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**PLANNING  
DEPARTMENT**

**TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**

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PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
Special Meeting, February 23, 2022, 3pm  
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall  
350 East Main Road  
Middletown, RI 02842

**Board members present:**

Paul Croce, Chair

Bill Nash, Vice Chair

Michael Fenton, Secretary

Art Weber

B.J. Owen (via Zoom)

John Ciummo

Joe Pierik

Ron Wolanski, Town Planner

Mr. Croce called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

1. Review of PY2020/2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and determination of consistency with the goals and policies of the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan.
  - i. Rain Daugherty of Church Community Housing Corp., the Town's CDBG contractor, described each of the six projects on the list proposed for inclusion in the Town's PY 2020/2021 CDBG application.
  - ii. Board members asked questions about some of the funding requests, which Ms. Daugherty addressed.
  - iii. There was discussion of the process for notifying potential applicants of the potential funding opportunity. The state's office of housing and community development's process for application review and awarding funding was also discussed.
  - iv. Mr. Wolanski reviewed the motion the Board is being asked to consider regarding consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.
  - v. Edward McPherson of Newport Mental Health addressed the board via Zoom to request support for their funding request.
  - vi. Christine Nolan of Community Blessings Foundation addressed the board via Zoom to request support for their funding request.
  - vii. **Motion** by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Weber, to certify that to the best of the Planning Board's knowledge, the activities proposed are not in

conflict with the general policies set forth in the Comprehensive Community Plan of the Town of Middletown, RI. **Vote:** 7-0-0.

Motion by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Weber to adjourn. Vote: 7-0-0

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Fenton, Secretary

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