

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

December 1, 2014

I. ROLL CALL.

Town Council Members present:

Kristine S. Trocki, President
Mary E. Meagher, Vice President
Blake A. Dickinson
Michael G. White
Thomas P. Tighe

Also in Attendance:

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator
Wyatt A. Brochu, Town Solicitor
Edward A. Mello, Police Chief
Lisa Bryer, Town Planner
Michael Glier, IT Director
Michael Gray, Public Works Director
William Piva, Recreation Director
Jill Goldstein, Recreation Program Supervisor
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Trocki called the regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and Councilor Dickinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second Councilor Dickinson to do the Police Department issues first, and continue III. B. following III. C. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

A) Proclamation

- 1) No. 2014-10 Honoring Sergeant Keith Woodbine on the occasion of his retirement

The Proclamation was read by Council President Trocki. [Applause]

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to adopt the Proclamation. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

B) Promotion: Presented by Police Chief Edward Mello

1) Officer Mark Esposito to rank of Sergeant.

Chief Mello gave a biography on Officer Esposito. His wife and three daughters in attendance were introduced. President Trocki administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Mark Esposito. [Applause]. Congratulations were extended from the Town Council.

Chief Mello stated it is very satisfying to see a member of the ranks being promoted.

C) Acknowledgements: Presented by Police Chief Edward Mello

1) Life Saving Award.

Chief Mello Police stated Police Officers often deal with citizens who are emotionally disturbed, which is very challenging, and guide them in the right path when they are in need of help. Officers who went above and beyond what is expected are honored for their heroic actions as follows:

a) Officer Mark Esposito.

On August 2, 2014 Sergeant Esposito responded to a call regarding a despondent female trying to hang herself. He intervened, putting himself at risk, and prevented the suicide, allowing her to reconsider her actions. Chief Mello presented the Police Department's Life Saving Award to Sergeant Esposito. [Applause]

b) Officer Jack Billings (Newport Police Department).

c) Detective Derek Carlino.

On March 2, 2013 Officer Billings and Detective Carlino were collectively dispatched to the center span of the Newport Bridge. An individual was on the outer railing at the top of the bridge attempting to jump. The two officers successfully restrained the person, putting themselves at risk, and their actions resulted in the rescue of the individual. Chief Mello presented the Police Department's Life Saving Award to Officer Billings and Detective Carlino. [Applause]

d) Dispatcher David Bento.

Dispatchers have a difficult job, as they are the first line of defense when someone calls for help. On May 18, 2014 Dispatcher (Town resident) Bento received a call from a 77 year-old man lost in the woods. He was able to obtain the GPS coordinates from the gentleman's cell phone, and using the technology available, created a map of the lost man's location. This initiative armed Police Officers with the information needed to quickly locate and rescue him. His actions above and beyond what is expected saved this man's life. Chief Mello presented the Police Department's Life Saving Award to Dispatcher Bento. [Applause]

e) Officer James Chaves.

Officer Chaves is not able to be here this evening, and his supervisor, Sergeant Jay Hopkins, will accept the award on his behalf. On May 9, 2014 Officer Chaves was dispatched to the Jamestown Bridge for a male walking on the bridge. Officer Chaves

observed the individual on the south side of the bridge preparing to jump from the railing at the center span. Officer Chaves traveling west over the bridge was across four lanes of traffic from the individual. He was able to get across the four lanes of traffic and remove the man from the railing, putting himself at risk, and saving the man's life. Chief Mello presented the Police Department's Life Saving Award to Sergeant Hopkins on Officer Chaves' behalf. [Applause]

At the conclusion of the ceremony family members and members of the public were invited to a reception at the Library. President Trocki expressed appreciation to the officers for the job they do, putting their lives on the line for residents and visitors to Jamestown. [Applause]

A) Proclamations, continued

2) No. 2014-11 With Thanks (to the Prior Family)

The Proclamation was read by President Trocki. The Council thanked the Prior and Meunier family members for all they have done to improve safety on the Newport Pell Bridge. [Applause]

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to approve the Proclamation. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

All approvals for licenses and permits are subject to the resolution of debts, taxes and appropriate signatures as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance.

