**WHAT IS MIDDLETOWN LEADS?**

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

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS - JUNE 3, 2019 MEETING**

The meeting began with the recognition of Benjamin Currey, one of two Rhode Island students (2 from every state) who had been selected by the RI Department of Education to attend the United States Senate Youth Program in March, based on his outstanding leadership.

There was discussion regarding amendments to the Comprehensive Plan intended to bring the Comprehensive Plan into agreement with the Town’s Zoning Map. An Ordinance related to short-term rental leases was approved with an amendment in its Second Reading. An Ordinance amending Municipal Court Fines and penalties was approved in its Second Reading.

**PRESENTATION BY NEWPORT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Superintendent Jermain had requested time to speak to the Town Council in regard to the potential collaboration of Middletown Public Schools and Newport Public Schools. She spoke for approximately 30 minutes, starting with a description of the process to the Council and a room full of observers.
The greatest interest was directed at Superintendent Jermain’s presentation of the potential reimbursement by the state, depending on the level of collaboration of the districts.

A potential timeline was shared in the event that the Middletown Town Council were to agree to discuss possible collaboration.

Following Superintendent Jermain’s presentation, many in attendance spoke about the possibilities after which members of the Council discussed her request for the 2 towns to open discussions, finally deciding to continue the topic to the June 17th Town Council meeting for a decision at that time.

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