Directions to Middletown Town Hall
350 East Main Road • Middletown, Rhode Island

Directions from Little Compton
- Take West Main Road (North-West)
- Continue straight onto Main Road
- Keep Left onto Central Ave in Tiverton
- Take a Left onto Rt.138/24
- At Exit 1, turn Right onto Ramp towards 138-South / Middletown / Newport Beaches
- Bear Right onto Turnpike Ave
- Bear Right (South) on to East Main Road (138)
- Town Hall is located on your Right

Directions from Portsmouth
- Take East Main Road (138) heading South
- Continue on East Main Road
- Town Hall is located on your Right

MAKING GOOD LAND-USE DECISIONS
A Training Program for Municipal Councils, Boards and Commissions

Thursday, February 26, 2004
Thursday, March 4, 2004
Thursday, March 11, 2004

Middletown Town Council Chambers
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Middletown, Rhode Island

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Who should attend?

- Town Councils
- Zoning Boards
- Planning Boards/ Commissions
- Members of Conservation Commissions and other commissions who want to better understand the regulatory process and the contribution that their commissions can make to that process are also encouraged to attend.
- Town administrators, planning and zoning staff, legal counsel

A training program designed to meet your needs

- Based on a statewide survey of City/Town Councils, Planning Boards/ Commissions and Zoning Boards to identify training priorities
- Taught by professional planners and land-use attorneys
- Incorporating group exercises and question and answer periods.
- Whether you are a new member or a seasoned veteran, this training will help you increase your capacity to make legally defensible decisions that advance the objectives of your Local Comprehensive Plan, assure fairness for all parties, comply with open meetings, conflict of interest and ethics laws
- Effective teamwork within each public body and among a community’s council, boards and commissions is stressed throughout the program

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Schedule for all three sessions:

Registration and supper  5:30-6:00 p.m.
Training               6:00-9:00 p.m.

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MODULE 1: PLANNING
Learn about planning in Rhode Island and gain an understanding of the Local Comprehensive Plan as the foundation for all local land-use decisions.

MODULE 2: YOUR ROLE AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL
Learn about your authority to regulate land use on behalf of the public interest and your responsibility to ensure due process, make decisions that are in the public interest, and make defensible decisions.

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MODULE 3: THE REVIEW
Understand the major processes that are found in all reviews -- applications, routing and time limitations, gathering information, formulating decisions. Learn about legal requirements and recommended practices for those processes.

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MODULE 4: DECISION MODEL
Pull everything you’ve learned and sharpen your analysis skills as you follow a land-use decision-making model.

Advance registration is required--postmarked by Thursday, February 19, 2004.
Registrants are required to register for all 3 sessions.
Seating is limited. Please use enclosed form to register.
Cancellations received prior to Friday, February 20 will not be charged. Cancellations received after that will be charged.