# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**March 20, 2017**

# ROLL CALL

Town Council Members present:

Kristine S. Trocki, President

Michael G. White, Vice President

Blake A. Dickinson

Mary E. Meagher

Eugene B. Mihaly

Also in attendance:

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator

Christina D. Collins, Finance Director

Michael C. Gray, Public Works Director

Edward A. Mello, Police Chief

Andrew J. Wade, Parks and Recreation Director

Wyatt A. Brochu, Town Solicitor

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

# CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Trocki called the regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and Councilor Dickinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# TOWN COUNCIL SITTING AS THE BOARD OF

# WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting convened at 6:38 p.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m. See Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

## Presentations:

### Marijuana in Rhode Island: Assistant Attorney General Joee M. Lindbeck, Legislation and Policy Unit

Assistant Attorney General Lindbeck gave a PowerPoint presentation on “Marijuana in Rhode Island.” Her unit is tasked with educating cities and towns on what has been experienced in the eleven years of the Medical Marijuana Program and lessons learned from sister states facing a retail marijuana market in addition to medical marijuana. Ms. Lindbeck explained decriminalized of marijuana in RI and fine of $150 for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. The Medical Marijuana legislation has had numerous revisions since its inception, and the primary concern for regulation is to protect public health and safety. Those authorized to possess and/or distribute marijuana are: compassion centers, caregivers, patients, and cooperative cultivators. Authorized purchasers are allowed to buy 2.5 ounces of marijuana, a patient may grow up to 12 plants, and a caregiver can grow up to 36 plants. Ms. Lindbeck noted there is no restriction on where cardholders may grow marijuana plants. New this year is the inspection, registration, and certification process.

Licensed Compassions Centers are in Warwick, Providence, and Middletown, which have reported electric bills of over $30,000 per month for marijuana plant cultivation. Butane is also used as it is less costly than electricity, but is odorless, volatile, and extremely dangerous. Discussion ensued of public safety and health hazards resulting from the authorization of marijuana growers, including fires, and one fatality linked to a fire (South Kingstown). Other issues associated related to marijuana growing include greenhouse emissions, mold, and increased break-ins, assaults, and robberies against growers and cardholders.

Ms. Lindbeck noted twelve plants can yield up to 12 pounds of marijuana, and authorized purchases are 2.5 ounces by law. Cultivators are allowed to sell excess product to the compassions centers, but there is insufficient regulation and/or inspection and no regulation for patients or authorized growers. Where does the excess marijuana go? The concern is excess product is sold on the street. Attorney General Kilmartin supports medical marijuana as it helps those who really need it for medical purposes. However, there is insufficient regulation and registration. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Both the Department of Business Regulation and Department of Health are involved in the licensing and regulating of medical marijuana. On the local level enactment of Zoning regulations can provide control over the commercial/retail side of the marijuana market, but there are no guarantees. There are concerns surrounding commercialization, as RI already allows marijuana for medical relief for those individuals who need it and possession has been decriminalized. RI ranks 5th in the country for marijuana use by 12 to 17 year olds and 4th for use by 18 to 25 year olds.

Ms. Lindbeck gave a comparison of the strength and toxicity of the THC component of marijuana available in the 1960’s and today. She noted young people use marijuana through a concentrate used in a “vapor cigarette” that resembles a pen, rather than a joint, making its use less detectable. The THC component of marijuana is also available in food products, including brownies, gummy bears, lollipops, and cookies, making its use less detectable. This creates a health hazard for young children who could consume the innocent looking food products. Ms. Lindbeck highlighted the problems experienced by the State of Colorado since legalization of marijuana. Only .5% of the state’s total revenues are derived from the billion dollar marijuana industry. Legalization has resulted in increased abuse, treatment, and prevention services and related costs ,as well as increased crime, motor vehicle accidents, deaths, emergency room visits, and calls to poison control centers. Discussion continued.

Ms. Lindbeck referenced resolutions and ordinances adopted by other communities and urged Jamestown to share their concerns for legalizing and commercializing marijuana with their Legislative delegation. Council members commented on the excellent presentation and thanked Ms. Lindbeck for coming this evening.