A) One Day Event/Entertainment Licenses

1) Applicant: Eident Sports Marketing
Event: Jamestown Half Marathon
Date: July 11, 2015
Location: Streets circling the Island

John Mathews of 19 Weaver Avenue, Newport, RI, of Eident Sports Marketing, in attendance introduced Karen Zions and Susan Rankor of Eident Sports. Mr. Mathews noted the race is going into its fourth year and has experienced annual growth. Concerns were addressed with Police Chief Mello and Town Administrator Nota. One flaw in the race is people are shuttled from Newport and no dollars travel to Jamestown. This year registration pickup is planned for Friday with the race on Saturday, which could be maximized for the benefit of Jamestown. Eident understands there are concerns, and there are alternative opportunities for race routes under review. The runners love the race here in Jamestown, and Eident wants it to continue.

President Trocki noted this race is on July 11th, a prime summer weekend. There are concerns expressed by citizens and Town staff, as this is a very busy weekend, and perhaps the race could be run differently, as it is not beneficial to the community. Mr. Mathews

stated the race is a half marathon that starts around 6:30 a.m. and is over by 10:30 a.m., a four-hour window.

Town Administrator Nota stated he and Chief Mello met with Eident and worked through some problematic areas that include logistics and policy issues. The race is run on a Saturday in the July peak season in a community with a small police force. The Town has reached out for mutual aid from other departments and it is difficult to provide adequate police support during the summer when officers are needed in other areas and qualified personnel are needed to administer to the race. Fire Chief Bryer (not in attendance) noted the strain on EMS due to the number of injuries. Usually an event is sponsored by local entities, and communities are challenged when an outside, for-profit entity comes to town, resulting in a negative impact on the residents and local businesses. Discussion continued. The logistics don't fit well and there is a negative economic impact on the community. Perhaps a shoulder season would be better. If the event is successful, what benefit is there to Jamestown? Mr. Mathews stated the shuttle bus does not benefit Jamestown and perhaps a positive economic impact could be realized in the future. Eident prefers to keep the same date, as runners schedule their races far for an entire season. A shoulder season is not their first choice, but they will do so if necessary.

Chief Mello stated he met with Karen Zions a number of times. From a police perspective the challenge is staffing, as we have to bring in other officers to assist us. It is difficult to support the event, which had a 40% increase from year 1 to year 2 with 1,200 participants, and no monetary benefit. An alternative would be to drive to Jamestown and find parking. Also the start and finish times should be limited so there is minimal impact on traffic. Town roads are not closed, which is concerning with 1,200+ runners. The scheduled route is the perimeter of the Island beginning at the toll plaza, impacting the most highly traveled roads (does not go to Beavertail). Mr. Mathews referenced other races they run, necessary personnel required, and EMS issues. The race course could be fine tuned to accommodate the town's needs, and they must provide a safe race for the runners.

Vice President Meagher asked if this is a private company. Mr. Mathews stated Eident is a for-profit company, not a 501(C)3, and they make money from the races which are run for the benefit of non-profit charitable organizations. He estimated the race for Crohn's Disease and Colitis raised \$500,000. Councilor Dickinson commented the application lacked required signatures. Mr. Nota stated at this stage of the process the Chiefs and other signatories were uncomfortable signing off without the Council's perspective. Councilor Dickinson stated he was impacted personally this year by the race and suggested the Town find an alternative that is amicable. The Council agrees the date is a problem and must be changed. Parking for 1,200 people in summer is not a good; it is a problem.

Karen Zions talked about an alternative route with less impact to Jamestown, VIP parking on Jamestown, transporting others by bus, and discount coupons to get people back to the Island to patronize restaurants. Eident wants to be good neighbors and continue and they are flexible. Discussion ensued of the revised route, which is difficult to follow, that begins and ends at Fort Getty. The next Town Council Meeting is January 5, 2015. President

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Trocki advised Eident to forward additional information to Town Administrator Nota, who will get back to the Council with recommendations for review.

A motion was made by Councilor Tighe with second by Councilor Dickinson to continue this agenda item to the January 5, 2015 Town Council Meeting. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

V. 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

A) Scheduled to address. None.

B) Non-scheduled to address.

Richard Koster of West Reach Drive asked when paving of North Road will proceed. Public Works Director Mike Gray stated the phases will be addressed at budget time. Paving will be done over 4 years, with a pedestrian path in the 5th year at an estimated cost of \$800,000 to \$900,000. The estimated start date for drainage work has not been determined.

