

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
for  
TOWN, WATER AND SEWER MATTERS**

Monday, June 16, 2008

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 7:32 PM by Commission President Julio DiGiando.

The following members were present:

Vice-President, Michael White  
William Kelly  
Barbara A. Szepatowski  
Robert W. Sutton, Jr.

Also present were:

Bruce Keiser, Town Administrator  
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director  
Michael Gray, Town Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director  
Wyatt A. Brochu, Esq., Town Solicitor  
Paula Swistak, Acting Water and Sewer Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1) Proposed draft of the amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water Commissioners

William Munger stated that he did not like the word “attempt” in Line 1, Amendment 2, and Section 2. There was discussion on the water ban which is currently June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The proposed water ban change “June 30<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>”. Mr. Munger stated that he would like to avoid utilizing a water tank truck for these months. Clem Napolitano of Jamestown Boat Yard stated that it is unreasonable to return a boat to a customer without washing it. He also stated that seagull droppings can ruin a vessels paint job if not washed off. Jack Brittain, stated that an arbitrary ban date should not be used but should be determined by the water level. Steve Goslee informed the commission that the issue is not the level of water but the amount of water that the treatment plant can process. He further stated that the new treatment plant will have far better capacity. Mr. Brittain suggested getting more people on line with Town water and sewer, which would bring in more revenue. Commission President DiGiando closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Goslee stressed that the Town can’t operate the water system “on the edge”, a cushion is needed. He strongly recommended that the regulations should not should not be changed until the new treatment plan is online. Commission Szepatowki stated that the issue should be review every two weeks. Commissioner Sutton stated that he agreed with Mr. Goslee. He suggested that the commission review the regulations next year when the new treatment system is online. Commissioner White expressed concern that the rules are inflexible. Commissioner Kelly stated that the proposed regulations should be passed tonight. He stated that he will vote to approve the proposed regulations tonight but the Commission should have a special meeting to look at Amendment 6, Section 7. A motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded Commissioner White, to approve the proposed draft of the amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water Commissioners as presented. So unanimously voted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded Commissioner White, to meet prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> to review the timeframes on the water restrictions. So unanimously voted.

Town Administrator Keiser will provide an impact report on the specific issues.

Commissioner Szepatowski left at 8:30 PM.

### **AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

(None)

### **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) 04/21/08 (public workshop re: review of Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water Commissioners)

2) 05/19/08 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner White to accept the 04/21/08 (public workshop) minutes and 05/19/08 (regular) meeting minutes. So voted 3 ayes, 1 abstention (Kelly).

Commissioner Szepatowski stated that she would like to discuss the bid awards for the new Highway Garage as the next item of business.

### **OPEN FORUM**

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

Representative Bruce Long gave a status report on the following items:

Union Health Plan

Emergency Management Educational bill

RI Bike Path

Jack Brittain, stated that the water consumption used by the marina washing boats is the same as a single family home. Why not sell the water to them?

Mike Swistak, asked that the Board appoint a new rate structure committee.

Steve Mecca agreed with Mr. Swistak and further stated that the current rate structure is unfair.

### **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

1) **Pumping Report:**

- Pumping up
- Water quality is slightly diminished
- Wells are back online
- Consumer confidence report needs to be sent out

2) **Town project reports:** (See Project Update Report dated May 2008)

A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner White, to move up: XI. Town Business, New Business, Highway Facility and Salt Storage Building Design up on the agenda. So unanimously voted.

### **TOWN BUSINESS**

3) **New Business**

c) **Highway Facility and Salt Storage**

Mike Gray discussed the proposal suggestions to the Highway Facility and Salt Storage which were given to him by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Sutton to change the roof color of the new Highway Barn from green to charcoal grey, seconded by Commissioner White. So unanimously voted. Mr. Gray stated that he would like to review the Planning Commission's suggestions for another week.

### **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

(None)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(None)

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner White to approve the Water Division Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner White to approve the Sewer Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

### **TOWN BUSINESS cont.**

1) **CRMC Notices:**

a) **Notice of Violation re:** William Munger, 1 Ferry Wharf, installation of an unauthorized float at Conanicut Marina, Conanicus Avenue, Plat 8/9, Lots 355, 356, 171, 183, 287 and 291 without benefit of a CRMC assent or in violation of a Council Order

William Munger stated that the floating dock on the north side of the concrete pier is used as a service float. Since the Town is the owner of the concrete pier they need to submit a request for installation to CRMC. A motion was made by Commission Sutton, seconded by Commissioner White, to authorize the Town Administrator to submit an application to CRMC to install a float on the north side of the concrete pier. So unanimously voted.

2) **Ordinances, Resolutions and Proclamations:**

a) Resolution No. 08-008 requesting that the Quonset Development Corporation endorse the recommendation of Governor Carcieri to set aside appropriate mooring space at Davisville for the USS Saratoga and supporting legislation that would allow the USS Saratoga to move to Davisville A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner White, to pass Resolution No. 08-008 requesting that the Quonset Development Corporation endorse the recommendation of Governor Carcieri to set aside appropriate mooring space at Davisville for the USS Saratoga and supporting legislation that would allow the USS Saratoga to move to Davisville. So unanimously voted.

b) Resolution No. 08-009 supporting legislative amendments to protect Rhode Island's cities and towns and their public officials/employees

A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner White, to pass Resolution No. 08-009 supporting legislative amendments to protect Rhode Island's cities and towns and their public officials/employees. So unanimously voted.

a) Proclamation No. 08-010 proclaiming the week beginning Sunday, June 15, 2008 as **Jamestown Graduates Week**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner White, Proclamation No. 08-010 proclaiming the week beginning Sunday, June 15, 2008 as **Jamestown Graduates Week**. So unanimously voted.

3) **New Business:**

a) House Bill 2008 – H 8199 “An Act Relating to Highways – The Jamestown Bridge Fishing Park”; if favorable, motion to forward resolution in support of Representative Long's opposition to House Bill 2008 H 8199

A motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded Commissioner Kelly, to forward House Bill 2008 – H 8199 “An Act Relating to Highways – The Jamestown Bridge Fishing Park”; if favorable, motion to forward resolution in support of Representative Long's opposition to House Bill 2008 H 8199. So unanimously voted.

b) Concrete Pier-Conanicut Marina request to submit  
No action taken.

c) Highway Facility and Salt Storage  
Previously discussed.

4) **Town Administrators Report:**

a) North Road Bike Path

Town Administrator Keiser stated that the establishment of a Bike Planning Committee will be on the next Town Council agenda

b) Harbor Boat

The Harbor Boat is back from Ribcraft.

c) Dutch Harbor Boat Yard

Town Administrator Keiser reported that he will be meeting next Wednesday with the new Dutch Harbor Boat Yard partner at their request. Boat storage removal is behind but progressing.

d) 101 Gondola Avenue

Town Administrator Keiser reported that the structures at 101 Gondola Avenue must be removed within 60 days. The owners will comply.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Paula Swistak

Acting Water and Sewer Clerk

xc: Commission Members (5)

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

Public Works Director

Town Clerk