### Legislative Update: District 74 Representative Deborah L. Ruggiero

Representative Ruggiero stated she is in attendance to give a legislative update. She will come back for updates at the pleasure of the Council.

#### Motor Vehicle Tax: Proposed legislation

Representative Ruggiero reported on the complicated car tax that varies by municipality and the proposed legislation that is before House Finance tomorrow evening. Jamestown has a $14.42 motor vehicle tax rate with a $6,000 exemption, while Middletown (the other town she represents) has a $16.05 motor vehicle tax with a $3,000 exemption. Cranston has a $42.44 tax rate with a $500 exemption and Providence has a $60 tax rate with a $2,000 exemption. Speaker Mattiello proposes a $25 tax rate statewide. The 2014 Honda valued at $14,000 would have a $573 tax bill in Cranston, $720 in Providence, and $115 in Jamestown. The cities of Providence, Cranston and Warwick realize $78,000,000 in revenue from the car tax, and the Town of Jamestown takes in $525,000 in car taxes. The Governor proposes a car tax based on 70% of valuation, elimination in 2018, and subsiding municipalities by adding $57,000,000 in the 2019 budget and $65,000,000 in 2020. Representative Ruggiero feels the cities and towns, not the State, should regulate car taxes, and she will keep us informed.

#### RI Resource Recovery Corporation: Proposed Tipping Fees at the Central Landfill and impact on RI communities

RI Resource Recovery Corporation will be before House Finance tomorrow evening on the $6,000,000 budget reduction. For 25 years the $32 per ton residential tipping fee at the Central Landfill has not increased, due to pressure from the municipalities, while the commercial rate has increased to $62 per ton. The tipping fees for the other New England states are $75 to $80 per ton. The Central Landfill takes in 1,000,000 tons of trash annually, but needs to take in 750,000 tons annually to reach the estimated capacity level in 2038. At the 1,000,000 tons deposited annually the capacity could be reached in 2034. RIRRC is trying to extend the life of the Central Landfill, and a tipping fee increase is proposed for July 1st. One solution used by Middletown is Pay-as-you-Throw, which lowers costs by increasing recycling.

Councilor Dickinson comments on recycling at the Jamestown Transfer Station resulting from citizens disposing of items that are picked up by other citizens, which is not tracked.

Representative Ruggiero was thanked for her presentation. She will keep the Council informed of developments at the State House.

## Resolutions and Proclamations

### No. 2017-07 Resolution on Gun Free Schools; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Robert Rodgers of Clinton Avenue commented on the Legislation that has been before the Council last month and last year. In 2016 8 municipalities and 24 school districts endorsed the legislation that did not make it out of Committee. This year it is endorsed by the League of Cities and Towns. Mr. Rodgers requests Town Council support by adoption of the Resolution.

Councilor Dickinson noted he did not receive the support material until today. He would prefer to receive such information ahead of the session to facilitate proper review by Council and the public. President Trocki noted her preference to receive the information ahead of time. Councilor Dickinson noted his respect for the School Committee in making the decision to adopt the Resolution. Councilor Mihaly feels this resolution is hard to argue against. Councilor Meagher and Vice President White noted their support.

**A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to adopt the Resolution on Gun Free Schools. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Nay; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Dickinson to waive reading of the Resolution.** **President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

# PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

None.

# OPEN FORUM

*Please note that, under scheduled requests to address, if the topic of the address is available to be put on the agenda, the Council may discuss the issue*

## Scheduled to address.

## None.

## Non-Scheduled to address.

Tom Bembenek of Green Lane stated he and his wife have lived here for 34 years. He commented on the policy on detainers adopted at the last Council meeting and House Bill 5515 proposed in the General Assembly, and takes issue with inaccuracies in the Resolution as it pertains to Roger Williams. The Bill and Resolution are an insult to immigrants who came here seeking a better life while being respectful of the national sovereignty and laws of this nation. Sanctuary to transgressors has nothing to do with the rights of legitimate RI residents guaranteed under our Constitution and may open a Pandora’s Box for future lawlessness. Mr. Bembenek quoted Professor Borges of Harvard University, America’s leading immigration economist, who stated illegal immigration costs the American taxpayers a half trillion dollars per year. This Legislation and Resolution undermine the law and are detrimental to democracy; we must raise our objections to tying the hands of law enforcement personnel. He those in agreement to send their objections to Council members and State legislators.