Mr. Koster asked what the Town's plan was for use of 2 Broad Street. Town Administrator Nota stated it is preservation of that property, tying it together with the adjacent Park Dock property, and the Town cannot determine its uses until it is acquired. Options will be reviewed in the future.

VI. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS

A) Administrator's Report: Town Administrator Andrew E. Nota. Mr. Nota stated there are 7 items in his report to be addressed.

1) Fort Getty Pavilion Area Improvements.

The Project permit application is under CRMC review, and several plan changes were facilitated by consultant Arek Galle, based on CRMC recommendations. It is anticipated the final permit is attainable this winter, allowing the Town to perform various project elements before the park opens in May. It is not anticipated the project will be fully completed for the upcoming summer season. Additional updates will follow.

2) Performance Evaluation System.

The Performance Evaluation System is ready for implementation, beginning in January. It is designed to provide an annual rated evaluation of Town support and supervisory personnel, encompassing both a supervisor's review of an employee's overall performance, and an employee's own self-evaluation. The evaluation consists of 10 questions for all support personnel and an additional 6 questions to complete the appraisal for supervisory personnel. The sections of the form include:

- a) Primary Abilities
- b) Evaluation Criteria
- c) Overall Performance Appraisal
- d) Comments and Recommendations
- e) Goals/Career Development Plan
- f) Action/Development Plan
- g) Signatures

3) ADA Accessibility Update.

Installation of ADA compliant electronic door opening mechanisms and replacement exterior doors on the front and rear of Town Hall have been completed. Town staff will assess other Town facilities for similar ADA improvements needed.

4) Town Leases

The Town's three marina leases are coming due for full or limited renewal negotiation in the coming year as follows:

- a) East Ferry – June 6, 2015, with expiration of a 10-year renewal agreement (Newport Appraisal group conducting a full market rental appraisal of the facility)
- b) Fort Wetherill – 7-year lease expires on September 30, 2015 with option for 5-year renewal
- c) West Ferry – 7-year lease expires on December 31, 2015 with option for 5-year renewal

5) Portuguese American Citizens Club (PAC)

At the November 24th Executive Session the Council authorized a conditional Purchase and Sales agreement with the Holy Ghost Society for acquisition of the Narragansett Avenue building. Acquisition is contingent upon a public vote at a Special FTM or all-day Referenda (late March or early April). The Council can decide to have more than one project before the voters, possibly including the Fire Station Expansion Project and Golf Course Clubhouse Project. Inspections of the PAC are currently underway by Town staff.

6) National Grid Community Discussion.

National Grid representatives will revisit the Clarke Street Substation Project at an informational meeting with Town residents on December 2nd at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The discussion will cover:

- a) Project Overview and Need
- b) Safety
- c) EMF
- d) Noise
- e) Aesthetics
- f) Project timeline and Construction impacts

7) Municipal Street Lighting Program

The Municipal Streetlight and Investment Act enacted by the General Assembly in 2013 provided municipalities with the ability to purchase existing streetlights in their community from National Grid. A letter of intent from National Grid is expected in the near future and the Town would have to express interest in the program at that time. In addition the Town will receive a participation agreement that carries a minimal \$1 per fixture cost to support the PRISM Program, a comprehensive evaluation of all Jamestown streetlights, to calculate the potential improvements and savings to the Town. It is done over a specified timeline based on local decisions regarding the types of lights, bulbs and changes to be made to the existing hardware. Additional updates will be forthcoming.

B) Parks and Recreation Department - 2014 Season Report: Director William Piva.
The report covered the following:

- Fort Getty Prices for the 2014 Season
 - Seasonal Campers \$4,500/season
 - Jamestown Seasonal Campers \$3,700/season
 - RV Reservations \$ 40/night
 - Tent Reservations \$ 25/night
 - Daily Parking \$ 20/day
 - Daily Parking w/boat \$ 30/day
 - Guest Parking \$ 5/day
 - Seasonal Boat \$ 600/season
 - Dump Station \$ 20/use
 - Waiting List \$ 10/year
- Pavilion Prices for the 2014 Season
 - Residents \$300 Friday, Saturday, or Sunday
\$200 Monday through Thursday
 - Non-Residents \$600 Friday, Saturday, or Sunday
\$400 Monday through Thursday

