



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Jamestown Town Hall
Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Avenue
Monday, May 2, 2016
7:30 PM

The public is welcome to participate in this Town Council meeting. Open Forum offers citizens the opportunity to clarify an item on the agenda, address items not on the agenda, or comment on a communication or Consent Agenda item. Citizens are welcome to speak to the subject of a Public Hearing, and are allowed to speak at the discretion of the Council President or a majority of Councilors present, or at other times during the meeting, in particular during New or Unfinished Business.

Anyone wishing to speak should use the microphone at the front of the room, stating their name and address for the record; comments must be addressed to the Council, not the audience. It is the Town Council's hope that citizens and Councilors alike will be respectful of each other's right to speak, tolerant of different points of view, and mindful of everyone's time.

I. ROLL CALL

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS
RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

A) Presentations

- 1) Eagle Scout Service Project Presentation by Josh Neronha, Troop 1 Jamestown: Erosion Control at Conanicut Battery; request for Town approval to proceed with proposed project; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - a) Jamestown Historical Society Letter of Support

B) Resolutions and Proclamations; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

- 1) No. 2016-05 Septic Loan Program
- 2) No. 2016-06 Teacher Appreciation Week

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) Town Council Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board

- 1) **NOTICE** is hereby given by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town as provided under Title 3 Chapters 1-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended, that the following **NEW** license application has been received by the Town Council under aid Act, for the period May 2, 2016 to November 30, 2016 (duly advertised in the *Jamestown Press* April 14th and April 21st editions):

CLASS BT (TAVERN) LICENSE

Bay Voyage, LLC
dba: Bay Voyage
150 Conanicus Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Police Chief Mello's recommendations; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - b) Approval of the liquor license for a **NEW CLASS BT (TAVERN) LICENSE**; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - c) Approval to raise the **CLASS BT (TAVERN) LICENSE** Cap to One (1) [Present Cap 0] and set the **CLASS BT (TAVERN) LICENSE** Cap at One (1); review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - d) Approval to raise the total number of **LIQUOR LICENSES** in the Town of Jamestown to TWELVE (12) from ELEVEN (11); review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- B) Licenses and Permits; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- 1) Multi-License Application (new)
Victualing and Entertainment
 - a) Bay Voyage, LLC dba: Bay Voyage
Location: 150 Conanicus Avenue
 - 2) Holiday License Application (new)
 - a) Bay Voyage, LLC dba: Bay Voyage
Location: 150 Conanicus Avenue
 - 3) Event/Entertainment License application
 - a) Applicant: Boy Scout Troop 1, Jamestown
Event: Weekly Boy Scout Meetings – Summer
Dates: Thursdays, 7–8 pm, June – August
Location: Fort Getty Pavilion

Additional Request for: Waiver of Pavilion Rental Fee

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
- B) Non-scheduled to address

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

- A) Administrator's Report: Town Administrator Andrew E. Nota
 - 1) Fire Station Project
 - 2) Coyote Population

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Request for Town Council Support for House Bill 7243 Relating to Criminal Offenses – Weapons by Robert Rodgers; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Approval of Recreation Trails Program Grant request for Big Boulder Trail Rehabilitation at Conanicut Battery and Authorization for signing by Town Council President Trocki; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.
- B) OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Revocable Trust through RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust (The Trust); review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Adoption of Authorizing Resolution: No. 2016-07
- C) RI Department of Environmental Management Grants – Town Council Approval and Authorization to apply; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Large Recreation Development Project – Lawn Avenue Complex in the amount of \$400,000
 - 2) Small Recreation Development Project – Community Playground on North Road in the amount of \$100,000
 - a) Adoption of Authorizing Resolution: No. 2016-08
- D) Community Development Block Grant Program 2016 Application in the amount of \$150,000; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Approval of 2016 Priority List
 - 2) Adoption of Authorizing Resolution
- E) 2016 Financial Town Meeting Warrant: Approval of language; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- F) Jamestown Harbor Master: Town Administrator’s Recommendation to the Town Council; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

IX. ORDINANCES AND APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

- A) Appointments & Vacancies; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Jamestown Juvenile Hearing Board – Alternate (One vacancy with a two-year term ending date of December 31, 2016); duly advertised; interviews conducted
 - a) Letters of interest
 - i) Judith DiBello
 - ii) Susan Heffner
 - 2) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review – 3rd Alternate (One vacancy

with a one-year term ending date of December 31, 2016); duly advertised (no applicants)

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) Adoption of Council Minutes
 - 1) April 12, 2016 (special meeting)
 - 2) April 14, 2016 (budget work session)
 - 3) April 19, 2016 (special meeting)
 - 4) April 19, 2016 (executive session)
 - 5) April 19, 2016 (regular meeting)
- B) Minutes from Boards, Commissions and Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Traffic Committee (03/17/2016)
 - 2) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review (02/23/2016)
- C) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes
 - Total Abatements: \$15,906.87 Total Addenda: \$15,906.87
 - 1) Properties – Abatements to 2015 Tax Roll
 - Account/Abatement Amount**
 - a) 01-0001-59 \$ 5,811.33
 - b) 01-0001-59 \$ 3,308.11
 - c) 14-0046-05 \$ 4,908.70
 - d) 19-0168-10 \$ 1,878.73
 - 2) Properties – Addenda to 2015 Tax Roll
 - Account/Addenda Amount**
 - a) 01-0697-55 \$ 5,811.33
 - b) 01-0697.55 \$ 3,308.11
 - c) 03-1154-00 \$ 4,908.70
 - d) 07-0894-04 \$ 1,878.73
- D) Holiday License Renewal Application
 - 1) Deb’s Beads/The Purple Door
47 Conanicus Avenue
- E) One Day Event/Entertainment License Applications
 - 1) Applicant: Kayla Shelley
Event: Shelley-Darrin Wedding
Date: September 17, 2016
Location: Fort Getty Pavilion

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

Approval of the Communications, Petitions, and Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns shall be equivalent to approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately.

- A) Communications
 - 1) Memorandum of Jamestown Conservation Chair Coleman to

- Harbor Commission re: Conservation Zones of the Jamestown Harbor Management Plan
- 2) Letter of Jamestown Conservation Commission Chair Coleman to CRMC re: Application File Number 2015-09-105 (aquaculture project)
 - 3) Letter of Jamestown Conservation Commission Chair Coleman to CRMC re: Application File Number 2014-12-056 (Modification of Assent)
 - 4) Letter of Jamestown Conservation Commission Chair Coleman to CRMC re: Application File Number 2015-11-032 (aquaculture project)
- B) Resolutions and Proclamations of other Rhode Island cities and towns
- 1) Resolution of the East Greenwich Town Council Opposing Senate Bill 2263 and House Bill 8080 Relating to Elections - School Closings
 - 2) Resolution of the Smithfield School Committee on Gun Free Schools

XII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

XIII. 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 (1) Personnel (Town Administrator's review process and timeline); review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote in executive session and/or open session

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website and at the Town Hall and the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

In addition to the two above-mentioned locations, notice also may be posted, from time to time, at the following location: Jamestown Police Station; and on the Internet at www.jamestownri.gov.

ALL NOTE: This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. If communications assistance is needed or other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please call 1-800-745-5555, or contact the Town Clerk at 401-423-9800, via facsimile to 401-423-7230, or email to cfernstrom@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Josh Neronha
7 Ranger Court
Jamestown, RI 02835

March 17, 2016

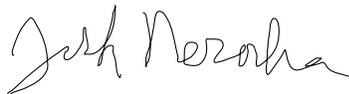
Town Council
Town of Jamestown
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

Dear Councilors,

My name is Josh Neronha, and I am a Life Scout with Troop 1 Jamestown, RI. I am working with the Jamestown Historical Society on my Eagle Scout Service Project at the Conanicut Battery. The project will work to control erosion at the steep hill of the Great Boulder Trail and will be funded by a grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

The project takes place at the town-owned Conanicut Battery. As a result, I request that the Jamestown Town Council vote to approve my project proposal at the Battery.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josh Neronha".

Josh Neronha
Life Scout, Troop 1 Jamestown

Cheryl Fernstrom

From: Rosemary Enright [rxenright@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 9:03 AM
To: Cheryl Fernstrom
Subject: Support of Eagle Scout Project

To: Jamestown Town Council
From: Rosemary Enright, Jamestown Historical Society President

The Jamestown Historical Society supports Josh Neronha's Eagle Scout project to rehabilitate the upper portion of the Big Boulder Trail in Conanicut Battery Historic Park. The JHS Battery Committee has worked with Josh in the development of his plans and in his application for a DEM Trail grant. The JHS Board as agreed to monitor expenditures under the grant and to provide funds, if necessary, to complete the project.

Town Council approval of the activity and Council President signature on the grant request is needed for this project, which will greatly improve park accessibility, to go forward.



Town of Jamestown

Resolution of the Town Council

No. 2016-05

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH
THE RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR THE COMMUNITY
SEPTIC SYSTEM LOAN PROGRAM AND TO ISSUE A \$300,000 NOTE
THEREFOR**

RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 45-24.5 and Ordinance of April 23, 2001 as codified in Section 74-221 et seq. of the Ordinances of the Town of Jamestown, as amended by Ordinance of July 5, 2011, creating a Wastewater Management District, and in addition to the authority granted in Resolution 04-087R, the Town Council President and the Finance Director are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") with the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (the "Bank") and to execute and deliver to the Bank a \$300,000 Non-Restoring Line of Credit Promissory Note both in such form and together with such additional documents as such officers deem necessary or appropriate in their sole discretion, the due authorization thereof being conclusively demonstrated by their execution and delivery thereof.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council

Kristine S. Trocki, President

Mary E. Meagher, Vice President

Blake A. Dickinson

Michael G. White

Thomas P. Tighe

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal
of the Town of Jamestown this 2nd day of May, 2016.

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Town of Jamestown



**PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
No. 2016-06
JAMESTOWN TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 2 – 6, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** The Town of Jamestown supports our teachers in their mission to educate the children of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Jamestown teachers motivate and encourage our students academic, artistic, athletic and social development, providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum that prepares them to be lifelong learners, problem solvers and decision makers; and
- WHEREAS,** Jamestown teachers are committed to high standards of personal performance and continually seek to improve their own skills for the benefit of our students; and
- WHEREAS,** Jamestown teachers strive daily to provide a healthy, stable learning environment for our children; and
- WHEREAS,** Jamestown teachers should be accorded high public esteem reflecting the value our community places on public education.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island, hereby proclaims May 2 through 6 **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** in Jamestown and urge all citizens to pay tribute to our teachers.

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council

Kristine S. Trocki, President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal of the Town of Jamestown this 2nd day of May 2016.

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Please run the following ad in the *Jamestown Press* editions of April 14th and April 21st:



Jamestown, Rhode Island
NOTICE

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NEW LICENSE:

CLASS BT (TAVERN) LICENSE

Bay Voyage LLC
dba: Bay Voyage
150 Conanicus Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

The above application will be in order for hearing at a meeting of said Licensing Board on **Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Jamestown Town Hall, Rosamond A Tefft Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue, in said Jamestown, at which time and place all remonstrants may make their objections against granting this license.

By Order of the Town Council
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

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JAMESTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

250 Conanicus Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835

Tel: (401) 423-1212 Fax: (401) 423-3710

www.jamestownri.net/police

Edward A. Mello
Chief of Police



MEMORANDUM

TO: Licensing Board
FROM: Chief Edward A. Mello
DATE: March 31, 2016
SUBJECT: Bay Voyage

Regarding the liquor (BT) license application for the Bay Voyage, I recommend the following conditions:

- 1) Alcohol service be allowed inside the restaurant area
- 2) Alcohol service be allowed on the deck area
- 3) Alcohol service be allowed in plastic ware in fenced pool area
- 4) Alcohol consumption be allowed on grass area
- 5) Signage "NO ALCOHOL BEYOND THIS POINT" be installed at east end of sidewalk of front lawn.
- 6) Applicant to provide a detailed floor/exterior plan indicating alcohol service area, proposed bars (permanent and temporary) and alcohol storage area.
- 7) Any outside special events i.e. wedding, music or entertainment would require a special event license.



Jamestown Town Council

Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: November 2, 2015

Item Number: _____

Item: Alcoholic Beverage License Limits for 2015-2016

Motion: To set the Alcoholic Beverage License limits for 2015-2016 as follows:

Class A - 2

Class BV - 7

Class BT - 0

Class BV-L 1

Class D - 1

Summary of Use

License Limits	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Class BV	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Class BL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Class BT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Class D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Class A	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total	12									

Request for Renewals for 2014-2015

Class A - 2

Class BV - 8

Class BT - 0

Class BV-L 1

Class D - 1

Request for Renewals for 2015-2016

Class A - 2

Class BV - 7

Class BT - 0

Class BV-L 1

Class D - 1

A Class G Liquor License is granted by the Town to serve dockside each summer to Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. (m/v Jamestown & Katherine) which is *issued by the State only*. A Class G license is seasonal only and does not need to be renewed at this time.

All 2015-2016 applications have been sent to the local proprietors and are in the process of being completed and routed to the proper State and town departments.

Prepared by: _____

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

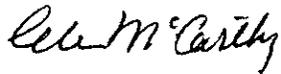
25 April 2016
16 Walcott Ave
Jamestown, RI 02835

Council President Kristine Trocki
Jamestown Town Council
Narragansett Ave
Jamestown, RI 02835

On behalf of Troop 1, Jamestown Boy Scouts of America, I request to be added to the agenda for the Town Council meeting on 2 May 2016.

The Jamestown Boy Scout Troop hopes to hold their weekly Thursday night meetings at the Rembijas Pavilion during the months of June, July, and August, as they have in past years. As a non-profit that benefits the youth (and others) in the town of Jamestown, the Troop respectfully requests a waiver of the rental fee.

Respectfully,



Elena McCarthy
Executive Committee
Troop 1, Jamestown BSA
16 Walcott Ave
Jamestown, RI 02835



Town of Jamestown
Finance Department
Town Hall
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835-1199
401-423-9809 Fax 401-423-7229
Email: ccollins@jamestownri.net

Christina D. Collins
Finance Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator
FROM: Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
DATE: 4/29/2016
SUBJECT: Jamestown Bond Refunding

The Town of Jamestown sold \$4,830,000 general obligation refunding bonds in the competitive bond market on April 20, 2016. The Bonds will refund a portion of the Town's 2007 and 2008 bonds. The refunding generated present value savings of \$598,132 and gross budgetary debt service savings of \$677,125 over the remaining life of bonds.

The Town received nine bids with the winning bid from the firm of Sun Trust Robinson Humphrey at a true interest cost of 1.59%. The interest rates on the 2007 and 2008 bonds ranged from 3.75% to 4.25%.

