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Town of Middlefield, Connecticut  
Church Exploratory Commission  
405 Main Street, Middlefield, CT 06455  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Date and Time: March 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm

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

Attendees: Ken Twombly (Chair), Robert Yamartino (First Selectman), John Giannatto, Fran Gudelski, Anne Malcolm, Susan McNamara, Cheryl Pizzo, Al Rusilowicz, CPA (Finance Director and non-voting member of the commission), and Carol Bufithis (Selectwoman and guest).

Absent: Howard Weissberg.

Meeting Notes:

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm by Ken Twombly, Chair.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Approval of the minutes of February 18, 2025: A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Cheryl Pizzo and seconded by John Giannatto. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.
4. Public Comment: Carol Bufithis (Selectwoman) said she was a cheerleader of this potential buy for the church, the town, and the fiscal climate.
5. Executive Session started at 4:12 pm. The commission came out of executive session at 5:20 pm. During the executive session, no motions were made and no votes were taken.
6. General discussion: Going forward, the First Selectman will obtain a formal appraisal and consult with the town attorney to develop a letter of intent to be presented to the Board of Finance at a joint meeting with the Board of Selectman. After a letter of intent is in place, the intention of the commission is to ask the Board of Finance for funding for a full inspection of the property and a consultation with Goman+York about potential uses of and income from town properties.
6. Adjourn  
A motion to adjourn was made at 5:31 pm by Ken Twombly. The motion was seconded by Fran Gudelski. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.