

Town of Middlefield, Connecticut  
Church Exploratory Commission  
405 Main Street, Middlefield, CT 06455  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Date and Time: February 18, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Location: 405 Main Street, Room 2, Middlefield, CT and remote via video conference

Attendees: Ken Twombly (Chair), Robert Yamartino (First Selectman, arrived 4:55 pm), John Giannatto, Fran Gudelski, Anne Malcolm, Susan McNamara, Cheryl Pizzo (arrived 4:08 pm).

Absent: Howard Weissberg and Al Rusilowicz, CPA, Town Finance Director (non-voting member of the commission).

Meeting Notes:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Ken Twombly, Chair.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of the minutes of January 16, 2025: A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Fran Gudelski and seconded by John Giannatto. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Approval of the minutes of February 4, 2025: A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Anne Malcolm and seconded by John Giannatto. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

4. Public Comment: No public present.

5. Executive Session started at 4:05 pm. The commission came out of at 6:37 pm.  
During the executive session, no motions were made and no votes were taken.

6. General discussion: The commission members asked the First Selectman to ask the Economic Development Commission and Goman+York to do an assessment of the potential use of town properties should town offices be relocated from the current town hall and the community center to the church property. The commission members asked the First Selectman to ask James Caramanello and any other professionals he thinks would be helpful for advice on the appraised value of the church properties with and without the town green. The commission asked Susan McNamara, member of the Board of Finance, to communicate to the Board of Finance that the consensus of the commission is to move forward with exploring the feasibility of acquiring the church property and that the commission may need funding for due diligence investigations. The chair of the commission and the First

Selectman expressed that they would be willing to come to a Board of Finance meeting to further discussion.

6. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:39 pm by John Giannatto. The motion was seconded by Ken Twombly. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.