Strong interest in the Town's bond issue can be attributed to its recent upgrade and very favorable credit rating of Aa1 from Moody's Investors Service. Below are the bidders and the rates:

Bid Award*	Bidder Name	TIC
	SunTrust Robinson Humphrey	1.590640
	Roosevelt & Cross, Inc.	1.609294
	Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	1.612574
	Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.	1.620694
	Janney Montgomery Scott LLC	1.654522
	FTN Financial Capital Markets	1.671936
	Piper Jaffray	1.681958
	William Blair & Company, LLC	1.730011
	Morgan Stanley & Co, LLC	1.759156

The Towns Bonds sold at very competitive levels when compared to the MMD “AAA” Index as illustrated below:

Issuer	Jamestown, RI
Series	2016A
Amount	\$4,830,000
Sale Date	4/20/2016
Rating	Aa1

Maturity Date	Par	Coupon (%)	Yield (%)	Spread to AAA MMD (bps)
4/1/2018	165,000	3.00%	0.75%	11
4/1/2019	440,000	3.00%	0.85%	11
4/1/2020	440,000	3.00%	0.90%	5
4/1/2021	430,000	3.00%	1.00%	3
4/1/2022	430,000	3.00%	1.10%	0
4/1/2023	425,000	3.00%	1.20%	-2
4/1/2024	420,000	3.00%	1.30%	-5
4/1/2025	415,000	3.00%	1.40%	-8
4/1/2026	410,000	3.00%	1.50%	-9
4/1/2027	400,000	2.00%	1.60%	-10
4/1/2028	245,000	2.00%	1.70%	-9
4/1/2030	260,000	2.00%	1.90%	-4
4/1/2033	350,000	2.20%	2.20%	8

The upgrade to Aa1 resulted in lower rates ranging from 3 to 7 basis points when compared to the below comparable Aa2 issues.

Issuer	Cedarburg, WI
Series	2016A
Amount	\$9,705,000
Sale Date	4/25/2016
Rating	Aa2

Issuer	Isanti County, MN
Series	2016A
Amount	\$3,900,000
Sale Date	4/5/2016
Rating	Aa2

Maturity Date	Par	Coupon	Yield (%)	Spread to AAA MMD (bps)
3/1/2017	525,000	2.00%	0.70%	10
3/1/2018	405,000	2.00%	0.80%	16
3/1/2019	415,000	1.50%	0.90%	14
3/1/2020	420,000	1.50%	1.00%	12
3/1/2021	425,000	1.50%	1.10%	10
3/1/2022	430,000	2.00%	1.20%	6
3/1/2023	440,000	2.00%	1.30%	4
3/1/2024	450,000	2.00%	1.40%	1
3/1/2025	455,000	2.00%	1.50%	-3
3/1/2026	470,000	2.00%	1.60%	-5
3/1/2027	475,000	2.00%	1.70%	-7
3/1/2028	485,000	2.00%	1.80%	-6
3/1/2029	495,000	2.00%	1.90%	-4
3/1/2030	505,000	2.00%	2.00%	-1
3/1/2031	515,000	2.25%	2.10%	3
3/1/2032	525,000	2.50%	2.20%	7
3/1/2033	540,000	2.75%	2.30%	11
3/1/2034	560,000	3.00%	2.40%	15
3/1/2035	575,000	3.00%	2.50%	19
3/1/2036	595,000	3.00%	2.60%	23

Maturity Date	Par	Coupon	Yield (%)	Spread to AAA MMD (bps)
2/1/2024	260,000	3.00%	1.40%	0
2/1/2025	270,000	3.00%	1.50%	-2
2/1/2026	275,000	2.00%	1.60%	-3
2/1/2027	280,000	2.00%	1.70%	-3
2/1/2028	285,000	2.00%	1.80%	-1
2/1/2029	290,000	2.00%	1.90%	1
2/1/2030	300,000	2.00%	2.00%	3
2/1/2031	305,000	2.25%	2.10%	5
2/1/2032	310,000	2.50%	2.20%	9
2/1/2033	320,000	2.50%	2.30%	13
2/1/2034	325,000	2.50%	2.40%	17
2/1/2035	335,000	2.75%	2.45%	16
2/1/2036	345,000	2.75%	2.55%	21

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

A N A C T

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Tanzi, Handy, Amore, and Almeida

Date Introduced: January 20, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-47-60 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-47-60. Possession of firearms on school grounds.** -- (a) (1) No person shall have in
4 his or her possession any firearm or other weapons on school grounds.

5 (2) For the purposes of this section, "school grounds" means the property of a public or
6 private elementary or secondary school or in those portions of any building, stadium, or other
7 structure on school grounds which were, at the time of the violation, being used for an activity
8 sponsored by or through a school in this state or while riding school provided transportation.

9 (3) Every person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be
10 sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or shall be
11 fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

12 (4) Any juvenile adjudicated delinquent pursuant to this statute shall, in addition to
13 whatever other penalties are imposed by the family court, lose his or her license to operate a

1 sanctioned by the educational institution:

2 (1) Firearm instruction and/or safety courses;

3 (2) Government-sponsored military-related programs such as ROTC;

4 (3) Interscholastic shooting and/or marksmanship events;

5 (4) Military history and firearms collection courses and/or programs; and

6 (5) The use of blank guns in theatrical and/or athletic events.

7 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to colleges, universities, or junior

8 colleges.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

1 This act would provide that only peace officers and persons approved by the school
2 authorities for the purposes of educational instruction may carry firearms or other weapons on
3 school grounds.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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Conanicut Battery Committee
Jamestown Historical Society
P. O. Box 156
Jamestown, RI 02835

March 15, 2016

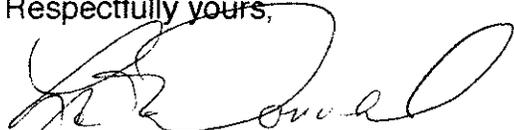
Town Council
Town of Jamestown
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

Dear Councillors:

The Battery Committee of the Jamestown Historical Society is applying for a grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to fund the rehabilitation of the Big Boulder Trail by prospective Eagle Scout Josh Neronha.

The grant requires the signature of the Chief Elected Official of the Town. Therefore, we request the Town Council vote to approve the attached grant application and that the Town Council President sign it.

Respectfully yours,



Larry McDonald
Chair, Conanicut Battery Committee

*Continued
to 4/4/2016
agenda 5/2/16*

Recreational Trails Program Grant Request

Project Name: Big Boulder Trail Rehabilitation, Conanicut Battery, Jamestown

Grant Amount requested: \$876.00

A. Type of grant:

Category A, maintenance and restoration of existing trails:

Category B, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails:

Category C, purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment:

Category D, construction of new recreational trails:

Category E, acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property:

B. Grant funds will be used for (check all that apply):

Trail maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation, or relocation including maintenance and restoration of trail bridges, or providing appropriate signage along a trail:

Extensive repairs needed to bring a facility up to standards suitable for public use (not routine maintenance):

Equipment to construct and maintain recreational trails:

Construction of new recreational trails:

Acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property:

C. Applicant Information:

Applicant: *Jamestown Historical Society, Battery Committee*

Contact Person: *Dennis Webster*

Address: *8 Mount Hope Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835*

E-mail: *dennishwebster@hotmail.com*

Telephone: *401-423-1808*

Fax:

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): *05-6017148*

D. Trail Description Project Location (attach locus map):

Trail name: *Big Boulder Trail, part of the network of trails at the Conanicut Battery Historic Park*

Trail location (city/town and nearest road) *Jamestown, off South Battery Lane*

Total length of the trail: *400 feet*

Length of trail to be created or improved: *115 feet*

User groups (hikers, equestrian, mountain biking, etc.) that the trail will benefit? *Hikers, walkers and those interested in history.*

Are there any restrictions on public access or limitations to public use?

Yes No If yes, please explain: *Conanicut Battery Historic Park is open from sunrise to sunset. Bicycles are not allowed, both to protect the trails from erosion and to prevent damage to the Conanicut Battery, the Revolutionary War earthwork that is the centerpiece of the park. Alcohol and fires are also prohibited.*

Are fees charged for use:

Yes No If yes, amount

E. Planning Consistency

Has this trail project been identified in:

1. A Greener Path: Greenspace and Greenways for Rhode Island's Future (State Guide Plan Element 155, 1994), Yes No

2. Ocean State Outdoors: Rhode Island's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (State Guide Plan Element 152, 2003), Yes No

3. Community Comprehensive Plan Yes No

4. Other Yes No

(Identify the Plan(s): *Historic Preservation and Treatment Plan for Conanicut Battery on Prospect Hill, Jamestown, Rhode Island, prepared by Landscapes LLC, 1999*

F. Project Description:

What is the purpose of this project? *To rehabilitate a steep section of the trail that has experienced considerable erosion (up to 7 inches) since it was constructed in 2001.*

What will be done? *This project will restore the trail to its original condition, with the following improvements to help prevent future erosion: (1) re-grade the trail so that water runs off the side of the trail rather than straight down it; (2) install two water bars and three French drains, to divert water off the trail (3) improve drainage along the lower parts of the trail so that water diverted from the trail higher up does not return to erode the trail lower down.*

What will the grant funds be used for? *(1) Purchase of materials (timber, PVC pipe, and other materials) for construction of water bars and French drains. (2) Rental of a walk-behind front-end loader to move gravel from stockpile to construction site. (3) Purchase of a Pullerbear (similar to the no-longer-manufactured Weed Wrench) for pulling invasive Morrow Honeysuckle shrubs for installation of new drainage alongside trail; this tool will see long-term use at the Conanicut Battery to remove invasive trailside vegetation after this project is complete.*

What is the timeframe for completion? *Project will start in April 2016, finish in August 2016*

How will the 20% share be provided? *A combination of volunteer hours and construction materials donated by the Town Public Works Dept.*

Who will maintain the Trail? *Volunteers from the Jamestown Historical Society's Battery Committee, with as-needed assistance from the Jamestown Public Works Department, have maintained the trails since 2001 and will continue to do so.*

G. Budget (Detailed budget is on next page)

Items not listed in the budget will not be eligible for reimbursement

Task	Amount	Timeline
<i>Purchase of "Pullerbear Grip XL" to remove invasive shrubs</i>	<i>\$116</i>	<i>April</i>
<i>Purchase of construction materials</i>	<i>\$267</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>Rental of construction equipment and purchase of fuel</i>	<i>\$493</i>	<i>July</i>
Total	876	

H. Design & Permitting.

Please describe any anticipated design & permitting work as a result of this proposal. Include wetlands, archeological, engineering and/or design.

This is an Eagle Scout project. Design is being done by the prospective Eagle Scout with mentoring by an experienced member of the Battery Committee. The Scout will present his proposal to the Battery Committee and the Jamestown Town Council to get permission to do the project. The project will cause limited ground disturbance and is not in or adjacent to a wetland. The Historic Preservation and Treatment Plan for Conanicut Battery on Prospect Hill, prepared in 1999, did not identify any archeological resources or rare species at the immediate construction site. An historic concrete in-ground fire control station, constructed c. 1916, is within 15 feet of the project and will be protected from damage during construction. The erosion-control portion of this project will contribute to the long-term protection of the fire control station.

I. Project Assurances

By signature of its authorized representative below, the applicant certifies that if awarded a Recreational Trails Grant for this project, it will comply with the program requirements: 1) Diligently manage and execute the project to deliver the specified results within the project period and budget. 2) Operate and properly maintain all public-use facilities developed pursuant to the project. 3) Not discriminate in the availability and usage of any public facilities developed pursuant to the project.



Authorized Representative

15 May 2016

Date

Municipal Project Endorsement (if applicable)

By signature of its authorized representative, the City or Town certifies its endorsement of and support for this project, and agrees to assume responsibility for the Project Assurances made under the item above, should the applicant fail to perform or comply with same.

I certify that there is sufficient funding available to complete this grant project in advance of State Reimbursement.

Chief Elected Official

Date

**Detailed Budget
Big Boulder Trail Rehabilitation
Conanicut Battery, Jamestown, RI**

To Be Funded by Recreational Trails Grant:

Materials to be purchased with grant funds:

2 pieces 4" x 10" x 10' treated lumber, for water bar construction @ \$74.00 each	\$148.00
1 piece 3/4" reinforcing bar, 20' long, to hold water bars in place	28.00
4 pieces 1 1/2" PVC pipe, 10 feet long, fittings, and PVC cement, for French drains	33.00
Tarpaulin, 20' x 20'	30.00
Rope, 1/2" x 50'	8.00
Material for signs	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$267.00

Equipment to be rented with grant funds:

Dingo (small front-loader) from Taylor Rental, to move gravel, 2 days @ \$230/day=	\$460.00
15 gal gasoline for Dingo @ \$2.20/gal =	<u>33.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$493.00

Hand tool to be purchased with grant funds:

Pullerbear Grip XL (similar to the no-longer-manufactured Weed Wrench) for pulling invasive Morrow Honeysuckle shrubs for installation of new drainage along lower part of trail. \$150.00 Canadian, \$116 US, based on March 3, 2016 exchange rate. This tool will see long-term use at the Conanicut Battery to remove trailside invasive vegetation after this project is complete.	<u>\$116.00</u>
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TOTAL Estimated Grant Funds Required: \$876.00

Matching in-kind support for the project:

Materials to be donated by Jamestown Public Works Department:

3 pieces of geotextile, 4' x 12', for French drains (donated by Town)	\$24.00
1/2 cu yd 3/4" crushed rock for French Drains (donated by Town)	20.00
15 cu yds 3/4" (-) gravel to re-build eroded trail (donated by Town)	<u>315.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$359.00

Volunteer time: 130 estimated volunteer hours x \$23.07 per hour \$3000.00

Jamestown DPW time
(2 men and equipment for 2 hours to deliver materials) \$140.00

TOTAL value of in-kind support: \$3499.00



Town of Jamestown

Resolution of the Town Council

No. 2016-07

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE TRUST'S OPEB FUNDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Jamestown (the "Town") desires to establish an OPEB trust fund pursuant to the relevant provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island § 45-21-65, as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RI General Law §45-5-20.2 the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust ("The Trust") has established an OPEB Funding Program (the "Program") designed to fund post-employment benefits for the Town's employees as specified in the Town's policies and/or applicable collective bargaining agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Town is eligible to participate in the Program; and

WHEREAS, it is determined to be in the best interest of the Town to adopt the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust, a multiple employer tax-exempt trust performing an essential governmental function within the meaning of Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the relevant statutory provisions of the State of Rhode Island.

WHEREAS, the Town's adoption and operation of the Program has no effect on any current or former employee's entitlement to other post-employment benefits; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of post-employment benefit entitlement, if any, are governed by contracts separate from and independent of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town's funding of the Program does not, and is not intended to, create any new vested right to any benefit nor strengthen any existing vested right; and

WHEREAS, the Town reserves all rights to make contributions, if any, to the Program; and

WHEREAS, although state law permits public entities to establish trusts and this Program for the purposes of funding post-employment benefits, any employer participating in the Program or participant in such Program shall hold harmless the State of Rhode Island and/or its, agents, employees, and servants from any cause of action arising from the administration of or participation in the Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town Council hereby approves participating in the OPEB Funding Program established by the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust; and
2. The Town Council hereby adopts the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust, including the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan, effective _____, 2016 (the "Trust"); and
3. The Town Council hereby appoints the Finance Director or his/her successor or his/her designee as the Town's Plan Administrator for the Trust. The Plan Administrator shall act on behalf of the Town in all matters relating to the Town's participation in the Trust, including, but not limited to, authorizing the investment of

assets in the Trust, providing directions to the Trustee and/or the Trust Administrator, and authorizing disbursements from the Town's trust assets, and the Town shall, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §45-15-6, indemnify said Plan Administrator;

4. The Town Council hereby delegates the oversight of the investment management of the Town's funds placed into the Program to the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust's Board of Trustees; and
5. The Town's Plan Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the legal and administrative documents on behalf of the Town and to take whatever additional actions are necessary to maintain the Town's participation in the Trust and to maintain compliance of any relevant regulations issued or as may be issued.
6. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Town Council.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
County of Newport

I, Cheryl A. Fernstrom, the Town Clerk hereby certifies that the above foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said Town at a regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of May, 2016, and passed by a unanimous vote of said Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of May, 2016.