Helen O’Grady of Schooner Avenue understands the concern for respect for the law and public safety. We shouldn’t follow laws blindly, as laws can be immoral and unjust. Until there is comprehensive immigration reform, H 5515 will ensure humane and just policies and procedures for local law enforcement agencies in dealing with immigration detainers. Lack of information fuels the fires of fear. Immigrants commit less crime than legal citizens, and we need to formulate policies based on facts. H 5515 would set humane standards for law enforcement in dealing with ICE detainers. We don’t want people to be afraid of law enforcement or families to be torn apart.

Deborah Murphy of Keel Avenue stated as a practicing attorney dealing with immigration law, criminal defendants, prosecutors, and personal experience, she is not out to get immigrants. Her family came from Portugal and Ireland legally. They worked, learned to speak English, became citizens, and paid taxes. She has dealt with immigrants; one was a client who lied about having a green card, choked his wife and put her in the hospital, stabbed a police officer, and tried to sue her because he was being deported. There are hard-working immigrants who come here, which she supports, but we can’t be a sanctuary for people who are committing heinous crimes.

Mr. Bembenek commented he never mentioned deportation of immigrants, and only commented on following the law.

Councilor Meagher noted this item was on the agenda two weeks ago at the request of a group of citizens. Councilor Mihaly stated no one has suggested that criminals charged with serious felonies be exempt from the law. Councilor Dickinson stated he asked the Council not to address this as it is going to inject a fissure into our community. He supports our Police Department, and if people were mistreated we would address it. President Trocki stated the resolution passed is a value statement, has no impact on taxpayer dollars, and would not provide sanctuary for criminal activities.

Mr. Bembenek again commented on the legislation and noted his objections.

President Trocki noted her disagreement with the idea Jamestown would allow criminal behavior.

Mr. Bembenek stated we do not know the history of undocumented immigrants.

President Trocki stated it is time to move on. This has been documented and addressed at two prior meetings. Councilor Mihaly agreed we should let this go. Councilor Meagher noted support for Bill H 5515 that would standardize local interaction and dealing with immigrants statewide and clarify interactions of local police regarding citizenship and immigration enforcement.

# COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS

## Town Administrator’s Report: Andrew E. Nota

###  Fire Station Project update

### Town Administrator Nota reported on the Fire Station Project and referenced the report in memorandum form in the Council packet and available on the Town website. The Project background was reviewed, beginning with the Town’s Capital Improvement Program in FY 2014-2015, needs assessment, improved facility, and consolidation of Fire and EMS services at one location. Architectural consultant Aharonian & Associates was engaged to facilitate the development of a conceptual design plan and cost estimates.

### The RFP was released and bids opened on March 28, 2016, with five qualified bidders. As the five initial bids exceeded the bond amount of $2,200,000, value engineering practices were engaged to reduce the overall cost. Rebids were opened on May 19, 2016, and the project awarded to Iron Construction Group for $2,129,500. It was determined the elevator/lift and vehicle exhaust system extension should be purchased directly from the suppliers and installed in-house for additional savings.

### The project has proceeded on schedule, despite weather conditions. To date 80% of the project funding has been expended. Eight (8) invoices have been received totaling $1,675,366.71, with $1,591,098.37 paid and $84,268.34 in retainage, with a project balance of $538,401.63. Mr. Nota commented on the cooperative effort of the contractor, Fire Chiefs and Fire Department, Public Works Director and staff, and architect. The majority of the project should be completed by the end of May and up and running by the new fiscal year.

President Trocki expressed appreciation for the comprehensive update and thorough memorandum, and opened the meeting to questions by the Council and public.

