to juvenile matters

Library Board of Trustees- 1 vacancy, to complete a term expiring 9-2021
a board that approves the business of the public library as required by the state

Open Space and Fields Committee- 5 vacancies, terms expiring 11-2021
a committee that advises regarding matters related to parks and land preservation

Pension Trust Fund Committee- 1 vacancy, term expiring 2-2022
a committee that reviews all matters related to pension investment

Personnel Board- 1 vacancy, term expiring 12-2021
a committee that reviews and recommends candidates for town positions

Planning Board – 1 vacancy, to complete a term expiring 2-2020 and 3 vacancies, terms expiring 2-2022
a board that reviews development applications and implements the Comprehensive Plan

Roads and Utilities Advisory Committee- 1 vacancy, professional member, term expiring 1-2020
a committee that advises other entities regarding matters related to the Town’s infrastructure

Senior Center Board of Directors- 3 vacancies, terms expiring 1-2022
a board that oversees the management and activities of the Middletown Senior Center

Tax Assessment Review Board-Bi-partisan Board, Democrat or Republican Representative- 1 vacancy,
term expiring 10-2021
a board that reviews tax abatement requests and appeals

Tree Commission- 1 vacancy, term expiring 1-2022
a 501c3 committee that plants trees on town and public property and reviews landscaping plans

Zoning Board of Review – 1 vacancy, Alternate member, to complete a term expiring 4-2019
a board that considers applications for development variances and special use permits

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown or on the Town’s website www.middletownri.com. **Please complete and return no later than December 21, 2018.**

FOOTNOTE

Weekly essays about Middletown community and municipal affairs will appear on the Middletown Public Library website. Questions and suggested topics are welcome.

Additional essays may appear in the following blog: MiddletownLeads@blogspot.com.