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council

Kristine S. Trocki, President

Mary E. Meagher, Vice President

Blake A. Dickinson

Michael G. White

Thomas P. Tighe

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal
of the Town of Jamestown this 2nd day of May, 2016.

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk



TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
Parks & Recreation Office
P.O. Box 377
41 Conanicus Ave.
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND 02835

Recreation Office (401) 423-7260
Teen Center (401) 423-7261
Fort Getty (401) 423-7211
Fax (401) 423-7229

TO: ANDREW E. NOTA, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: ANDREW J. WADE, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: RI DEM Open Space Recreation Grants
DATE: April 28, 2016

The Parks and Recreation Department, on Behalf of the Town of Jamestown is seeking Town Council approval to submit one Large Grant Application and one Small Grant application to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the current grant round that closes on May 27 of 2016. Please see summaries of grant proposals below:

- **Small recreation development projects:** grants will be for 80% of the project cost and require a 20% match of which 100% may be In-kind. The maximum grant award will be \$100,000. We will be seeking the full amount of \$100,000 for the renovation of the Community Playground on North Road.
 - Demolition of existing equipment, removal and site to be cleared in preparation for new playground equipment. (some existing features may remain to provide a tribute and recognition of original efforts in building existing playground and keep the original “feel and flow” of the area)
 - New innovative and creative play structures to be installed that meet current playground safety codes and ADA accessibility standards.
 - The final new playground layout and design are expected to be vetted out with public input to ensure the project meets community needs.
- **Large recreation development projects:** grants will be for 80% of project costs and require a 20% match of which 100% may be In-kind. The maximum grant award will be \$400,000. We will be seeking the maximum amount of \$400,000 for renovations and additions to the Lawn Avenue Complex.
 - Expansion of existing Skate Park to cover the existing basketball court and introduce new lower level elements to encourage younger/beginner users to the facility.
 - Replacement of basketball court from current location to be moved to the inside of the paved “courtyard” area behind Lawn School. Final placement will be agreed upon between school and town officials.
 - A fitness/walking path is proposed to encircle the north side of the complex around the existing ballfields.
 - Newly constructed dugouts will be placed at the full-sized field, the softball field, and Piva Field.
 - Wells will be drilled and or large cisterns will be install to collect and reuse rainwater collected from Lawn School and or Melrose School’s roofs.



Town of Jamestown

Resolution of the Town Council

No. 2016-08

TO SUPPORT FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR THE 2016 RHODE ISLAND ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

WHEREAS, grants for 80% of the approved project costs to a maximum Large Grant Award of \$400,000 are available from the Rhode Island Open Space Bonds, and are made available through the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Grant program; and

WHEREAS, grants for 80% of the approved project costs to a maximum Small Grant Award of \$100,000 are available from the Rhode Island Open Space Bonds, and are made available through the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this program is, "develop or renovate outdoor recreation facilities"; and

WHEREAS, "providing recreational services, the Jamestown community has always placed an emphasis on the importance of recreation programs and facilities for all residents" is a stated goal of the Town of Jamestown's 2014 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lawn Avenue Complex, located at 55 Lawn Avenue is owned and maintained by the Town of Jamestown, qualifies for the 2016 Large Development Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Jamestown Community Playground, located at 26 North Road is owned and maintained by the Town of Jamestown, qualifies for the 2016 Small Development Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown hereby consents to the applications for grant funds for the above identified properties and commits to abide by the representations made in the applications.

Submitted by: Town Administrator Andrew E. Nota

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council

Kristine S. Trocki, President

Mary E. Meagher, Vice President

Blake A. Dickinson

Michael G. White

Thomas P. Tighe

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal
of the Town of Jamestown this 2nd day of May, 2016.

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk



Office of the Town Planner

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Town Council
Ms. Kristine S. Trocki, Esq., President

FROM: Lisa W. Bryer, AICP, Town Planner

RE: 2016 Community Development Block Grant
Program

DATE: April 26, 2016

The Town of Jamestown has participated yearly, as a “non-entitlement” community for competitive state funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program since 1987. The Program’s primary objective is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunity; principally for persons of low and moderate income. The Town of Jamestown applies each year for funding under this program for the following range of activities:

- a) Provision of employment opportunities for low and moderate income individuals;
- b) Improved housing opportunities for low and moderate income families and individuals;
- c) Provision of community facilities and services principally benefiting low and moderate-income families and individuals.

The two required local public hearing have been held on March 24 and April 15 for the PY2016 CDBG Program funding requests. This year we will be requesting the maximum amount of \$150,000 from the State, which includes an undetermined amount request for future affordable housing development funds.

The Affordable Housing Committee has reviewed all requests and developed a preliminary priority list of activities for inclusion in the FY 2016 application. The recommended priority list is attached. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the application projects for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan on May 4, 2016.

It is required that the Town Council, as the applicant, approve the priority list of funding requests. As such, I am requesting your review of the attached priority list and approve the attached resolution. Please call me if you would like to review the detailed application information submitted by the sub-recipients. Please refer to the resolution suggested by the State for approval below:

C: Town Administrator
Town Clerk

3. Authorizing Resolution

The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:

This is certified as a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Town of Jamestown at a meeting held on May 2, 2016.

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said Department/Office to disburse such funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Jamestown that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF: JAMESTOWN

That the filing of this application for the amount of \$150,000 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that Andrew Nota (Chief Executive Officer) is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the Town of Jamestown in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

Date:	Signature:
Seal:	Title:

4. Chief Executive Officer Signature (Empowered by Resolution in #3 above)

Name & Title:	Andrew Nota, Town Administrator
Signature:	
Date:	

5. Certification of Public Hearing

The following certification must be completed and submitted as part of the final application:

1st Hearing Ad:	3/17/2016	Held: 3/24/2016	
2nd Hearing Ad:	4/7/2016	Held: 4/15/2016	

I hereby certify that public hearings duly advertised and convened on the above listed dates have been completed and that public comments made as the result of this process have been considered in the development of proposals contained in this application.

Date:	Signature:
	Title:

Community Development Block Grant Program 2016 Priority List

- 1) Public Facility: Funding for the Jamestown Housing Authority to replace roof and add insulation at the 35 unit Pemberton Apartments elderly and disabled housing development.
Amount: \$60,300
- 2) Public Facility: Provide funding for the Jamestown Senior Center to replace subfloor and tile, rubber non-skid treads and mats on stairs and entryways, install ADA compliant signage, restore hardwood floors, and replace electrical and install energy efficient light fixtures at their facility.
Amount: \$ 44,500
- 3) Public Services: Provide operating support for the Community Housing Resource Board/Housing Hotline of Newport County to provide housing counseling, referral services, and education and outreach to affirmatively further Fair Housing in Newport County.
Amount: \$ 3,000
- 4) Operating Costs: Church Community Housing Corp to administer the Regional Revolving Loan Fund for home rehabilitation, Homeownership Assistance, and RI Housing Loan programs in Jamestown.
Amount: \$ 15,000
- 5) Public Facility: Provide funding for repairs to the Women's Resource Center's Touro Street facility which provides services for battered women and children.
Amount: \$ 5,000
- 6) Public Services: Provide funding for East Bay Community Action Program's East Bay Skills Alliance to support the technical skills training aspect of the CNA program.
Amount: \$2,550
- 7) Planning Activity: Provide funding for the Town of Jamestown to conduct a study to locate lots which can support additional affordable units, prepare a mailing list for owners of these lots, and prepare an affordable housing communication plan and information packet for the community.
Amount: \$ 9,700
- 8) Public Services: Support for the Women's Resource Center to provide services for battered women and children.
Amount: \$3,000

9) Provide funding for the repairs to the exterior windows of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County's 95 Church Street facility in Newport, RI, 02840.
Amount: \$ 3,000

10) Housing Development: Provide funding to acquire single family homes or other properties to then be resold to home buyers under CCHC's Land Trust program.

Amount: \$ 0

11) Administration:

Amount: \$3,950

Total: (amount subject to \$150,000 cap)	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$150,000



WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
NEWPORT, Sc.**

**BY: Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk of the Town of
Jamestown, Rhode Island**

**TO: Fred Pease, Town Sergeant of the Town of Jamestown, or
any of the Constables of said Town**

GREETING:

WHEREAS, the first Monday in June in each year is the day designated by law for the purpose of hearing the reports of its officers, ordering a tax, making appropriations and for the transaction of business required by law of the Town of Jamestown as a municipal corporation of this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 3 - Title 45 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island 1956, as amended, you are hereby required to post at least seven (7) days before the 6th day of June A.D. 2016, written notification in three or more public places in said Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island, notifying and warning the Electors of the said Town of Jamestown qualified to vote upon any proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money, to assemble in Town Meeting at the Jamestown School, 55 Lawn Avenue, in said Town of Jamestown, on the 6th day of June A.D. 2016, at 7:00 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of ordering a tax to be levied and assessed on the ratable property of said Town and inhabitants thereof, for the payment of the Town Debt and Interest, for the payment of the Town's proportion of the State Tax, for the support of School, for the support and maintenance of the Poor, for the building, repairing and amending of Highways, for the building, repairing and amending of Bridges, for the improvement in any manner deemed fit of any property

belonging to the Town, and for all necessary charges and expenses whatsoever arising within said Town, whether incidental or not to the above and for any and all other purposes authorized by law, and for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following propositions:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1
SEWER LINE FRONTAGE TAX RATE

RESOLVED, That the Electors of the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island, duly qualified hereunder, under an Act passed by the General Assembly authorizing the Town of Jamestown to construct and maintain common drains and sewers, and approved April 19, 1917 as amended by the January 1966 Session of the General Assembly, at a Town Meeting legally assembled on this 6th day of June, A.D. 2016, do hereby order that the Tax Assessor of the said Town, as of December 31, 2015 assess at a rate not to exceed .68 cents per linear foot and said Tax Assessor shall determine what amount is properly chargeable against each of the estates in said Town of Jamestown, subject to the provisions of said Act, and that the said Assessor shall assess against such estate in said Town such sum as shall be found chargeable against the same.

Each assessment shall become and be a lien upon the said real estate and the several owners thereof shall be liable for the payment, to be enforced according to the provisions of the law in such cases made and provided.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2
BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

RESOLVED, That the qualified Electors of the Town of Jamestown vote to authorize the Finance Director, with the consent and approval of the Town Council, to borrow in anticipation of taxes, such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary for the payment of the current liabilities and expenses of the Town but not to exceed in the whole, the sum of One Million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) (or the limit provided by law, whichever is less) and to issue the negotiable promissory note or notes of the Town therefore. Sums so borrowed during the current fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 shall be borrowed in anticipation of taxes assessed as of December 31, 2015, and sums so borrowed during the subsequent fiscal year but prior to the next Annual Financial Town Meeting shall be borrowed in anticipation of taxes

assessed as of December 31, 2016. Negotiable notes issued pursuant to the authority hereof shall be signed by the Finance Director and counter-signed by the President of the Town Council, and such counter-signature shall be conclusive evidence to all holders of such note or notes of the consent and approval of the Town Council to the loan or loans evidenced thereby. All terms and conditions of said note or notes and the method of sale thereof not fixed herein or by provisions of law, may be fixed by the Town Council, and if not so fixed, then by the Finance Director. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and empowered, with the consent and approval of the Town Council, to renew said notes from time to time, but any such renewal note shall be due not later than one year from the date of the original note so renewed.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3
DISPOSITION OF COLLECTED BACK TAXES

RESOLVED, That all back taxes collected during the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and all other moneys received, be placed in the General Fund for the payment of current expenditures.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4
SETTING THE TAX RATE

RESOLVED, That the Electors of the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island qualified to vote on any proposition to impose a tax, in the Town Meeting legally assembled on this 6th day of June A.D. 2016 hereby order the assessment and collection of a tax on the ratable real estate and tangible personal property in the sum not less than \$. . . , or not less than \$. . . , nor more than \$. . . , per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The final levy shall be set based on the amount, if any, of State reimbursement for the motor vehicle excise tax, pursuant to RIGL §44-34.1-2. Said tax is for the ordinary expenses and charges, for the payment of interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said Town, for the payment of the Town's proportion of the State tax and for other purposes authorized by law. The Tax Assessor shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said Town as of the 31st day of December A.D. 2015 at twelve o'clock midnight, according to law and shall on completion of said assessment, date, certify and sign the same,

and deliver to and deposit the same in the office of the Town Clerk not later than the 15th day of June, 2016. Upon receipt of said assessment, the Town Clerk shall forthwith make a copy of the same and deliver it to the Finance Director, who shall forthwith issue and affix to said copy a warrant under her hand, directed to the Finance Director in said Town, commanding her to proceed and collect tax of the persons and estates liable thereof (unless by law otherwise provided). Said tax shall be due and payable on the 12th day of September A.D. 2016, and shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of twelve per centum per annum upon said unpaid tax; said tax may be paid, however, in four installments; the first installment of 25 per centum on or before the 12th day of September A.D. 2016, and the remaining installments as follows: 25 per centum on the 12th day of December A.D. 2016; 25 per centum on the 12th day of March A.D. 2017; and 25 per centum on the 12th day of June A.D. 2017.

Each installment of taxes, if paid on or before the last day of each installment period successively and in order, shall be free from any charge of interest.

If the first installment or any succeeding installment of taxes is not paid by the late date of the respective installment period or periods as they occur, then the whole tax or remaining unpaid balance of the tax, as the case may be, shall immediately become due and payable and shall carry, until collected, a penalty at the rate of the twelve (12) per centum per annum calculated from the due date of the 1st installment or calculated back to the last payment received. Late tax payments will be first used to reduce any interest due and any unpaid taxes from prior years, and then if there are any moneys remaining it will be used to reduce the outstanding portion of the tax bill due.

Kristine S. Trocki, Town Council President

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator

Kenneth S. Gray, Tax Assessor

Christina D. Collins, Finance Director

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal this 6th day of June A.D. 2016.

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

NEWPORT, Sc.