Councilor Dickinson inquired on the amount needed for completion of the project. Councilor Meagher commented on shingles for the roof and siding that were not part of the project that could be part of the capital budget discussion. It was noted $5,000 was donated by the PAC for shingles and $20,000 by the Fire Department for replacement of the old garage doors.

### Mary Lou Sanborn of Bay View Drive asked for clarification of the 80% noted, whether it was for completion of the project or funds paid to date. Mr. Nota explained the 80% was for both.

### Town FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) Operating Budget Presentation

### Town Administrator Nota reported this presentation should be made part of the budget manual for Tuesday’s and Thursday’s budget sessions. It is a summary of information the Council has in simpler format, and will be available on the Town website tomorrow.

##  Taylor Point Restoration Group

###  Annual Report for 2016

### Taylor Point Restoration Plan, with request for approval and signing by the Town Council; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Ed Gromada of Melrose Avenue, TPRG President, thanked the Council for the opportunity to review the TPRG actions to date and cover the Project Plan developed. Their vision is to restore the habitat with native vegetation and to provide for safe and convenient public access to the shoreline at Taylor Point. Mr. Gromada summarized what has transpired since their presentation of March 2, 2015, including engagement of experts to assist with the project, applying for and receiving $38,000 in grants, and TPRG is a 501(c)3 corporation. The Plan has been provided to Town staff for their review.

Dennis Webster of Mt. Hope Avenue, TPRG Vice President, narrated a PowerPoint presentation. The six-point concept as approved by the Council was reviewed as follows:

* + 1. Restore the Taylor Point habitat with native species
		2. Improve the existing degrade footpaths
		3. Incorporate shoreline erosion control
		4. Maintain and improve existing views of the Bay
		5. Provide the minimum essential necessities
		6. Plan for reliable long-term management and maintenance

The concept was followed and resulted in 50 objectives to be achieved. The first 25 objectives are elimination of invasive vegetation, re-vegetation with natural species. The other 25 subsections (as outlined on the Taylor Point Sub-sections map) provide access to the shore. There are nineteen footpaths at Taylor Point, broken down into ten sub-projects with six objectives. Included are placement of signage, maintenance of three important views, education and community engagement, and maintenance. It was noted wetlands are delineated and invasive plant removal methods have been developed.

Any work at Taylor Point requires CRMC approval, and permitting applications to CRMC will be signed by the Town Administrator. Next steps include Town staff review, approval by Council at the next or future meeting, finalizing of designs, submittal to CRMC in May, and permit approval by CRMC in June.

Council members commented on CRMC involvement and support to date. It was noted CRMC awarded a $10,000 planning grant to TPRG. Discussion ensued of invasive species removal and replacement by native species. TPRG requests Council approval of the Plan and naming the area the Taylor Point Nature Preserve.

Council members commented on property lines. Mr. Webster noted once the Plan is approved property lines will be reviewed so that contact can be made with RITBA and Newport Overlook. The Conservation Commission has been consulted during this process, which will continue. Council members comment on the completeness of the comprehensive report from a volunteer group and appreciate the efforts of TPRG. Mr. Webster looks forward to the next phase. Discussion continues.

Conservation Commission Chair Maureen Coleman commented open space comes under Conservation Commission purview, they received a copy of the Plan, are meeting next week, will review the project, will make a recommendation to the Council (which they anticipate will be favorable), and cannot commend this group enough for their planning work.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## Town Council Rules and Procedures; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote, continued from 03/06/2017

President Trocki noted the underlines, ~~strikethroughs~~, and Solicitor’s and Town Clerk’s edits on the revised document and asked for any additional input. Town Administrator Nota referenced Town Planner Lisa Bryer’s comments on the language of Section 6.2 regarding the interaction between the Zoning Board, Planning, and Town Council, which reiterates rights and authorities the Town Council already has. Councilor Meagher stated this has been part of the Rules and Procedures for a long time.

