

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

Thursday, June 26, 2008

A special 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 4:30 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
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) For the purpose of discussion and consideration of the temporary suspension of the water regulations, specifically-Conservation-section 15A (2)-Limitations on Use

Commission President DiGiando opened the public hearing at 4:31 PM. Administrator Keiser stated that this public hearing was called at the request of the marina owners for relief from the restriction pertaining to boat washing. The Public Works Director recommended waiting until the new Water Treatment Facility was up and running prior to giving any relief pertaining to the water restrictions. The Public Works Director briefly outlined the following reasons for not granting relief:

- Inadequate Water Supply
- Water Treatment Plant cannot meet maximum day demand
- Significant fire flow deficiencies within the system

The Public Works Director reported the following limitations at the current Water Treatment Facility:

- Periods of Raw Water Quality Degradation
- Close to exceeding more stringent SDWA regulations (turbidity standard)
- Shorter Filter Run Times (4 hours)
- Clearwell Level Drops - High Lift Pump Taken Off-line
- During This Period Entire System is Being Supplied From Storage

The Commission asked for clarification on a few items as reported by the Public Works Director.

William Munger, President and General Manager of Conanicut Marine Services Inc. stated that he was present to represent the island boat yard contingency. Mr. Munger stated the following:

- Having access to a clean water supply is important
- We have taken great stride in conservation
- If there is a water crisis, we can certainly understand this and will abide by restrictions
- Would like the Commission to consider lifting the regulations on weekdays

Jim Archibald representing Jamestown Boat Yard stated the following:

- The main service at Jamestown Boat Yard is boat repair. When a boat is returned to a customer it needs to be cleaned. The boat may be covered in debris and fiberglass from the repair
- Jamestown Boat Yard uses salt water for the initial cleaning and then uses town water for the final rinse
- If there is a water crisis, we can abide by the restrictions
- Would like the Commission to consider lifting the restrictions on weekdays

Heidi Moon of 53 Conanicus Avenue asked Mr. Munger how long he had the water tank at his property. Mr. Munger reported that he has had it for 12 years.

Following clarification of a few additional items, Commission President DiGiando closed the public hearing at 5:15 PM. Motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commission President DiGiando not to temporarily suspend the regulations pertaining to boat washing. The vote was, Commissioner Sutton, aye; Commissioner DiGiando, aye; Commissioner Szepatowski, nay; Commissioner Kelly, nay and Commissioner White, nay. Motion failed.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(None)

OPEN FORUM

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

Bob Bowen from the Harbor Management Commission asked for clarification regarding the Town Councils actions on 06/23/08 and expressed his concerns regarding the communication process. Deputy Public Works Director also expressed his concerns regarding the communication process. Town Solicitor Brochu stated that this item is not on the agenda and if the Council would like to discuss this matter further, they should place it on the next meeting agenda. Commission consensus: To discuss this matter at the next Town Council meeting on 07/14/08.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

(None)

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Letter dated 06/18/08 from Jamestown Boat Yard re: Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water Commissioners Conservation-section 15A

Motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commissioner White to accept the communication from Jamestown Boat Yard re: Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water Commissioners Conservation-section 15A. So unanimously voted.

- 2) Memorandum from Conanicut Marine Services re: Boat Washing Restriction

Motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commissioner White to accept the communication from Conanicut Marine Services re: Boat Washing Restriction. So unanimously voted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

(None)

BILLS AND PAYROLL

(None)

TOWN BUSINESS (cont. from 06/23/08 Town Council Meeting)

- 1) Recreational Use of Reservoir, Sec. 42-61 Jamestown Code of Ordinance

- a) **Jamestown Striper Club's Annual Kid's Fishing Derby** re: waiver of regulations
Administrator Keiser stated that he thought that there were some prohibitions against the use of reservoirs, but following his review this was not the case. Administrator Keiser suggested that an amendment is made to the Water and Sewer regulations to allow for the use of the reservoir from time to time. Commissioner consensus: To discuss this matter at a later date.

Following brief discussion regarding parking, motion was made by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner DiGiando to approve the request from the Jamestown Striper Club for the use of the reservoir for their Annual Kid's Fishing Derby. So unanimously voted.

- 2) **Salt Storage Building**

Deputy Public Works Director Gray briefly described the proposed Barn Style building and stated that this style would be a little more costly than the Commercial Style building. Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commissioner White to allow the Town Engineer to work with A. Autiello Construction Co. Inc. to produce a plan that works for the Salt Storage building. So unanimously voted.

- 3) **44 Southwest Avenue**

- a) Disposition of property

Administrator Keiser updated the Commission on the status of 44 Southwest Avenue. Commission consensus: To authorize the Town Administrator to entertain bids for the property.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

xc: Commission Members (5)
Town Administrator
Town Solicitor
Public Works Director
Town Clerk