**Jamestown, Rhode Island
May 16, 2016**

**To: Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC
Town Clerk
Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island**

**In Jamestown, in said County and State on this 16th day of
May, A.D., 2016, I have posted up notices, true copies of the
within Warrant, at the following public places in said Town,
to-wit:**

**One at the Town Hall
93 Narragansett Avenue**

**One at the Jamestown Philomenian Library
26 North Road**

**One at the Community Meal Site
6 West Street**

**One at the Recreation Center
41 Conanicus Avenue**

**One at the Police Station
250 Conanicus Avenue**

Fred Pease, Town Sergeant

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN BUDGET WARRANT FY 2016-2017

Pursuant to the Jamestown Town Charter, Sec. 1106, no motion which increases or reduces an appropriation recommended by the Town Council by \$10,000 or more, shall be in order at the Financial Town Meeting unless notice of intention to include such motion has been presented to the Town Clerk at least twenty (20) days prior to the date set for the meeting at which such motion is to be considered. The warrant of the Financial Town Meeting shall include notice of any such motion.

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
April 12, 2016

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
Edward A. Mello, Police Chief
Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor
Chris Costa, Building Official
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

II. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order by President Trocki in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall at 93 Narragansett Avenue at 6:06 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Dickinson.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

A) Public Hearing

- 1) Proposed Amendment of the Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V. Weapons, Sec. 38-112 Definitions (new); Sec. 38-113 Shooting Prohibited (new); Sec. 38-114 Use of Weapons in Self Defense (new); and Sec. 38-115 Enforcement (new); duly advertised in the *Jamestown Press* March 31st edition; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

President Trocki welcomed all those present and stated the meeting is being recorded. Rules and procedure for this evening's public hearing were reviewed as follows:

- An hour and a half is allotted for Open Forum
- Each person who wishes to speak requested to come to the podium, use the microphone, and identify themselves and their address
- Public comments will be limited to five minutes or less to give everyone a chance to speak
- Only one person is to speak at a time

- Refrain from repeat comments
- No repeat speakers until all those who wish to comment have been heard
- After Open Forum is complete, the Council will deliberate

President Trocki noted this is the first time the full Council has addressed the proposed ordinance. Requests to use the public WiFi for presentations have been granted.

Town Administrator Nota gave an overview of the Ordinance Review Committee and their efforts to date. The core members are President Trocki, Vice President Meagher, Police Chief Mello, and Town Administrator Nota, with participation by Town staff as needed. Discussion began in early 2015 to review needed updates to the Code of Ordinances, with the Target Shooting Ordinance the first ordinance for review. RI General Laws were reviewed as well as the ordinances and regulations in other communities, and Jamestown has no regulations for target shooting in place other than State law. The two prior public sessions with healthy dialogue were noted, and review of available information, public comment, and research revealed that regulation would be appropriate. The town is not looking for an overly complex ordinance but one that is in the best interest of all parties.

A PowerPoint presentation proceeded. Setbacks for other communities were noted and a map of Jamestown with 500 ft. buffers was displayed. The proposed 500 ft. buffer from structures for target shooting would eliminate the activity in densely populated areas. Discussion ensued of the difference between hunting and target shooting and that no commercial ranges exist in Jamestown. The seven existing private ranges were noted, and target shooting has been a long-standing activity in the community.

The Council noted public safety concerns raised and the need to develop an ordinance that works. Discussion ensued of the 500 ft. buffer and the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. time restriction, Monday through Saturday. The ordinance limitations, setbacks, discharge limits, conditions pertinent to Jamestown, and weighing all issues were reviewed. The committee developed the ordinance standards based on past information gathered and reviewed with compromise, and all items were vetted. Information gathered through the public hearing will be reviewed and applied as needed.

Town Administrator Nota reviewed the Ordinance.

Sec. 38-111 Use of rifled firearm while hunting. This was already part of the ordinance.

New sections added:

Sec. 38-112 Definitions. Discussion ensued of the pertinent definitions – Firearm, Discharge, Dwelling, Building, Accessory Building and Principal Building.

Sec. 38-113 Shooting Prohibited. Reflects the legal hunting activity, time limitations, target shooting on private property, safety measures, point of discharge and prohibition of shooting across a roadways, sidewalks, and trails, and access ways.

Sec. 38-114 Use of weapons in self-defense. To ensure that none of the provisions have any bearing on one's right to defend themselves.

Sec. 38-115 Enforcement. The provisions clarify enforcement.

This is the complete context of the Ordinance as drafted by the Ordinance Review Committee to address the major concerns. The ORC and Council will revise as needed as a result of the discussion this evening.

IV. OPEN FORUM

A) Scheduled to Address

John Murphy of Hamilton Avenue and Christian Infantolino of Reservoir Circle. Attorney Murphy stated his office represents Chris Cannon, who placed the advertisement in the *Jamestown Press*. The object of the ordinance is safety to protect the citizens of Jamestown. The most important part of the ordinance is the setback provision. They have a presentation to demonstrate to Council the range of target shooting, obtained from the internet. (There is technical difficulty with the equipment causing delay of the presentation)

The floor is opened to other presenters/speakers until the difficulties are cleared.

B) Non-Scheduled to Address

Billy Westall of Pemberton Avenue asked if Sec. 38-111 is part of the new ordinance. He was informed this has always been part of the ordinance. He asked if "discharge" was new, and was informed it is a new definition. The definition includes ". . . as to cause the ignition of the powder charge with or without the expulsion of a projectile from the firearm." Mr. Westall stated the "firearms" described under definitions are not powder driven projectiles.

Rob Roach of Green Lane stated he doesn't target shoot in Jamestown, he hunts, and is familiar with all types of firearms and shooting. The last thing we need is more ordinances or laws. We need to come to an agreement as gentlemen rather than write a new law. There is a big issue in Jamestown with guns. Jamestown was always considered rural, and now there is encroachment by houses. As there have always been shooting ranges in Jamestown there is a precedent and this ordinance would break that precedent. As we desire a compromise, an ordinance is not needed. Who will police it – the Police Department and RIDEM? We don't need an ordinance for an issue that has never caused damage to homes, property or a person. This takes away the 5th amendment right under the Constitution. If the right is taken away the citizens must be compensated, perhaps by a public range at the dump. If you take it away, you must give people something in return.

Chris Cannon of East Shore Road thanked the Council for this public hearing. His concerns are not for gun ownership or hunting, but based on safety, protection of citizens, Town Council Special Meeting/Public Hearing 04-12-2016

and target shooting which is not regulated. Other communities do not allow target shooting unless it is regulated by the municipality. He does not feel the 500 ft. buffer is enough, hiding in your house is not enough, and rifles can shoot longer than 500 ft. Target shooting is different from hunting, such regulations cannot be applied to target shooting, and target shooting weapons are different from hunting weapons. The ordinance should consider misdirected bullets or ricochet. People used to learn to shoot in their backyards; now they need to learn to shoot indoors, qualify, and then move outdoors. Hunters may fire several times an hour at short range; a target shooter may shoot 30 or more times per hour at 500 ft. or more. Hunting season is limited to 55 days a year, target shooting would be 300 days a year; target shooting is more rounds shot than hunting. Some rifles can shoot up to 1500 ft. and beyond, putting residents at risk, and he feels the buffer should be revised to 1500 ft. He cannot understand why people should be put at risk when walking on land trust property as there is no dwelling on it. The requirement "all prudent safety measures shall be exercised to protect the public health" is difficult to define. What does it mean? The NRA recommendations should be followed; this would be difficult for the police department to enforce. What about lead levels in our drinking water from ammunition? Would Jamestown built its own safe shooting range on town-owned land and operate it like the Newport Rifle Club? He would not be opposed to that. (Mr. Cannon was reminded of the 5 minute time limit). Jamestown has a campground and a golf course and this might work. He doesn't want to take anything away from anyone, he just wants to be safe. RIDEM has 28 places to shoot within 30 miles of Jamestown.

Walter May of Middletown, retired police officer, is here to speak on this subject. He realizes what Mr. Cannon is up against. Police officers have to qualify two times per year with guidance by a certified range instructor following safety protocols. In his over 21 years as a police officer, he was an expert shot, and has done so at seven different ranges. Now retired he is no longer an expert shot. An officer shot during a training activity was referenced. Mr. Cannon is not trying to take away people's rights, he is trying to keep his property and residents of Jamestown safe, and there are three target shooting areas near his residence. All ranges should meet certain criteria to be allowed to continue, rules placed in the ordinance should be enforced, and if a house can be seen in the distance it becomes a public safety issue. The Police Chief should monitor ranges for all required safety protocols, and the ordinance should be written so that the Police Chief can enforce it. He expressed concern for shooting ranges on private property due to human error.

(an audience member requests the President hold the discussion to the 5 minute time limit)

Sandy Kane of North Main Road stated he has been shooting his entire life, and referenced weapons he has shot in his lifetime. A 50 caliber bullet has more powder than a hand grenade. He disagrees with some of the statements made previously concerning distance and ricochet. The time limit for shooting should be from 10:00 a.m. to a half hour prior to sunset, and in the winter 15 minutes prior to sunset, just like hunting, not 4:00 p.m. The busiest day for target shooting is Sunday, as many people work on

Saturday. The point of discharge should be 300 ft. as target shooters are shooting at fixed targets in one safe direction; hunters are not shooting straight ahead, they shoot in the direction of travel of the deer. The ordinance should read property owner and guest, as few people like to shoot alone. Target shooting is for accuracy at the point of aim. We should remember there have been no target shooting deaths in RI, but there have been hunting accidents and shootings in RI. Target shooting is all safe.

Nick Robertson of Carr Lane stated he has been a resident of Jamestown for over 50 years, a tour of duty in the military, and made this his home. He has participated in target shooting for over 50 years and has never had an accident. Target shooters are the minority, and should not be discriminated against. If rules and regulations for target shooting are to be developed, those who target shoot should be part of the process. He disagrees a 9 mm can shoot over 1000 yds. He believes an adequate backstop is proper and should be a requirement, and 10:00 p.m. is not an appropriate hour for shooting. The Council should consider including target shooters who are qualified and practice the sport, in addition to the police, if they proceed with the development of rules and regulations for target shooting.

President Trocki noted suggestions, input, and information was solicited at the other open public sessions from all in attendance, and no one has been excluded from this process.

Mr. Robertson stated he feels a target shooter should be on the Committee and he will attend in the future.

Rob Roach commented he cannot access the town website and the *Jamestown Press* printed the wrong times for meetings.

Mike deAngeli of Court Street presented a mark-up of the draft Ordinance for the Council to clear up grammar and inconsistencies. He feels there should be a setback for the shooting area and target area. The target area is more dangerous as that is where the bullets land. He provided a target area definition and that "All target areas shall be constructed in accordance with standards for safe target shooting ranges, for example, as promulgated by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. The Chief of Police shall be informed of the prospect of use of any such target areas for target shooting and shall have the authority to require modifications in the interest of public safety." We can't leave this to chance, this is a public safety issue, there are rules for this practice, and the Police Department should have enforcement. He feels the setback should be 1500 ft. He lives near a private shooting range and it is noisy, scary, and may decrease the value of his property. He does not feel there is an absolute right to shoot on one's property and it is time the Town develops regulations that allow reasonable use of one's property. He is glad no one has been hurt to date, glad we are having this discussion, and hopes we can reach an agreement that leaves everyone satisfied.

Paul Sprague of Mast Street noted the established private ranges in town that have been in existence for over 40 years, without injury, which sets precedence. He advised being

careful when establishing setbacks such as 1500 ft., as the ranges predate the homes and some of them may have to move as they are encroaching on the established shooting ranges, and they should have known the ranges were there before they built their homes.

Quentin Anthony of Bay View Drive noted his association with the Land Trust and stated he is in attendance to speak on his own behalf, not the Land Trust, and expressed concern regarding shooting ranges. The Land Trust has over 550 acres and almost 60 properties under their control that allow and welcome public access. No activities are currently prohibited and all who have access have been respectful. There are 60 to 75 walkers on weekdays and over 100 walkers on the weekend. He expressed concern for unregulated shooting ranges next to one of the properties in the Land Trust. The proposed ordinance does not properly regulate the activity. As our community has changed and the population has grown, we need to regulate the shooting ranges. He doesn't feel the ordinance is enforceable, and he has been shooting his whole life. Mr. Anthony referenced the shooting range at the Camp Yawgoo and its safety measures, including berm and extended stockade fence in the middle of thousands of acres of woods. He asks the Council to think about enforceable standards to make a range safe so that those invited to the Land Trust property and others will not risk being shot by a stray bullet. There needs to be standards and everyone needs to know what they are.

Mary Wright of Highland Drive stated she doesn't think there is any target shooting around her. What regulations are there for a parent taking their child to learn to shoot? Is there an age limit? Can they restrict the activity? Nick Robertson suggested she contact the NRA for more information; Vice President Meagher noted RIDEM provides safety courses; Councilor Dickinson recommended visiting the Boy Scout Camp shooting range for its high standards; and the Newport Rifle Club has a youth program. President Trocki is unaware of the age of any children who may be shooting at local private ranges.

Randy White of Westwood Road referenced RIGL Chapter 11-47 Weapons that prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from owning or using a firearm without a permit, which must be approved by the State Police or municipal Chief of Police. He is not a shooter, but as a prosecutor for 32 years he has prosecuted homicides, many with guns, it is time we have regulations, and he applauds the Council for their actions. Anyone can go on the internet and put in the caliber of a weapon, Google information and the distance of the shot at the point it becomes lethal, and see a convincing video. This brings to light what can happen to a person with a stray shot. Even skilled individuals can make mistakes; he prosecuted a police officer and swat team member for manslaughter, who shot his captain accidentally. We need to enact something and the greater the distance the greater the safety. If the Council is going to allow private shooting ranges, he recommends 1000 ft. setbacks; take the safest route. It is difficult to prosecute statutes that are not well crafted. It makes sense to set a 4:00 p.m. time limit; defining what is prudent makes sense.

Suzy Leach of Whitter Road noted she has been a resident since 2012, has a child, and has concerns. If a target range is not registered, how do we know as prospective home buyers it exists and whether it is safe? She believes in individual property rights, but if

there are shooting ranges, there should be regulations so that prospective buyers know there is a range in the area, it is safe, and she can then make an informed decisions that works for their family.

Doc Clark of Ledge Road commented this is his first meeting. Sec. 38-112 takes care of the 5th amendment and doesn't restrict the weapons that can be used in target shooting. Sec. 113 Sub 2) (ii) "The point of discharge of any firearm shall be a minimum distance of 500 ft. from any dwelling. . ." doesn't make sense. The first sentence is an attempt to get rid of the nuisance value and noise aspect but does not address it seriously. The second section should be rethought to address safety and containment beyond a nominal setback as the Island is too small. The Town should consider establishing a public shooting range that would meet everyone's standards and control the activity.

Melody Drnach of Union Street stated she is very interested in the data presented this evening regarding weapons and ballistics. Whatever the Council decides, she would expect law enforcement, Council, and Town Administration to present the public with a detailed map with graphics and data showing exactly where the targets are and where various calibers of ammunition would hit and if the target is missed where it would land, so she has a visual that lets her know what land she wants to access or recommend access to others.