- Fort Getty:

Revenue Comparison	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Seasonal Campers	\$343,463	\$317,100
RV Reservations	\$ 14,281	\$ 35,190
Tent Reservations	\$ 31,518	\$ 30,675
Daily Parking	\$ 9,165	\$ 11,710
Boat Parking	\$ 3,380	\$ 3,405
Guest Parking	\$ 1,935	\$ 2,285
Seasonal Boat	\$ 12,600	\$ 12,270
Dump Station	\$ 20	\$ 130
Waiting List	\$ 620	\$ 360
Boat Parking	\$ 3,380	\$ 3,405
Non-Resident Seasonal Pass	<u>\$ 1,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,300</u>
Total Revenue	\$422,262	\$414,875

- Fort Getty
Expenses Comparison

Gas	\$ 2,966.01	\$ 1,258.40
Electrical	\$ 19,361.76	\$ 23,417.95
Hallman Septic	\$ 4,846.00	\$ 3,850.00
Ice	\$ 2,765.01	\$ 1,175.10
Water	\$ 7,767.24	\$ 9,809.23
Trash Removal	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 6,324.99
Jack's Electric	\$ 2,707.00	\$ 3,170.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,826.33	\$ 3,374.10
Gatehouse Payroll	\$ 38,296.63	\$ 37,737.38
Maintenance Payroll	\$ <u>61,864.35</u>	\$ <u>63,639.30</u>
Total Expenses	\$150,775.33	\$153,765.95
Net	\$271,486.70	\$261,109.10

- 2014 Transient RV Occupancy
May 75% June 75% July 76% August 76% September 71% Average 75%
- 2014 Tent Occupancy
May 11% June 27% July 53% August 57% September 34% Average 37%
- Pavilion/Ft. Getty Usage 2014
Jamestown Recreation Summer Camp
Save the Bay Summer Camp
Weddings and Parties – weekends
Special Events
CISF – Summer Camps and Wednesday Sailing
Farmer's Market – Monday nights (10 weeks)
- Pavilion Comparison

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Pavilion Rental	\$ 7,850.00	\$ 8,600.00
Ice	\$ 4,129.00	\$ 3,107.00

Director Piva stated it was a good season. Overall, Ft. Getty was open two weeks less than the previous season, and the Recreation staff would like to work on vacancies.

Revenue for the 2014 season decreased slightly. Vice President Meagher asked about keeping Fort Getty open later. Mr. Piva stated staff would have to be kept on, but it is doable. Discussion ensued of utility expenses and increased electrical rates anticipated for the coming season. President Trocki commented the changes made were successful, and she would like to hear recommendations. This will be continued to the January agenda to review reduced spaces, impacted revenue, increased electric rates, deterioration, rest room improvements, other needed investments, funding, service, and remaining open longer. President Trocki noted the Council needs to digest this information before making any decisions on costs, improvements, or expanding the next season. Discussion continued.

C) Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation - 2014 Season Report: Director Meg Myles.
The PowerPoint Report covered:

- Overall a great season this year
- Summarized important points and information
- Mission statement revised – reflects the organization is now more education based
- Sea Adventure Camps reviewed
- 2014 Season additions reviewed
- Capacity and demographics reviewed – 200 of 211 spots filled - at 95% capacity; approximately 120 have close ties to Jamestown
- Finances – non-profit, focusing on education – broke even for the season
- Goal – a fun and rewarding experience – tuition increased \$5 and \$10 this season; popularity is growing
- Scholarships – 11 awarded by CISF this year; 1 additional scholarship anonymously donated
- Challenges – bathrooms in poor condition; speeding cars; lack indoor space for inclement weather
- Conclusions – Fort Getty is the ideal location for the CISF Camps
- Summer 2015 – request multi-year approval; indoor space; public/private partnership; exclusive or non-competing agreement for Fort Getty

President Trocki appreciated the extensive, detailed report.

Questions/Answers.

