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Town of Middlefield, Connecticut
Church Exploratory Commission
405 Main Street, Middlefield, CT 06455
Tuesday, July 8, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Date and Time: July 8, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Location: 405 Main Street, Room 2, Middlefield, CT

Attendees: John Giammatteo, Fran Gudelski, Anne Malcolm, Susan McNamara (Secretary), Cheryl Pizzo, Howard Weissberg.

Absent: Al Rusilowicz, CPA (Finance Director and non-voting member of the commission), Robert Yamartino (First Selectman).

Meeting Notes:

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Cheryl Pizzo, Chair.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of the minutes of June 24, 2025:

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by John Giammatteo and seconded by Anne Malcolm. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

4. Public Comment

None.

6. Executive Session:

Motion to go into executive session.

Made by: Howard Weissberg

Seconded by: Fran Gudelski

The motion was unanimously approved with no abstentions.

Executive session started at 4:06 pm.

The commission ended executive session at 4:47 pm. During executive session, no motions were made and no votes were taken.

7. General discussion:

On July 3, 2025, John Dattilo, the church's real estate agent, notified the Chair of the Church Exploratory Commission that the Town of Middlefield's offer "was not accepted by the Middlefield Federated Church." The Commission understands that the Middlefield Federated Church accepted another offer on June 30, 2025.

The Commission recommends that the First Selectman, Robert Yamartino, retract the letter of intent to the Middlefield Federated Church.

The Commission recommends that the First Selectman consider doing a needs assessment for town hall offices.

8. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn until such time as further action is required by this Commission.

Motion made by: John Giammatteo

Seconded by: Howard Weissberg

The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.