Steven Sparhawk of Dumpling Drive, NRA Certified Range Safety Officer, commented the discussion is bullets being shot at a dirt berm, which will stop at impact into the berm, and we are getting off track. He referenced RIGL §11-47-2 and stated he mostly shoots BB guns and pellet guns on the Island and higher caliber weapons at other shooting ranges. He would feel bad that young people wouldn't have the same opportunities he had to shoot a BB gun on the Island and suggested taking BB guns and pellet guns out of the ordinance. He feels it is more about noise and nuisance, and he understands the safety concerns.

Merrill Sherman of Walnut Street stated times and circumstances have changed on the Island, we have more people, and are less rural. The rules have to reflect that growth. You can't yell fire in a crowded theater and when you speak about rights it is a balancing act. It is an issue of public safety, as a bullet can travel far distances and don't always go in the direction intended. We all like simple but maybe this ordinance is too simple. The distance should be increased in the ordinance. Perhaps this could be done in stages - adopt an ordinance, accept more public testimony, and amend it.

Carol Hopkins of East Shore Road stated she has been here for 50 years and went to the rod and gun club with her father. She proposes there not be limits from property to property but provide a safe place for people who want to target shoot. Perhaps revenues could be used for a public, safe shooting range. As a real estate agent, she never knew there was shooting nearby. We have no way of knowing this takes place and disagrees with the comment we should have known.

Jim Campagnone of Schooner Avenue commented that a previous speaker who commented he was a member of a rod and gun club was actually thrown out of a club for reckless acts, and his word is not very good.

John Murphy of Hamilton Avenue referenced the NRA Target Shooting Manual. It is an absurd notion that our society cannot add and revise regulations to activities as they evolve. Sometimes such laws are enacted after accidents. The Newport Rifle Club did not always have an outdoor range with 8 ft. high steel barriers and baffles. They recognized in order to make the use of the facility safe for their neighbors they had to adopt those provisions. You need wide open spaces or contain the shots in order to operate. Per the NRA manual, a 9 mm shot is measured in miles, and further states that the shooter will be held responsible for the damage or injury cause by any bullet or shot that escapes the shooting range. Bullets can go more than the width of the Island.

Nancy Bennett of Bonnet View Drive stated she is not a great gun fan and apologies to those who are. After the testimony this evening, she is leaning towards a public shooting range with supervision instead of individual private ranges. She wonders if all should be registered, inspected by the police, with safety standards established, that would make her more comfortable.

Bill Westall of Pemberton Avenue would like the Council to strike out air rifle, air pistol, blank gun, and BB gun from the ordinance for the kids. We were brought up with them and to register them would be too much.

Peter Coble of Narragansett Avenue stated he has lived here over 50 years. When he grew up here there were two clubs – a motorcycle and a gun club. Target shooting has been going on for a long time and they shoot into dirt banks. Registration is a good thing, most of the ranges are safe, people need to practice and learn, and the community should get involved.

Phil Willis of North Road commented the hours should be restricted. He is working with his sons teaching the grandchildren how to shoot properly and safely, the same way his children were taught. He doesn't want the grandchildren denied the activities they were brought up with. He has been shooting for 40 years and no police chief has ever had to visit their property for any reason or violation. They have a proper backstop, do things properly, and he doesn't want to have the right taken away. It would be better to have a grandchild know how to deal with a firearm to avoid any action that could occur when coming across one by accident.

William Maclean of Stern Street asked if given the 500 ft. setback from a dwelling for the seven established ranges, how many would be eliminated. The Council answered perhaps one.

Cheryl LaFazia of Wildflower Lane stated there is a shooting range at her property where she has lived for 28 years, long before Mr. deAngeli and Mr. Cannon moved there. She

doesn't feel the north end is a compact area and the activity has gone on for many years. The neighbors make it sound like it is the Wild West, when the activity is infrequent and not even monthly, as everyone who uses it works full time and serve as members of the Fire Department. It does not scare animals, they previously had livestock in the location, and she is uncomfortable with the picture painted. She asked the Council when reviewing this to look at it respectfully with open and objective eyes, not just following the remarks of a few selective neighbors making the most noise.

Jonathan Caito of Wildflower Lane stated his mother was the previous speaker. He learned to shoot with his father where he shoots today, and the last time he shot he was called to the Police Chief's Office and they talked for an hour. He agreed to refrain from shooting until the issue was resolved. The backstop was small, and he brought in 120 yds. of material to make it bigger. He agrees there should be regulations for target shooting. There isn't any shooting in the shores area where it is too compact and no ranges in the downtown area for the same reasons, and if there were, they would be in violation of state law. He doesn't feel his area is compact. When shooting it is controlled, one person at a time, one loading at a time, and shooting is at the target only. 500 ft. is not a good idea as it is somewhat excessive. Where he target shoots they fire in the same direction repeatedly at a distance of 25 yds. He has tried to join a Rifle Club, but they have a waiting list and are expensive. His activity is safe, all who participate know how to shoot or are taught all the safety and shooting basics, and their activities are much the same as those of a rifle club. Police have been to the property when target shooting is underway and it was cordial and they have done whatever was asked of them. He doesn't consider this a safety concern, but this is what it has turned into. He will do what it takes to make the backstop safer, but the 500 ft. is too much.

Dick Trask of Beavertail Road stated he grew up with .22 rifles and shotguns and considers himself familiar with guns. He suggests getting rid of the BB guns and kids stuff, as we all grew up with them and no one got hurt. Sundays should be allowed as people work on Saturdays. He thinks it would be better to have one central safe place for target shooting. A regulated town facility would be a better option.

President Trocki asked if anyone would give up their private range for a public range. Nick Robertson stated he would do so and it might solve the issues, but how do we pay for it? Where would it be located? He noted the inconvenience to travel to off-island shooting range locations.

Mr. Trask stated it is good that this is being discussed prior to an unfortunate incident.

Mr. Robertson referenced areas where target shooting took place in the past. The Council is on the right track and there is a way of teaching safety. He further noted accidents that can happen and the importance of gun safety.

Peter Coble commented those who are interested in a range could collect money to establish one.

Paul Balzer of Watson Avenue stated he is a life-long resident and one of three Range Safety Officers for the Fish and Wildlife Division of DEM. He referenced his efforts in establishing the Skate Park. There are numerous target shooters in RI and he asked please do not stifle this sport. Many kids shoot with a parent at the RIDEM ranges, with a permit, there is also a women's program, and this is how the safety is passed down. If you want to make it larger and have a public range that is okay, just don't kill what we have.

Randy White of Westwood Road asked what properties would be candidates for a public range, which would resolve the control and safety issues and he would support. Discussion ensued of the issues that would be involved.

Peter Coble of Narragansett Avenue suggested the Transfer Station.

Rob Roach referenced Skatefest and teaching archery and gun safety at the Jamestown School, which are very important. He asks the Council not to kill the sport – we don't need a massive change for the opinion of a few.

Jonathan Caito of Wildflower Lane stated the Town has spent considerable funds to cap the landfill at the Transfer Station, and he doesn't believe the town would be allowed to build anything on that property due to the cap. The Transfer Station hours are Thursday through Monday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, which doesn't leave a lot of time for shooting.

Walter May of Middletown commented on the responsible individuals who spoke this evening and commented there are also many who are not responsible. He referenced the shooting range at the Little Compton transfer station, located in a safe remote area. It would not be expensive to develop one and perhaps there could be sponsors. There are waiting lists for the Newport Rifle Club and there is interest in private ranges.

Christian Infantolino of Reservoir Circle stated he learned to shoot at 8 years old with his grandfather in Little Compton, who taught him gun safety. He has no problem with guns, or gun ownership. It is a safety issue, and there are lots of issues, with regulations that are there and not there. The shooters who spoke this evening state they run their ranges safely, so there is no problem with putting in safety regulations and registering the ranges. There are multiple weapons used for shooting, he used to hear gunshots in the north end late at night, and he shot previously in Colorado. It comes down to safety, and there is a difference between hunting and target shooting. Hunting is regulated but target shooting is not, there are layers, and there must be a safety component with standards and the ability to hold someone accountable. It is not trying to take away or stifle the activity it just makes it safe for all when standards are followed.

Mike D'Allessio of Elm Street noted everyone is concerned with safety, he is not opposed to shooting, but he is opposed to denying the right to shoot where it has taken place for a long time. The ordinance should not restrict existing ranges or the times for shooting. His children learn to shoot through the Newport Rifle Club beginning at age 8,

it is an Olympic sport, it is a tradition. He referenced the dangers and distance of a stray golf ball. Do not take away the right to shoot on one's property that has existed for years.

Public comment ends at 8:30 p.m.

Council comment.

Councilor Dickinson stated he is a shooter, and his concerns are oriented towards process. No one knows where the target ranges are, which is significant. Chief Mello provided incident data last fall and there were no injuries with hunting going back to 2007. Chief Mello agreed. Councilor Dickinson commented on the writing of the ordinance by the Ordinance Review Committee and asked how many range owners participated in the process. Town Administrator Nota stated based on participation at the public sessions, five of six. Councilor Dickinson noted the Council established the ORC in March 2015, and read the highlights of the Resolution adopted. The intention was to get all together to vet out the issues. He attended the first ORC meeting, but did not attend others, and he is here to participate as this is an important issue and that stakeholders should be part of the process. His problem is the ORC meetings are difficult to attend due to scheduling, the participation expected that did not take place, and the membership not as expected.

President Trocki noted yes, one meeting was at 10:00 a.m. due to scheduling, which was posted. All are invited to the meetings and work sessions, and the only attendees are often the members. Councilor Dickinson referred to process and the process being followed. Councilor Dickinson asked if the Solicitor reviewed the document, and was informed yes.

Vice President Meagher commented on the make-up of the ORC that included the President, Vice President, Police Chief and Town Administrator with Town staff as needed. Town staff has been in attendance in reviewing numerous ordinances as required. Minutes were approved but no ordinances were approved. Lengthy discussion ensued.

President Trocki stated there has been no deviation from the sub-committee format for the ORC. The draft ordinance is before the public hearing with no deviation from how other committees and sub-committees operate. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Dickinson commented hunting and target shooting have existed safely in Jamestown, and he feels the target shooters should have been involved.

Nick Robertson of Carr Lane stated he didn't believe that those not involved with target shooting should be making the decisions on rules governing it. He realizes the police are qualified, and he does believe the target shooters should be involved.

President Trocki noted their input has been solicited and that is why we are here this evening. There are varying issues she does not have knowledge of, but the ORC gathers information, performs research, drafts ordinances, reviews ordinances, and develops what it considers appropriate to bring before the citizens for their input as part of the process.

Councilor White inquired about State target regulations. Solicitor Ruggiero noted there are for State ranges, but not for others. Councilor White commented this is the first step and he appreciates the work of the ORC. To date the shooters and shooting ranges in Jamestown have been responsible and practiced safety. But to develop a public range would require funding. He doesn't want to take away the rights for private ranges, but they must be shooting safely following a process with inspection for verifying and certification by the town or police department. The operating times must be established, and perhaps a Sunday afternoon would be appropriate, due to people's work schedules. The next step should be to include some of the range owners working with the police and Town Administrator to give input what they do to make the ranges safe. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Tighe agrees with Councilor White. There is too much information to digest to vote on this tonight. He would like to see this go back to the ORC and those in attendance who would like to be involved to sign up to participate, and this would facilitate the development of an ordinance that would work.

Vice President Meagher commented the February meeting time was not optimum, but was scheduled after two open successful public sessions. The objective was to make a minimal ordinance, which was achieved. Tonight's session has been a terrific meeting, was most successful, and she thanked everyone for coming and stated your concerns matter. The intent of the ORC was to facilitate the creation of ordinances, which is difficult to do as a Council. A lot of information came forward this evening, and the draft ordinance is a good beginning. The Solicitor would let us know if he had concerns with the Ordinance and is part of this process. She believes the committee worked hard and did what it was intended to do and it was public and open and we did our job. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Dickinson stated he is committed to the sub committee process and truly believes the stakeholders should be brought in. We are all concerned and want to feel safe. The common ground here is very wide. Council members agree, to find common ground, and that is what we are tasked with.

Town Administrator Nota announced that anyone who wants advance notice of meetings should contact the Town Clerk so that notices can be sent directly to them in addition to the public notice process.

Solicitor Ruggiero commented on liability and insurance issues that need to be addressed for additional discussions. Town Administrator Nota stated the ordinance was written so that the Town would not be directly involved with the liability associated with the activity on private property. The Committee vetted all information provided in order to draft an ordinance that would keep the town on the fringe of responsibility. Discussion ensued. The 500 ft. buffer eliminates two-thirds of the properties in town and gives those who live in densely populated neighborhoods peace of mind.

President Trocki noted there is more work to be done and the efforts of all are deeply appreciated. Discussion ensued of next steps and work that needs to proceed. It was suggested this issue be turned over to the Town Administrator for further review, with public input, and public open sessions, then back before the Council.

Councilor Dickinson stated we now have something to work with and will have input.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

The special meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council
 Town Administrator
 Town Solicitor
 Finance Director

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

April 19, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Trocki called the special meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 5:04 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Jamestown Town Hall at 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown.

II. ROLL CALL

Town Council Members Present:

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

Board of Fire Wardens Members Present:

Howard Tighe, Deputy Chief
Steven Tiexiera, Deputy Chief

Also in attendance:

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator
Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor
Wyatt A. Brochu, Town Solicitor
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

III. NEW BUSINESS/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 (1) Personnel (Jamestown Fire Department volunteer/employee status); 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 Councilor White Dickinson to enter into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) Personnel.

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) Personnel the following vote was taken: President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Absent; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

The Jamestown Town Council reconvened the special meeting at 6:03 p.m. President
Town Council Special Meeting 4-19-2016

Trocki announced that no votes were taken in the Executive Session.

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

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The special meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council
 Town Administrator
 Finance Director
 Solicitor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2016

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
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Michael Gray, Public Works Director
Cathy Kaiser, School Committee Chair
Arlene D. Petit, Charter Review Committee Chair
Edward A. Mello, Police Chief
Andrew Wade, Parks & Recreation Director
Wyatt A. Brochu, Town Solicitor
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 7:08 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

- A) Presentation:
Eagle Scout Service Project Presentation by Josh Neronha, Troop 1
Jamestown: Erosion Control at Conanicut Battery; request for
Town approval to proceed with proposed project; review and
discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
a) Jamestown Historical Society Letter of Support

Due to school vacation week plans, Josh Neronha is not in attendance and this item will be continued to the May 2, 2016 agenda.

- B) Proclamations and Resolutions; review and discussion and/or potential
action and/or vote
1) No. 2016-02 April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in Jamestown
President Trocki read the Proclamation.