**A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Mihaly to pass the rules as presented here with the edits we have all contributed to.**

Discussion. President Trocki requested verification from Solicitor Brochu the Solicitor’s Office has fully vetted the revised document. Solicitor Brochu could not confirm that all members of the Solicitor’s Office have reviewed the revisions.

**An amendment to the motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Mihaly to approve the rules as written subject to any additional comments by the Solicitor’s Office. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

## Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times

President Trocki noted the list of meetings and events for March and April. Town Administrator Nota stated all meetings are posted on the Town website and there are no revisions to the meeting schedule for March and April.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

# X. ORDINANCES AND APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

## Appointments, Vacancies and Expiring Terms; view and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

### Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (Two vacancies with three-year term ending dates of December 31, 2019); duly advertised; no applicants

#### Letter of interest for appointment

##### Andrew B. Hunter

President Trocki noted there is an applicant for the Tree Committee. Councilor Dickinson commented he is very familiar with Mr. Hunter’s work. The landscaping in front of Baker’s Pharmacy was noted, as well as his passion for his craft. Vice President White commented on his fine work and endorsed him. Councilor Meagher commented on his work as well and stated this is an appointment we can make.

**A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to appoint Andrew Hunter to the Tree Preservation Committee. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

### Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee (One vacancy with an unexpired three-year term ending date of December 31, 2019); duly advertised; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

#### Letter of Resignation

##### Barbara Szepatowski

#### Letter of interest for appointment

##### Job Toll

##### Mr. Toll is a long-time Jamestown resident who currently serves on the Quonset Development Corporation Board of Directors.

**A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Vice President White to accept Barbara Szepatowski’s resignation with thanks for her services. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

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**A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor Meagher to appoint Job Toll to the Beavertail Advisory Committee.** **President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

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**XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

*An item on the Consent Agenda need not be removed for simple clarification or correction of typographical errors. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Dickinson to approve and accept the Consent Agenda. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

The Consent Agenda approved consists of the following:

## Adoption of Council Minutes

###  March 6, 2017 (regular meeting)

### March 6, 2017 (interview session)

### March 9, 2017 (budget work session)

## Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees

## CRMC Notices

### March 2017 Calendar

## Abutter Notifications

### Notice is hereby given that the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review will hold a public hearing on March 28, 2017 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835 at 7:00 p.m. upon the following: Application of John R. Connors, whose property is located Frigate Street, and further identified as Assessor’s Plat 16, Lot 22 for a variance/special use permit from Article 3, Sections 308 & 314 to construct a single family dwelling and install a two bedroom OWTS on a sub district A lot (high groundwater table & impervious layer overlay district) and where the OWTS will be 51’ from a forested wetland edge instead of the required 150 ft. Said property is located in a R40 zone and contains 8,332 sq. ft.

### Notice is hereby given that the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review will hold a public hearing March 28, 2017, at the Jamestown Town Hall 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI at 7:00 p.m. upon the following: Application of Conanicut Yacht Club, whose property is located at 24 Whittier Rd., and further identified as Assessor’s Plat 8, Lot 627 for a modification of a special use permit from Article 3, Table 3-1 (F) (1) to have tennis courts including a small bocce ball playing area, and including the removal of the existing tennis court hut to be replaced by the proposed 1,130 sq. ft. tennis hut, pursuant to Article 6, Sections 600 & 602 and a variance pursuant to Article 6 Sections 82-600 & 82-605, from the following provisions: (1) Article 3, Table 3-2 for the Village Special Development District, lot coverage, where the maximum allowable lot coverage is 25%, the existing lot coverage on the property 57.4% & the proposed lot coverage is 60.1%; (2) Article 3, Table 3-2 for the Village Special Development District, side setback outbuilding, where the required setback is ten ft. and the tennis court fence is currently located on the property line; (3) Article 3, Table 3-2 for the Village Special Development District, Lot Width, where the required lot width is 100 ft. and the existing lot width is 84 ft; (4) Article 11, Section 82-106, Special Requirements, subsection C-3(a), parking, where parking is required on the rear or side of the house, to allow parking to remain in its existing location. Said property is located in a R20 zone and contains 90,520 sq. ft.