Councilor Dickinson commented that Fort Getty is in high demand and we must be sensitive to everyone in competition for the space. He would entertain the multi-year option but discussion should take place at a special meeting or work session to review uses for Fort Getty. Council comments included the larger picture for Fort Getty that needs to be reviewed, there are competing interests, permanent structure needs, the program's success and continuance, drainage issues to be addressed, and a workshop should be planned for January, at a date chosen by the Town Administrator (week of January 12 or 19). Meg will be contacted when a date is set.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Videotaping of Town Council meetings: Detailed report prepared by IT Director Mike Glier. Jerry Scott is videotaping this meeting. Town Administrator Nota stated the Town should provide this service (most cost effective alternative). The camera should be mounted on wall, with a control at the Town Administrator's table. A minor investment for software to time stamp the video and purchase of the video equipment could be done for less than \$4,000 this year to accommodate all meetings held in this room (beginning the end of January). Additional upgrades could come later. Discussion of procedure and equipment, funding resources and outsourcing the services ensued. This can be included in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Discussion continued.

Councilor Dickinson noted the website project began two years ago. He supports the purchase of cameras, but is concerned with burdening the staff further while they are still addressing the paperless meetings and the website. He would like to explore continuity, needs, and costs involved. The Town may be interested in past meeting videos and approaching Sav Rebecchi, as the videos have value. It would be worthwhile to investigate a service to host the meeting videos. Lengthy discussion ensued.

President Trocki asked what needs to be done this evening. Town Administrator Nota stated he can provide the required information to make a decision, and we could have it operating by the end of January. Discussion ensued of the equipment and services required. The editing and the syncing will require more time and staff resources. We can proceed to bid to determine costs and go ahead and purchase the camera to start.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to purchase the camera equipment and take these first steps as outlined by Mike Glier. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

Councilor Dickinson stated having the staff maintain and enhance the new website is a higher priority than videotaping of Council meetings.

- B) Tick Task Force
 - 1) Freezer use policy.

Councilor Dickinson stated freezer use is coordinated by a town employee and two members of the hunting group when the hunting facility is open, and it is working well so far. Town Administrator Nota worked with the TTF, who provided guidance for developing the freezer use policy and incentive program, which were developed to be efficient and ease reliance on Town staff. Councilor Dickinson would like to get this information added to the Town website. The facility is open six days a week, with freezer access during that time.

- 2) Incentive Program policy.

The instructions for reimbursement were provided by Town Administrator Nota and Councilor Dickinson. The policy provides for processing reimbursement for antlerless deer (does) with proof of each RI Doe tag for the 2nd to 4th deer harvested. The first one does not count; bucks do not count. This information has been provided to the hunters at meetings. Councilor Dickinson prepared the written policy for clarity. Discussion ensued of policy clarity. The document is what is needed to move forward.

- 3) Reappointment of Tick Task Force Members

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to reappoint the current ad hoc Tick Task Force members for a term of two years ending in November 2016 and make it an official committee, and reappoint former

Councilor Eugene Mihaly to the Tick Task Force as its Chair, and Blake Dickinson to continue in the capacity of Liaison, along with Christian Smith, Clifford Kurz, Maureen Coleman, Julie Janson, Dr. Joseph England, Bruce Dickinson, George Souza, Barbara Szepatowski, Jeff McDonough, Randy Keck, and David Fuquea, along with Dr. Tom Mather as Scientific Advisor. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

C) Board/Commission/Committee Liaisons

President Trocki stated this is being reviewed as we start a new Council term and to determine what Committees feel is needed for a relationship with the Town Council (we have had no requests to date). Councilor White attended his first School Committee meeting this term, and we was welcomed with open arms. They want him there and he is willing to go. Council members thought Liaisons might be helpful to committees that do not have staff, and the Council wants to serve where the committees feel it is helpful and they would like a liaison. Town Administrator Nota will take care of this.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Approval of Direct Energy Electricity Contract to December 2016

Town Administrator Nota reports the price for electricity will increase from 7.04¢ per KW hour to 10.43¢ per KW hour, a staggering increase, in the next contract. The increased cost is \$110,000 to \$150,000 over the term of the contract. There are ways to help alleviate the large increase caused by insufficient capacity of natural gas lines from the Midwest. When the gas line project is completed, costs will decrease. Jamestown, as well as all municipalities, is facing this crisis. The Town will feel the impact of the price increase this month. Discussion continued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve the electricity contract renewal with Direct Energy to December 2016. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

B) Awarding of Bid: Portable Arborist Chipper to ATS Equipment, Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder for an amount not to exceed \$51,700, as recommended by Public Works Director Michael Gray. Mr. Gray's memo explained why he recommended ATS.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to award the bid to ATS Equipment, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$51,700. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