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

2) No. 2016-03 April as Fair Housing Month
President Trocki read the Proclamation.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second Vice President Meagher to move VIII. New Business E) Jamestown Charter Review Report to just after V. Open Forum. 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) Town Council Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board
- 1) **Request a Motion** that the application listed below will be in order for hearing at a meeting of the Town Council sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. and advertised in the *Jamestown Press*, as provided under Title 3 Chapters 1-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended, that the following **NEW LICENSE** under said act, for the period May 17, 2016 to November 30, 2016 (contingent upon Zoning Board of Review approval on April 26, 2016); review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote:

CLASS B – VICTUALER - LIMITED

PP Jamestown, LLC
dba: Preppy Pig BBQ
35 Narragansett Avenue, Unit D
Jamestown, RI 02835

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to convene as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board for the Town of Jamestown at 7:16 p.m. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor Tighe to proceed to advertise for public hearing subject to Zoning Board approval. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to adjourn as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board at 7:18 p.m. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

B) Licenses and Permits; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

1) One Day Event/Entertainment License

- a) Applicant: Jamestown Chamber of Commerce
- Event: Chamber “Night at Fort Getty” 2016
- Date: August 20, 2016
- Location: Fort Getty Pavilion

Additional Request for: Waiver of Pavilion Rental Fee

President Trocki filed a Conflict of Interest Statement as she is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, left the dais, and Vice President Meagher presided over the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor White to approve the One Day Event Entertainment license for the Chamber of Commerce and waive the Pavilion rental fee. President Trocki, Recused; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye. Motion passes by a majority vote in the affirmative.

President Trocki returned to preside over the meeting.

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.

James Rugh of America Way and Police Chief Mello addressed the Council regarding the Police Department accreditation process through the RI Police Chief’s Association currently underway. To become accredited a police department must meet 200 standards that govern all aspects of policing. A public forum on the accreditation process will be led by Lt. Angela Denault on Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Jamestown Library. As part of the accreditation process a public forum on Community Policing will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Jamestown Library to gather citizen input. Notice of the forums will appear in the *Jamestown Press*.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- E) Jamestown Charter Review Committee Report; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

Charter Review Committee Chair Arlene Petit noted all members except Mary Lou Sanborn (prior commitment) are in attendance. Ms. Petit stated on behalf of the CRC, it was a pleasure to work on this historic document and suggest the necessary changes. It was a hard working committee, with 16 very productive meetings, reviewing all sections of the Charter. The Committee is here to answer any questions. One typo error was noted (should be Section 422 not 421) on page 5. President Trocki inquired whether the Solicitor had reviewed the document. Ms. Petit commented no, it is being presented to the Council first for their review. The Town Administrator noted the FTM on June 6th and the time constraints to conduct a public hearing in order to place the Charter revisions on the FTM Warrant. Any revisions endorsed by the Council could be part of the ballot for the General Election on November 8th, allowing more time to review and present the proposed revisions. Ms. Petit requested the Council disband the Charter Review Committee.

Vice President Meagher, ex officio member of the CRC, commended the Committee for a job well done and stated this was a terrific example of civics in action. Councilor Dickinson commended the members for their effort and said thank you for the quality product produced. He further asked the CRC to monitor the Council's progress in getting this on the November ballot. Ms. Petit stated all members debated the issues and were unanimous in the recommendations made to Council. President Trocki stated Council members will review the document and may request CRC input in the future and thanked CRC members for coming this evening. CRC members and Council members agree the Charter amendments should be on the November ballot. This will appear on a future Council agenda.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to address F) Affordable Housing Committee Recommendation as the next item on the agenda. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

- F) Affordable Housing Committee Recommendation: Town Council Comment on Rhode Island Housing Annual Plan – Land Trust/Ground Lease as eligible affordability; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- 1) Cover memorandum
 - 2) Draft Letter to RI Housing
 - 3) Ground Lease

Affordable Housing Committee Chair Barbara Szeptowski and Christian Belden of Church Community Housing address the Town Council. Mr. Belden distributed a handout explaining that HOME-assisted units purchased on or after 2016 are subject to Rhode Island Housing Recapture policies. The AHC drafted a letter to RI Housing regarding the ground leases the Second Year Annual Action Plan and the Recapture Provisions affordability period (5, 10, or 15 years). The HOME recapture provisions permit the

original homebuyer to sell the property to any willing buyer during the period of affordability. The recapture approach requires that all or a portion of the direct assistance provided to the original homebuyer be recaptured from the net proceeds of the sale. With the amount of public funds required to create affordable homeownership opportunities, CCHC and the AHC believe the affordability should be preserved for at least 30 years, and preferably permanently, and therefore seek Town Council support in the form of a letter to Rhode Island Housing requesting that these provisions be explicitly stated within the Annual Action Plan. Discussion continued.

As the comment period closes on April 30th, AHC and CCHC respectfully request the Council to approve the letter drafted so that it can be submitted to Rhode Island Housing prior to the comment period deadline. Lengthy discussion ensued. The draft letter was read by Mr. Belden. Ms. Szepatowski noted the first set of classes for new homebuyers in Jamestown that began last week. The participants are most enthusiastic, and the interest in the classes so great a second round of classes will be scheduled, making this comment letter and recapture provision even more important.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to authorize Council President Trocki to sign the letter to RI Housing. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

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

- A) Administrator's Report: Town Administrator Andrew E. Nota
- 1) CDBG Program Grant Award – Office of Housing and Community Development announcement of grant award in the amount of \$109,000

The Town received the award letter for the following projects:

- Pemberton Apartments Roof Replacements \$92,908
- Senior Center Plumbing \$ 8,092
- Administration \$ 8,000

The funding shifts for the current year were noted, including affordable housing opportunities that did not receive funding. Explanation of grant awards, potential awards, and procedures ensued.

- 2) Moody's Bond Rating Update – AA1

The Town of Jamestown is only the 5th community in RI to achieve the AA1 rating from Moody's Investors, a great accomplishment. Coinciding with some refinancing, the Town will realize additional debt service savings. Finance Director Collins was thanked for the hard work and dedication exhibited by her and her staff that resulted in this most favorable bond rating (applause). President Trocki announced this is a coup for the Town and is front-page news.

3) City and Town Priorities for Legislative Action – RI League of Cities and Towns 2016

This is an annual set of priorities by the League of Cities and Towns with three essential priorities in this legislative session:

- Injured on Duty and Disability
- Police Officers Bill of Rights
- Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fees

Other issues of concern noted:

- State Aid
- Tax and Revenue Policy
- Borrowing Money
- Financial Successes
- Management – Scope of Bargaining
- Post Employment Benefits
- Environmental oversight

The document is posted on the League of Cities and Towns website and will appear on the Town website.

4) Taylor Point Restoration Project – CRMC announcement of funding award in the amount of \$10,000

Kudos to the Taylor Point Restoration Group on their successful application and funding award through the Coastal Habitat Restoration Trust Fund, one of several applications the TPRG has submitted. The volunteer group was thanked for their efforts.

5) Hull Cove Right-of-Way Project

Town staff met with CRMC for permitting and RIDEM for project funding. Unfortunately the two aspects could not be coordinated and the grant period lapsed. With modifications to the original permit, the cost will be dramatically decreased and once permitted build-out will be achieved over the next few years. Upon completion the project will be ADA compliant.

6) Target Shooting Ordinance and Public Hearing Update

At the conclusion of the April 12th public hearing, tremendous input was received by Council from a diverse crowd, and as a result, directed the matter back to the Town Administrator and the Town Solicitor. The process of gathering additional information and public input will continue and the existing ordinance will be modified and presented to Council for their consideration in the coming months. Council members commented this was an excellent public hearing with great public input.

B) Fort Getty and Outdoor Parks and Recreation sites Update: Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Wade

Mr. Wade gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Jamestown Parks and Recreation Outdoor Recreation Space. The report covered the following:

Eldred Field

- Spring Preparations – grass cutting, field aeration, seeding
- Spring Field Use – Youth Soccer, Super Liga Games, JSA Practices

Fort Getty Park and Campground

- Preparing for 2016 camping season (opening May 14th)
- Painting Gate House
- New signage for revised parking patterns
- Interviews underway for seasonal positions

Lawn Avenue Complex

- Baseball Opening Day April 30th
- Piva Field – Final layer clay mix applied, fencing work/backstop/dugout replaced, Warning track groomed, Batting Cage replaced, Soft-touch quick-release bases installed
- Rookie Field – infield skinned and made larger, additional mix spread to improve surface, backstop being replaced with 10' x 20' backstop with 8' angled wings, completed work will allow more levels of play to utilize space
- Full Sized Diamond – Ready for play April 11th; new “Hollywood” bases and pitching rubber installed, weeding, grooming and infield mix applied, lining to be applied for Home games
- Softball Field – New soft-touch quick-release bases installed, replaced pitching rubber

Mackerel Cove

- New updated signage, increased staff presence, swimming area only to be delineated

RIDEM Open Space Grants

- Small Grant – Maximum of \$100,000 with 80% of project cost and 20% match, which can be in-kind services (demolition, excavation, installation)
 - Community Playground Renovation application submission by May 27th; working with local architect Arek Galle, received equipment designs, final designs to be vetted through community meetings, scope of grant to include demolition, newly-designed innovative structures, fencing additional parking, new surfacing and ADA accessible play structures
 - Submitted applications go before RI Recreation Resource Review Committee, with awards announced mid to late August, followed by bid process, with construction Spring of 2017; Grant application to come before Council for authorization
- Large Grant – Maximum of \$400,000 with 80% of project cost and 20% match which can be in-kind services
 - Lawn Avenue Complex grant due by May 27th, includes expansion of skate park facility, relocation of existing basketball court, upgrades to player dugout areas, new player benches at Piva Field & Softball Field, and ADA compliant walking trail around Lawn Facility perimeter, and well or cistern for watering/maintaining areas (aerial photo of area for proposed project displayed)

Council members thanked Mr. Wade for his report.

- C) Narragansett Avenue Update of Projects – Preppy Pig, former Bank of America building: Town Planner Lisa Bryer

Vice President Meagher noted it is nice to see revitalization to the downtown business area. Mr. Nota stated the Town is here to work with business owners.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Awarding of Bid: site improvements to the Fort Getty Pavilion walkways for 2,500 sq. ft. of Techo-Block Borealis masonry pavers (color Hazlenut Brandy) to Watson Mulch and Loam, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$18,025.00 as recommended by Public Works Director Michael C. Gray

Public Works Director Gray displayed a sample of the masonry paver and explained the hard-scaping project. The area will be uniform in color and appearance upon completion. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to award the bid for masonry pavers to Watson Mulch and Loam, Inc. for \$18,025 as recommended by the Public Works Director. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

- B) Approval of Recreation Trails Program Grant request for Big Boulder Trail Rehabilitation at Conanicut Battery and Authorization for signing by Town Council President Trocki; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

Continued to the May 2, 2016 agenda.

- C) Verizon Wireless Lease Agreement; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Lease fee
 - 2) Authorization for signing

Town Administrator Nota stated negotiations were concluded for an expansion of use for the water tower property, the second five-year term extension for the 25-year lease (to expire in 2027). Verizon is looking for an additional 84 sq. ft. of ground space for equipment storage. It was agreed an additional \$900 per month or \$10,800 per year would be added to the lease, in addition to the 3% escalator. Solicitor Ruggiero and Finance Director Collins were part of the negotiation process, and Verizon legal council Marisa Desautel in attendance this evening was recognized. This will result in additional revenue for the Water Department. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilor White with second by Councilor Dickinson to approve the Verizon lease agreement and lease fee and authorize signing by Town Administrator Nota. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

D) Sanitary Sewer Line and Rehabilitation Project – Resolution 6 approved by the voters at the June 1, 2015 Financial Town Meeting; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

1) Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-04: Approving Issuance of Bonds

The Resolution was read by President Trocki.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve Resolution No. 2016-04. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

G) Adoption of the FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) Town, School, and Capital Budget; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
Councilor Dickinson stated the budget doesn't look bad; other councilors state this is a great budget. Town Administrator gave an overview of the budget process to date for the proposed \$10,373,535 Town Budget, a decrease of \$50,512 or -.49%, \$12,809,625 School Department Budget, an increase of \$283,168 or 2.21%, and the Total Budget of \$23,183,160, an increase of \$232,656 or 1.01%. The anticipated tax levy is \$8,031,182 for the Town or 42.7%, \$10,775,929 for the School or 57.3%, and a total tax levy of \$18,807,111. The adjustments made following discussion at the April 14th budget work session resulted in a \$252,590 reduction from the original budget submission, realizing a 20¢ decrease in the proposed tax rate from \$8.78 to \$8.58 for FY 2017.

President Trocki reflected on the lengthy budget process and thanked the Town Administrator, Finance Director, School Committee, Department heads, and all staff members involved in the process.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve and adopt the Total Town General Budget in the amount of \$10,373,535. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor White with second by Vice President Meagher to approve and adopt the Total School Department Budget in the amount of \$12,809,625. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve and adopt the Total Town and School Budget in the amount of

\$23,183,160. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

IX. ORDINANCES AND APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

- A) Appointments & Vacancies
- 1) Jamestown Juvenile Hearing Board (One vacancy with a two-year term ending date of December 31, 2017) duly advertised
 - a) Letters of interest
 - i) Judith DiBello
 - ii) Susan Heffner
 - b) Application rescinded
 - i) Christian Infantolino

Interviews will be scheduled for May 2nd prior to the Water & Sewer and Town Council Meetings at 6:00 p.m. Due to the time requirement for the 6:30 p.m. Water & Sewer Meeting, the Town Council meeting will be moved to 7:30 p.m. Discussion ensued of past applicants who were interviewed for the Library Board of Trustees and confirmed continued interest in serving and appointment this evening.

- 2) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review – 3rd Alternate (One vacancy with a one-year term ending date of December 31, 2016) duly advertised; no applicants

Advertising for the vacancy will continue.

- 3) Tax Assessment Board of Review (One vacancy with a one-year term ending date of May 31, 2016)
 - a) Letter of resignation
 - i) Joan McCauley

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor Tighe to accept the resignation of Joan McCauley, send her a letter of thanks for her services, and appoint Frank Sallee to the Tax Assessment Board of Review. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

- 4) Jamestown Philomenian Library Board of Trustees (One vacancy with a three-year term ending date of December 31, 2017)
 - a) Letter of resignation
 - i) Laura A. Yentsch

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor Tighe to appoint Christian Infantolino to the Library Board of Trustees, accept the resignation of Laura Yentsch, and send a letter of thanks for her services. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.

Vice President Meagher commented Laura Yentsch was a faithful member of the Library Board of Trustees and has experienced a serious health issue of late. We send her our best wishes and thanks for her service.