### Notice is hereby given that the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review will hold a public hearing March 28, 2017, at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue Jamestown, RI at 7:00 p.m. upon the following: Application of JTN, LLC, whose property is located at 13 Narragansett Ave., and further identified as Assessor’s Plat 9, Lot 603 for a Special Use Permit from Article 11, Section 82.1108.6 Use of an Attic shall be ancillary to the use below. Proposed use of the attic as residential where below is a restaurant. Said property is located in a CD zone and contains 13,068 sq. ft.

## Abatements/Addenda of Taxes

 Total Abatements: $32,557.06 Total Addenda: $32,885.69

###  Real Property/Tangible Abatements to 2016 Tax Roll

 **Account/Abatement Amount**

#### 02-1325-00 $ 3,320.85

#### 02-1325-50 $ 392.82

#### 08-0642-01 $ 32.17

#### 10-0010-75 $18,457.56

#### 13-0310-00 $ 916.34

#### 13-2193-50 $ 32.18

#### 19-1282-00 $ 3,245.66

#### 23-1035-00 $ 6,159.48

### Real Property/Tangible Addenda to 2016 Tax Roll

 **Account/Addenda Amount**

#### 02-1325-50 $ 4,020.85

#### 03-1594-00 $18,457.56

#### 08-0652-01 $ 3,288.56

#### 13-0309-00 $ 916.34

#### 13-2193-50 $ 6,202.38

## Holiday License Renewal

###  PP Jamestown, LLC dba: Pink Pig BBQ

 Address: 35 Narragansett Avenue

##  Finance Director’s Report

**XII. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS**

Councilor Meagher noted Conservation Commission Chair Maureen Coleman’s letter in support of funding for the Eastern RI Conservation District, the Council’s support at the March 6th meeting, and Resolution of Support adopted by the Council. Councilor Dickinson noted Melrose School Grade 3 Teacher Phil Capaldi’s letter in support of ERICD.

**A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to accept the Communications.**

Discussion. Councilor Mihaly commented on Conservation Chair Maureen Coleman’s other communication and that he is happy Conservation is addressing the water resources issue.

**An amendment to the motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to accept the Communications and Resolutions and Proclamations and place the Conservation Commission request for convening a Technical Review Committee on the April 3rd agenda. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

The Communications, Petitions and Proclamations accepted consists of the following:

## Communications

### Letter of Conservation Commission Chair Maureen Coleman encouraging support for the Eastern RI Conservation District request for funds

### Letter of Conservation Commission Chair Maureen Coleman requesting Town Council support in convening a Technical Review Committee of volunteers to address growing concerns for water resources on the island – on April 3 agenda as an agenda item.

### Letter of Melrose Grade 3 Teacher Phil Capaldi requesting Town Council support for funding of the Eastern RI Conservation District in the FY 2018 budget cycle

### Letter of RIDEM Principal Sanitary Engineer Jay Manning re: Project Priority List for State Fiscal Year 2018

### Letter of the Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island Proclaiming April 24th as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in memory of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to 1923

### Letter of Conanicut Island Land Trust in support of request for funding for the Eastern RI Conservation District

### Letter of Evelyn Wheeler of the RI Advisory Commission on Historical Cemeteries requesting the Town of Jamestown adopt an historical cemeteries ordinance, per RIGL §44-3-63

## Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns

### Resolution of the Narragansett Town Council opposing the legalization of marijuana and creation of a commercial marijuana industry in Rhode Island

### Resolution of the Burrillville Town Council requesting repeal of the Motor Vehicle Tax and a guaranteed full reimbursement to the Cities and Towns for any lost revenues

# XIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

## Golf Course Presentation

## Town Administrator Nota commented we are waiting for cost estimates that should be here by March 27th, and this will be an agenda item for April 3rd. The Golf Course presentation must be done by April 17th so that we have the option of including it as part of the Financial Town Meeting.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to adjourn. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

The Jamestown Town Council adjourned the regular meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council

 Town Administrator

 Finance Director

 Town Solicitor