C) Town Council Procedure for:
1) Agenda Setting

2) Calendar Preparation and Revision

Councilor Dickinson commented on the one Council meeting per month, with a Water and Sewer and Agenda Setting work session on Wednesday prior to the Water and Sewer and Agenda Setting work session. He would like a more organized scheduling of meetings and coordination of the calendar in order to plan better. Follow-up during the month would be helpful. The first Monday meeting of the month will be the regular meeting with Executive Session. The second meeting of the month will be the Water and Sewer Meeting and Agenda Setting work session. The next Agenda Setting work session is Monday, December 29, 2014.

President Trocki noted the two Resolutions that follow were discussed in Executive Session on November 24, 2014 and reported on at that time.

- D) Resolution to authorize the Town Administrator, in consultation with the Town Solicitor, to enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement and to execute any and all documents, as well as take any and all actions necessary, to complete the purchase of Plat 1 Lot 311, 2 Broad Street (adjacent to the Park Dock), for a purchase price of \$150,000.

The Resolution was read by President Trocki.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve Resolution No. 2014-12. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

President Trocki extended a special thank you to Mr. Notarantonio. This is a huge acquisition by the Town for a very undervalued price of \$150,000. His efforts are appreciated.

- E) Resolution to authorize the Town Administrator, in consultation with the Town Solicitor, to enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement and to execute any and all documents, as well as take any and all actions necessary, to complete the purchase of Plat 8 Lot 379, 138 Narragansett Avenue, (otherwise known as the PAC Club), for a purchase price of \$800,000

The Resolution was read by President Trocki.

A motion was made by Councilor White with second by Vice President Meagher to approve Resolution No. 2014-13. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

Discussion ensued of whether a Special FTM or Referendum vote would be preferred. The property is available for purchase, pending a favorable vote of the people at an FTM or Referenda. Representative Ruggiero felt this would be addressed in a timely manner, and if approved and submitted to her in January, it would be approved by the General Assembly in January, and a special FTM or Referenda could take place the end of March or beginning of April. An all day Referenda would take place at one polling location at a cost

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of approximately \$2,000 (approximately \$3,500 for two polling locations), pending Board of Elections approval for the location. A special FTM would cost approximately \$900. The FTM or Referenda could be for the PAC alone or include the Golf Course Club House and/or Fire Station Project if numbers could be vetted out in time. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Tighe stated he is in favor of an all day Referenda, with each project listed separately, as more citizens can participate and approve what items they choose on the ballot, as opposed to a special FTM that is for a set time. If preliminary figures are available, the wording “for an amount not to exceed . . .” could be used. A second referenda or special FTM could be held if additional funding is required. President Trocki is not comfortable with putting an amount on a referenda or FTM that has not been vetted by the Council. She would be more comfortable with holding a referenda for the PAC alone as the figures are known, and she is reluctant to put anything before the voters that is not fully vetted. She would be more comfortable waiting until the June FTM for the Golf Course and Fire Department vote. Vice President Meagher is concerned that “an amount not to exceed. . .” could be excessive. Neither the Golf Course nor Fire Department figures have been fully developed. Councilor White feels an all day Referenda gives the voters a better opportunity to participate in the process. Councilor Dickinson noted we may not have a space large enough to accommodate a special FTM vote of this nature. Lengthy discussion continued.

The PAC acquisition is not just the purchase price of \$800,000. To modernize the PAC and Recreation Center would be expensive. The purchase cost plus renovation costs for the PAC and Recreation Center would make the process transparent to the voters. Many citizens have expressed they prefer to have the Recreation Center return to the use as a community center. The Library Board of Trustees is also seeking community support for renovations and upgrades. There is also an interest in increased senior services, which could be included in the CDBG application for funding. All opinions expressed are valid. Discussion continued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to petition the Legislature to support an all Day Referenda for the PAC. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

IX. ORDINANCES AND APPOINTMENTS

A) Appointments

Council members would prefer to have the names of all applicants listed on the agenda to help with the decision to conduct interviews, as it is confusing not to see all candidates for all positions. Lengthy discussed ensued.