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 Councilor Tighe with second by Vice President Meagher 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) March 15, 2016 (special meeting)
 - 2) March 15, 2016 (executive session)
 - 3) March 22, 2016 (regular meeting)
 - 4) March 22, 2016 (executive session)
 - 5) March 23, 2016 (budget work session)
 - 6) March 24, 2016 (budget work session)
 - 7) March 28, 2016 (special meeting)
 - 8) March 28, 2016 (executive session)
 - 9) March 28, 2016 (budget work session)
 - 10) April 11, 2016 (budget work session)
- B) Minutes from Boards, Commissions and Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Charter Review Committee (03/16/2016)
 - 2) Jamestown Charter Review Committee (04/06/2016)
 - 3) Jamestown Conservation Commission (02/09/2016)
 - 4) Jamestown Conservation Commission (03/08/2016)
 - 5) Jamestown Harbor Commission (02/10/2016)
 - 6) Jamestown Harbor Commission (03/09/2016)
 - 7) Jamestown Philomenian Library Board of Trustees (02/09/2016)
 - 8) Jamestown Philomenian Library Board of Trustees (03/14/2016)
- C) CRMC Notices
 - 1) Public Hearing Notice for Proposed Amendments to the CRMC Shoreline Change Maps on April 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, with written comments due by April 21, 2016
 - 2) April 2016 Calendar
- D) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes
 - 1) Properties – Abatements to 2015 Tax Roll
 - Account/Abatement Amount**
 - a) 02-0580-20 \$2,531.67

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| b) | 02-1393-00 | \$2,607.47 |
| c) | 02-1456-00 | \$ 14.05 |
| d) | 04-0299-10 | \$2,535.47 |
| e) | 04-0465-00 | \$2,874.52 |
| f) | 06-0500-08 | \$ 43.90 |
| g) | 10-0075-00 | \$5,301.17 |
| h) | 11-0483-00 | \$ 28.89 |
| i) | 14-0035-80 | \$6,970.35 |
| j) | 19-0054-00 | \$7,694.00 |
| k) | 19-0740-80 | \$2,181.64 |
| l) | 23-0209-00 | \$2,403.77 |
- 2) Properties – Addenda to 2015 Tax Roll
- | <u>Account/Addenda Amount</u> | | |
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| a) | 03-0144-40 | \$2,531.66 |
| b) | 03-1679-25 | \$2,874.52 |
| c) | 07-0392-30 | \$2,535.47 |
| d) | 06-0435-50 | \$6,970.35 |
| e) | 13-0527-05 | \$7,694.60 |
| f) | 16-0054-40 | \$2,181.64 |
| g) | 16-1342-62 | \$2,607.47 |
| h) | 19-0880-10 | \$5,301.17 |
| i) | 22-0320-00 | \$2,403.77 |
| j) | 23-0453-20 | \$ 668.84 |
- E) Zoning Board of Review Abutter Notifications
- 1) Notice is hereby given that the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review will hold a public hearing on April 26, 2016 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI at 7:00 p.m. upon the following: Application of Scott et Christine L. Metcalfe, whose property is located on 11 Union Street and further identified as Assessor’s Plat 9 Lot 261, for a variance from Article 3, Section 82-302, Table 3.2 Lot coverage, side and rear yard setbacks. To construct a rear deck which will result in 44% lot coverage, an increase of 9% where 30% is required, a rear yard setback 24’ where 30’ is required, and a west side yard setback of 6’ where 7’ is required. Said property is located in a R8 zone and contains 4791.6 sq. ft.
 - 2) Notice is hereby given that the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review will hold a public hearing on April 26, 2016 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI at 7:00 p.m. upon the following: Application of PP Jamestown, LLC dba: Preppy Pig BBQ (N. Meadow Properties LLC, owner) a tenant at the property located at 35D Narragansett Avenue and further identified as Assessor’s Plat 9 Lot 246, for a special use permit Article 3 Section 302, Table 301, 6B-3 Lunchroom or Restaurant (Alcoholic Beverages). The request is to allow us to

serve beer and wine at the restaurant. Said property is located in a CL zone and contains 1200 sq. ft.

- F) Finance Director's Report
- G) One Day Event/Entertainment License Applications
 - 1) Applicant: Jamestown Cal Ripken Baseball
Event: Opening Day Parade
Date: April 30, 2016
Location: Narragansett Avenue to Lawn Avenue fields
 - 2) Applicant: Lisa Brown
Event: Brown-Hutchison Wedding
Date: June 4, 2016
Location: Fort Getty Pavilion
 - 3) Applicant: Suzanne Abois
Event: Graduation Party
Date: June 10, 2016
Location: Fort Getty Pavilion
 - 4) Applicant: Richard George "DJ Car-Guy Productions"
Event: Classics by the Sea Car Show
Date: June 26, 2016
Location: Fort Getty Pavilion

XI. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER RI CITIES AND TOWNS

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

The Communications, Petitions and Proclamations and Resolutions from other RI Cities and Towns received consists of the following:

- A) Resolutions and Proclamations from other Rhode Island cities and towns
 - 1) Letter and announcement of RI Conservation Development Council, Inc. for forestland stewardship workshop on Saturday, April 16, 2016, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Tiverton Library
 - 2) Letter of Community Housing Resource Board requesting April 2016 be proclaimed "Fair Housing Month"
- B) Resolutions and Proclamations of other Rhode Island cities and towns
 - 1) Narragansett Town Council Resolution in Support of Budget Article 15 of the Governor's FY 2017 Budget
 - 2) Burrillville Town Council Resolution in Support of Legislation Restoring funding for State Aid to Libraries to the full 25 Percent

XII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- Council members would like to have Personnel under Executive Session at the next meeting

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council
 Town Administrator
 Finance Director
 Solicitor

JAMESTOWN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 17, 2016

I. A regular meeting of the Jamestown Traffic Committee was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 6:00 PM by Chairman Thomas P. Tighe.

II. The following members were present:

Thomas Tighe, Chairman
Mary E. Meagher, Vice-Chairman
David Cain
Timothy Yentsch
Vincent Moretti

Also present:

Police Chief Edward Mello
Kim Devlin, Clerk

Absent:

Melissa Mastrostefano, Member
William Munger, Member

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MIUNTES

A) February 18, 2016 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Meagher, seconded by Member Cain to accept the February 18, 2016 minutes. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

IV. OPEN FORUM

A) Scheduled to Address

There were no Scheduled Requests to Address.

B) Non-Scheduled to Address

There were no Non-Scheduled Requests to Address

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Conanicus Avenue crosswalk; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

1) Letter from Police Chief Mello to the RI State Traffic Commission

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Vice-Chairman Meagher moved to move up items VI (B) and VI (D); Member Cain seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B) Amendment of the Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70 Traffic and Vehicles, Article III. Specific Street Regulations, Sec. 70-55 Restrictions on Certain Streets - Columbia Avenue; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Mr. Christian Infantolino, Esq. addressed the Traffic Committee on behalf of his client, Mr. Mike McQuade. Mr. Infantolino stated that McQuades Marketplace has been in business for 35 years and is an asset to the community. The proposed ordinance changes would impose hardships on his business and could affect supplier deliveries and the potential loss of insurance. The proposed changes are specific to Mr. McQuades business.

Mr. Infantolino stated he has been in discussions with town officials and they have developed a possible solution, which is to have one way traffic on Columbia Avenue from 6AM to 3PM.

A discussion on the logistics of the one-way traffic during the hours of 6AM to 3PM ensued.

Mr. Morris Browning, the store manager at McQuades, stated there are surveillance cameras monitoring the delivery area and detailed the logistics of maneuvering delivery trucks in the loading dock area.

Mr. Mike McQuade stated that he has operated the store (McQuades Marketplace) there for 34 years and has never had a complaint of this type.

Member Moretti asked Mr. McQuade to clarify if the one-way traffic would be moving south on Columbia.

Mr. McQuade stated that yes, the traffic would flow one way going south.

Ms. Jane Payne, produce manager at McQuades, stated that McQuades provides valuable services to the community. They are open during hurricanes and storms, will pick people up who need help with their shopping and drop them off, and will bring groceries to people in their homes. McQuades is a good neighbor, providing valuable services to the community.

Mr. Brian Cotsanos stated that he loves McQuades and the people who work there are incredible. He goes there multiple times per week and everyone does a top notch job. Mr. Cotsanos stated that this is a small neighborhood and he feels

that this issue has been blown out of proportion. Mr. Cotsanos stated he loves this neighborhood and moved to town to be able to walk to the store. That being said, he doesn't want to take our problems and move them to another street. Mr. Cotsanos stated that he should have approached McQuades outside of this forum to try to solve this problem with the delivery trucks. The neighborhood is a walking area, there are kids on bikes going to school in the morning. The truck traffic isn't an issue, it is the speed they travel and that the delivery trucks run the stop sign and double park on the street. Mr. Cotsanos also stated that the pallets stacked up in the back of the store are a hazard and an eyesore.

Ms. Halie Beckman stated that someone is going to get hurt and that another issue is the fumes from delivery trucks parked on the street go into people's homes. Ms. Beckman stated that the issues are worse in the summer.

Mr. Wyn Reed stated that, on behalf of the Rotary Club, McQuades is a generous donor to their organization and their donations make much of what they do in the community possible.

Mr. Infantolino stated that there may be some concerns being discussed that are outside of the Traffic Committee, relating to aesthetics. The way the proposed ordinance is written will solve the traffic problems but some issues are outside of the scope of the issue presented.

Mr. McQuade addressed the complaints about the delivery trucks running their engines, stating that there are health codes they have to abide by. A delivery truck delivering perishables cannot turn its engine off. Mr. McQuade also stated he can look in to having a more aggressive schedule for recycling pick up so the pallets are not stacked so high.

Chairman Tighe asked Mr. McQuade if the Traffic Committee approved the request to make Columbia Avenue one way from 6AM to 3PM and the neighbors were to come to you with an issue regarding the business would you work with them to clear up the issue.

Mr. McQuade stated that, yes, he would work with the neighbors.

Chairman Tighe stated that if he is going to consider turning the street one way, he would want a commitment to addressing community issues. Chairman Tighe asked Executive Director Chief Mello if we make it one way would it be just trucks or would it have to be cars, as well.

Chief Mello stated it would depend on how the ordinance is written, but you could make it just trucks one way.

Mr. Cotsanos stated that his issue is not with the aesthetics but with the pallets taking up parking spaces the delivery trucks could be using.

Mr. Infantolino stated that we are not talking about parking, we are talking about the flow of traffic. These are valid concerns than can be addressed, but they are not the concerns we are addressing at this meeting.

Member Moretti stated he understands what McQuades is asking for but he doesn't understand what the residents point is concerning the pallets, considering the pallets are not in the road.

Chairman Tighe stated that pallets and parking on private property are not a concern of the Traffic Commission, the issue being addressed is the proposal for one way traffic on Columbia Avenue. He will ask Chief Mello to look at the information and come back to the committee with a recommendation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

D) Amendment of the Jamestown Code of Ordinances Chapter 70 Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV. Stopping, Standing and Parking, Sec. 70-87 Prohibited or Restricted Parking on Specified Streets and Sec. 70-89 Parking at Jamestown Shores Beach; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Member Cain moved to send the recommendation to go to public hearing for the proposed ordinance changes to the Town Council; Vice-Chairman Meagher seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Speed limit on North Road from Sloop Street north to Summit Avenue; review and discussion and/or potential vote

A discussion on parking in the Jamestown Shores and notification to residents of the proposed changes ensued.

A group of residents from the shores (Mr. Bob Gibbs, Mr. Dan Lilly, Mr. Jerry Lemoi and Mr. Michael Egan) all attended the meeting to state they heard about the parking changes "through the grapevine" and proper notice was not provided to them, as residents of the shores.

Chairman Tighe stated that we (Traffic Committee) has had several discussions on this issue and had properly advertised that the discussions were happening.

Vice-Chairman Meagher stated that the Traffic Committee is advisory only and the Town Council will vote on the ordinance at an advertised public hearing.

Mr. Dan Lily stated that he feels this issue should have been handled with abutters notices being sent to residents the new parking restrictions will affect.

Chairman Tighe stated the Traffic Committee will look at this again on the April 21 agenda and requested the residents of the shores that are present pass the word around.

Chief Mello stated that the recommendations are related to public safety and most relate to the Fire Chief, so it is important that the Chairman request the Fire Chief come to the April 21 meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

C) Amendment of the Jamestown Code of Ordinances Chapter 70 Traffic and Vehicles, Article III. Specific Street Regulations, Sec. 70-55 Restrictions on Certain Streets - Narragansett Avenue in front of the "Theatre;" review and discussion and/or potential vote

This item was continued until the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, motion was made by Committee Member Yentsch and seconded by Committee Member Cain to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Kim Devlin
Clerk

JAMESTOWN ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

Minutes of the February 23, 2016 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review was held at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The clerk called the roll and noted the following members present:

Richard Boren
Joseph Logan
Dean Wagner
Judith Bell
Terence Livingston
Edward Gromada

Also present: Brenda Hanna, Stenographer
Chris Costa, Zoning Officer
Pat Westall, Zoning Clerk
Wyatt Brochu, Counsel

MINUTES

Minutes of January 26, 2015

A motion was made by Joseph Logan and seconded by Dean Wagner to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting as presented.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Joseph Logan, Dean Wagner, Judith Bell, and Terence Livingston voted in favor of the motion.

Edward Gromada was not seated and Richard Cribb was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter dated February 22, 2016 from Christian Infantolino, Esq. requesting a continuance of Fowler's Rock, LLC.

A motion was made by Joseph Logan and seconded by Terence Livingston to continue the application of Fowler's Rock, LLC to the March 22, 2016 meeting.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Joseph Logan, Dean Wagner, Judith Bell, and Terence Livingston voted in favor of the motion.

Edward Gromada was not seated and Richard Cribb was absent.

A letter dated Feb. 12, 2016 from William Munger requesting a one year extension on an existing approval.

A motion was made by Joseph Logan and seconded by Dean Wagner to grant the request for a one year extension to CMS, Inc.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Joseph Logan, Dean Wagner, Judith Bell, and Terence Livingston voted in favor of the motion.

Edward Gromada was not seated and Richard Cribb was absent.

A letter dated Feb. 2, 2016 from John A. Murphy, Esq. requesting a one year extension for a variance granted to JAC.

A motion was made by Judith Bell and seconded by Joseph Logan to grant the request for a one year extension to the Jamestown Arts Center for an existing variance.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Joseph Logan, Dean Wagner, Judith Bell, and Terence Livingston voted in favor of the motion.

Edward Gromada was not seated and Richard Cribb was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Jamestown Boat Yard

A motion was made by Richard Boren and seconded by Joseph Logan to grant the request of Jamestown Boat Yard, Inc. whose property is located at 60 Dumplings Dr., and further identified as Assessor's Plat 10, Lots 141, 143, & 20, for a Special Use Permit granted under Article 6, Special Use Permits and Variances, pursuant to Section 82-7044, Alteration of a non-conforming use and Article 3,

Section 82-301/Table 3-1 Section F.8 and F.9, and dimensional relief from Section 82-302 District Dimensional Regulations, and Table 3-2, for setback relief and lot coverage relief, to permanently enclose the existing temporary structure and construct a permanent structure to replace 2 other temporary structures for the continued use of boat storage.

Regarding this request, this Board has determined that this application does satisfy the requirements of ARTICLE 6, SECTION 600

Regarding the request for a Variance, this Board has determined that this application does satisfy the requirements of ARTICLE 6, SECTION 606, PARAGRAPHS 1 through 4, and SECTION 607, PARAGRAPH 2.

Regarding the request for a Special Use Permit, this Board has determined that this application does satisfy the requirements of ARTICLE 6, SECTION 602.

This Variance is granted with the following restriction(s):

The conditions set forth in a letter dated 2/23/16 from Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr. Esq., to the Zoning Board and assented to by the applicant is incorporated herein as if set forth in full and shall be appended to the decision.