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Vice President Meagher to hold off Appointments until the January agenda, with all applicants for all
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positions listed, as advised by the Solicitor. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

X. 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 Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve and accept the Consent Agenda. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

The Consent Agenda approved consists of the following:

- A) Adoption of Council Minutes
 - 1) November 3, 2014 (regular meeting)
 - 2) November 17, 2014 (special meeting)
 - 3) November 24, 2014 (special meeting)
 - 4) November 24, 2014 (executive session)
 - 5) November 24, 2014 (work session)
- B) Minutes from Boards, Commissions and Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Conservation Commission (10/14/2014)
 - 2) Jamestown Conservation Commission (10/25/2014)
 - 3) Jamestown Conservation Commission (11/07/2014)
 - 4) Jamestown Fire Department Incentive Committee (11/11/2014)
 - 5) Jamestown Harbor Commission (10/08/2014)
 - 6) Jamestown Philomenian Library Board of Trustees (10/14/2014)
 - 7) Jamestown Traffic Committee (09/16/2014)
 - 8) Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection (10/21/2014)
- C) Attendance Records from Boards, Commissions and Committees (2013-14)
 - 1) Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee
 - 2) Jamestown Conservation Commission
 - 3) Jamestown Harbor Commission
 - 4) Jamestown Juvenile Hearing Board
 - 5) Jamestown Philomenian Library Board of Trustees
 - 6) Jamestown Philomenian Library Fundraising Committee
 - 7) Jamestown Philomenian Library Capital Campaign Committee
 - 8) Jamestown Planning Commission
 - 9) Jamestown Tax Assessment Board of Review
 - 10) Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee
- D) CRMC Notices
 - 1) Public Notice of for Rule-Making Public Hearing for proposed amendments to CRMC Program Table 1 Water Type 6 Matrix and Sections 110 and 210.3 rescheduled to Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 4 pm, Boardroom at Pell

Center, Salve Regina University, Young Building, 518 Bellevue Avenue, Newport.

- E) Resolutions and Proclamations of other RI cities and towns
 - 1) Hopkinton Town Council Resolution urging General Assembly passage of legislation in the 2015 session to repeal the tax on Social Security benefits
- F) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes
- G) Finance Director's Report

XI. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

A) Communications

The following Communications are removed for discussion: 1) and 2).

1) Their well-written letter referenced the affects of sea level rise and suggests ways to address the problems in a timely and careful way. Town Administrator Nota will review the letter and it is continued to the January agenda.

2) Senior Services has been an ongoing discussion. The first step recommended is to meet with Town Administrator Nota, who has spoken with various groups over the last six months. He will coordinate with the appropriate Town staff regarding their concerns and interests.

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor White to accept the Communications. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

The Communications accepted consists of the following:

- 1) Letter of Jill and Robert Bendick re: impacts of sea level rise on Conanicut Island
- 2) Letter of Friends of the Jamestown Seniors President Edward Holland and Jamestown Senior Advocacy Member Brenda Ratcliff re: their partnering together to work together to develop additional programs and services for Jamestown's seniors
- 3) State Planning Council Notice of Public Hearings re: draft "Solid Waste 2038" Element of the State Guide Plan public hearings on December 8th, 6-8 pm, RIRRC Board Room, 65 Shun Pike, Johnston and December 15th, 6-8 pm, Conference Room A, 2nd Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence
- 4) Letter of Marcia Greenberg re: replacement of tennis court with basketball court
- 5) Letter and petition of Jamestown citizens opposed to replacement of tennis court with basketball court
- 6) Letter of Jamestown Boat Yard President Clement Napolitano informing the Town Administrator that Jamestown Boat Yard intends to submit a bid for the lease of the property known as "Steel Pier" south to the north face of the Town-owned Wood Pile Pier and East Ferry waterfront

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council may seek to go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- A) Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) potential litigation (PBH Realty v. Jamestown Zoning Board of Review); discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote in executive session and/or open session
- B) Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) potential litigation (target shooting); discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote in executive session and/or open session

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Vice President Meagher to move into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) to discuss potential litigation.

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) the following vote was taken by the Jamestown Town Council to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

The Town Council reconvened the regular meeting at 11:52 p.m. President Trocki announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Blake Dickinson with second by Michael White to seal the Minutes of Executive Session. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council
 Town Administrator
 Finance Director
 Town Solicitor