This project must be constructed in strict accordance with the site and building plans duly approved by this Board.

This motion is based on the following findings of fact:

1. Said property is located in a R80 zone and contains 92,965 sq. ft.
2. Building #2 has been drastically reduced.
3. There is no longer a need for dimensional relief for building #2.
4. Nine abutting families have agreed to the application with the afore mentioned conditions.
5. All construction will take place within the required setbacks.
6. The permanent structures will replace longstanding temporary structures for the continued use of boat storage.
7. The temporary sheds have been in existence on the property at least since 1994 and do not stand up to bad weather.
8. The applicant is seeking to aesthetically improve the boatyard.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Joseph Logan, Judith Bell, Terence Livingston, and Edward Gromada voted in favor of the motion.

Dean Wagner was recused and Richard Cribb was absent.

EPI

A motion was made by Joseph Logan and seconded by Terence Livingston to grant the request of EPI Real Estate Holdings, LLC, whose property is located at 41 Narragansett Ave., and further identified as Assessor's Plat 9, Lot 211 for a Variance/Special Use Permit from:

1. Chapter 82-Zoning-Appendix A-Minor Subdivision Regulation
2. Preliminary lot checklist No 3
3. Article 3 Table 3-2 Dimensional Variance
4. Article 12 Section 1203 Parking Requirements
5. Sec. 82-1205.Shared parking Special Use Permit

To:

1. Divide current 10,210 sq. ft. lot into 2 lots. Lot A to be 4,059 sq. ft. instead of the required 5,000 sq. ft.
 2. Lot B to be 4 ft. 9 inches rear lot set back instead of 12 ft.
 3. Lot B - A variance to allow the existing configuration of parking to satisfy the requirements of Lot B.
 4. Lot A to use "shared parking" from Lot B for 2 overnight parking spaces
- Note no physical alterations or changes in use are being requested

Regarding this request, this Board has determined that this application does satisfy the requirements of ARTICLE 6, SECTION 600

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Regarding the request for a Special Use Permit, this Board has determined that this application does satisfy the requirements of ARTICLE 6, SECTION 602.

This Variance is granted with the following restriction(s):

This project must adhere to the conditions of the Planning Commission's Decision.

This motion is based on the following findings of fact:

1. Said property is located in a CD zone and contains 10,210 sq. ft.
2. The Planning Commission has approved the request for the subdivision.
3. There are no physical changes to the property.
4. There were no objectors.
5. This request is a reasonable response to the owner's possible future needs.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Joseph Logan, Dean Wagner, Judith Bell, and Terence Livingston voted in favor of the motion.

Edward Gromada was not seated and Richard Cribb was absent.

Baker

A motion was made by Dean Wagner and seconded by Joseph Logan to grant request of William C. and Mayer M. Baker, owners of Lot 36 on Assessor's Plat 11 at 139 Beavertail Road for a dimensional variance to construct a house 42 feet in height instead of the required 35 feet.

This Board has determined that this application does satisfy the requirements of ARTICLE 6, SECTION 600, SECTION 606, and SECTION 607, PARAGRAPH 2.

This Variance is granted with the following restriction:

This project must be constructed in strict accordance with the site and building plans duly approved by this Board.

This motion is based on the following findings of fact:

1. Property is located in a RR80 district and contains 113,256 sq. ft.

2. The applicant is utilizing the existing foundation to construct a "net - zero" house to reduce or eliminate environmental impacts.
3. The new septic system will no longer be within the CRMC buffer.
4. The land slopes down to the water so that the building height will be 42 feet high on the east side facing the water.
5. However, the height of the building is only 35 feet high on the west side facing Beavertail Rd.
6. The house will be only 15' higher than the elevation at Beavertail Rd.
7. The house is over 300 ft. from Beavertail Rd. and the area is heavily wooded.
8. The gable roof design was chosen for environmental as well as aesthetic reasons.
9. No one spoke in opposition to the request for a variance.
10. The appeal is moot.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Joseph Logan, Dean Wagner, Judith Bell, and Terence Livingston voted in favor of the motion.

Edward Gromada was not seated and Richard Cribb was absent.

Colognese

A motion was made by Judith Bell and seconded by Terence Livingston to grant the request of Andrea Colognese et Doriana Carella (Village Hearth Bakery), whose property is located at 2 Watson Ave., and further identified as Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 774 for a variance from Article 3, Table 3-2 (Lot Coverage) requesting 304 sq. ft. kitchen addition. 40% lot coverage requested where 35% is allowed.

This Board has determined that this application does satisfy the requirements of ARTICLE 6, SECTION 600, SECTION 606, and SECTION 607, PARAGRAPH 2.

In particular reference to ARTICLE 6, SECTION 3-2, District Dimensional Regulations.

This Variance is granted with the following restriction/condition(s):

This project must be constructed in strict accordance with the site and building plans duly approved by this Board.

This motion is based on the following findings of fact:

1. Said property is located in a CL zone and contains 7,000 sq. ft.
2. The applicants have a need for additional space.
3. 304 sq. ft. is on the Watson Ave. side of the building and meets the required 15' setback.
4. The corner lot is 7000 sq. ft. and is a nonconforming lot requiring the variance.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Joseph Logan, Dean Wagner, Judith Bell, and Terence Livingston voted in favor of the motion.

Edward Gromada was not seated and Richard Cribb was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
TAX ASSESSOR
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835**

To: PRESIDENT, JAMESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

From: JAMESTOWN TAX ASSESSOR

Subject: ABATEMENTS/ADDENDA OF TAXES FOR MAY 2, 2016 MEETING

REAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS TO 2015 TAX ROLL

#01-0001-59 32 Bayview, LLC	Plat 8, Lot 494 - Property transfer 4-18-16 to Account #01-0697-55	\$5,811.33
#01-0001-59 32 Bayview, LLC	Plat 8, Lot 529 - Property transfer 4-18-16 to Account #01-0697-55	\$3,308.11
#14-0046-05 Neale, Cory et al	Plat 1, Lot 252 - Property transfer 4-14-16 to Account #03-1154-00	\$4,908.70
#19-0168-10 Saunders, Deborah A.	Plat 14, Lot 200 - Property transfer 4-6-16 to Account #07-0894-04	\$1,878.73

REAL PROPERTY ADDENDA TO 2015 TAX ROLL

#01-0697-55 Auclair, Keith, Trustee	Plat 8, Lot 494 - Property transfer 4-18-16 from Account #01-0001-59	\$5,811.33
#01-0697-55 Auclair, Keith, Trustee	Plat 8, Lot 529 - Property transfer 4-18-16 from Account #01-0001-59	\$3,308.11
#03-1154-00 Connor, Thomas J. & Ellen A.	Plat 1, Lot 252 - Property transfer 4-14-16 from Account #14-0046-05	\$4,908.70
#07-0894-04 Greenhalgh, John M.	Plat 14, Lot 200 - Property transfer 4-6-16 from Account #19-0168-10	\$1,878.73

TOTAL ABATEMENTS	\$15,906.87
TOTAL ADDENDA	\$15,906.87

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kenneth S. Gray

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TAX ASSESSOR



JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEMO

To: Jamestown Harbor Commission

From: Maureen Coleman *Maureen Coleman*

CC: Jamestown Town Council

Date: February 10, 2016

Subject: Conservation Zones of the Jamestown Harbor Management Plan

The Jamestown Conservation Commission recently revisited the aquaculture development plans of multiple businesses that have proposed, or already initiated, aquaculture projects along Jamestown's shoreline. Because oysters in particular have the potential to improve water quality, we have to date found no significant negative impacts to conservation values from these proposed enterprises.

We are concerned, however, that several of the active or proposed aquaculture projects are planned for sites that fall within the Conservation Zones of Jamestown's Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan. These zones designate the coastal areas with the most significant conservation values, for the protection of water quality, wildlife, and plant habitat values, and are intended to limit the impacts of human activity in these areas. Moorings and transient anchorage, for example, are not permitted in these areas.

Enclosed please find letters from the Conservation Commission to the RI Coastal Resources Management Council outlining these concerns in detail. Also related to considerations of project siting, the view shed of the conservation property upland from aquaculture project sites near Great Creek has a special history. The extensive initiative to permanently protect this land from development was motivated in great part by a grassroots effort to preserve a famed view painted by William Trost Richards. Thanks to hard-won land conservation efforts, that view remains protected today. While aquaculture projects have not raised aesthetic concerns for JCC in the past, we are concerned that this particular historical open space view shed would be impaired by aquaculture infrastructure so close to the shoreline.

In addition to raising concerns about the conservation values described above, we encouraged CRMC to take Jamestown's conservation zones into consideration in approving aquaculture siting in the future. While our concerns with aquaculture are primarily focused on siting, we also raised a growing concern about the potential cumulative impact of such a large number of proposed projects, in a small area, within a short period of time. We encouraged the CRMC to employ more forward-thinking and strategic oversight, in a holistic manner, in addition to reviewing each of the many currently proposed projects on its individual merits.

We hope that we will be able to work with these aquaculture businesses to revise site plans for projects currently proposed within Conservation Zones, and ask that the Harbor Commission also keep Conservation Zones in mind when considering proposed developments for Jamestown's coastal areas. A copy of the Harbor Management Plan's Conservation Zone map is enclosed.

We appreciate all of the Harbor Commissions efforts in collaborating on the adoption of Jamestown's Conservation Zones for the most recent updates to the Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan and look forward to future collaborations in both managing and ensuring the protection of Jamestown's waters.



JAMESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC)
Oliver Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road; Suite 116
Wakefield, RI 02879

Re: Application File Number: 2015-09-105

January 14, 2016

Dear Coastal Resources Management Council,

The Jamestown Conservation Commission (JCC) would like to comment on an application under your consideration, 2015-09-105. We are writing to express concern about this proposed aquaculture project, as expressed in a unanimous vote of the JCC at its Jan 12, 2016 meeting. In reviewing the proposed plans initially we did not fully appreciate that the location is in a particularly sensitive area of concern. We write to call CRMCs attention to those concerns now.

The town of Jamestown's Comprehensive Plan stresses the importance of conservation values particularly in coastal areas; these are defining features and our town & CRMC oversight has been essential to protecting critical conservation values in our coastal areas. As part of the Jamestown Comprehensive Plan, a Harbor Management Plan designates specific zones for conservation protection and guides myriad coastal and harbor use planning and decision making (in a municipality with considerable, and frequently conflicting, user interests). The broad goal of the Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan is to help achieve the most desirable use of the waters surrounding Jamestown for recreational, environmental, commercial, aesthetic, and other purposes. More particularly the plan is intended to serve as a guide for managing Jamestown's harbors and waters; for providing the maximum benefit for the public use of the water and the waterfront; for protecting the coastal environment; for resolving user conflicts; and for ensuring public access to the shoreline. Harbor waters are divided into one or more of three "zones": a) mooring zones; b) transient anchorage zones and c) **conservation zones**. A copy of the map of those designated conservation zones is enclosed. You will notice that the proposed project falls within a conservation zone chosen for special protection in town planning specifically designated for the protection of water quality, wildlife, and plant habitat values. On the enclosed map the waters in Dutch Harbor contain two conservation zones, a north conservation zone (287 acres): all waters shoreward of a line extending from the western extension of Orchard (Weeden) Lane to point R on the map to point Q; and a south (Sheffield Cove) conservation zone (96.6 acres): all harbor waters south of a line from the pier at Fort Getty to a point at the southern terminus of Maple Avenue.

In addition, the view shed of the conservation property upland from the proposed project site has a special history. The extensive initiative to permanently protect this land from development was motivated in great part by a grassroots effort to preserve a famed view painted by William Trost Richards. Thanks to hard-won protection efforts, that view still remains preserved today, in an area subject to considerable coastal

development pressures. While aquaculture projects have not raised aesthetic concerns for JCC in the past, we are concerned that this historical open space view shed would be impaired by aquaculture infrastructure so close to the shoreline. This concern, as well as concerns about conservation values, could be remedied by siting the project farther north, and farther offshore, outside Jamestown's designated conservation zones.

The JCC has not opposed previous aquaculture applications and is on the whole enthusiastically supportive of shellfish aquaculture that can have a beneficial impact on water quality and provides a local food source. In this case, however, the location in a zone designated for conservation, and the extensive history of efforts to protect the view shed, motivates us to oppose the choice of site based on impact to conservation values and aesthetics. While we recognize that aquaculture is not incompatible with type 1 water use, we are concerned that the siting of aquaculture operations in “areas of natural habitat or scenic value of unique or unusual significance...” (CRMC Water Type Classifications) may impose a conflict.

Finally, we encourage CRMC to take Jamestown’s conservation zones into consideration in approving aquaculture siting in the future. Also, while our concerns with aquaculture in general are primarily focused on siting and protecting water quality and habitat we would respectfully raise a growing concern about the cumulative impact of such a large number of proposed projects, in a small area, within a short period of time. We encourage the CRMC to employ more forward-thinking and strategic oversight, in a holistic manner, in addition to reviewing each of the many currently proposed projects on its individual merits.

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Re: Application File Number: 2014-12-056 (Modification of Assent)

January 14, 2016

Dear Coastal Resources Management Council,

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Re: Application File Number: 2015-11-032

January 14, 2016

Dear Coastal Resources Management Council,

The Jamestown Conservation Commission (JCC) would like to comment on an application under your consideration, 2015-11-032. We are writing to express concern about this aquaculture project, as expressed in a unanimous vote of the JCC at its Jan 12, 2016 meeting. In reviewing the proposed plans initially we did not fully appreciate that the location is in a particularly sensitive area of concern. We write to call CRMCs attention to those concerns now.

The town of Jamestown's Comprehensive Plan stresses the importance of conservation values particularly in coastal areas; these are defining features and our town & CRMC oversight has been essential to protecting critical conservation values in our coastal areas. As part of the Jamestown Comprehensive Plan, a Harbor Management Plan designates specific zones for conservation protection and guides myriad coastal and harbor use planning and decision making (in a municipality with considerable, and frequently conflicting, user interests). The broad goal of the Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan is to help achieve the most desirable use of the waters surrounding Jamestown for recreational, environmental, commercial, aesthetic, and other purposes. More particularly the plan is intended to serve as a guide for managing Jamestown's harbors and waters; for providing the maximum benefit for the public use of the water and the waterfront; for protecting the coastal environment; for resolving user conflicts; and for ensuring public access to the shoreline. Harbor waters are divided into one or more of three "zones": a) mooring zones; b) transient anchorage zones and c) **conservation zones**. A copy of the map of those designated conservation zones is enclosed. You will notice that the proposed project falls within a conservation zone chosen for special protection in town planning specifically designated for the protection of water quality, wildlife, and plant habitat values. On the enclosed map the waters in Dutch Harbor contain two conservation zones, a north conservation zone (287 acres): all waters shoreward of a line extending from the western extension of Orchard (Weeden) Lane to point R on the map to point Q; and a south (Sheffield Cove) conservation zone (96.6 acres): all harbor waters south of a line from the pier at Fort Getty to a point at the southern terminus of Maple Avenue.

In addition, the view shed of the conservation property upland from the proposed project site has a special history. The extensive initiative to permanently protect this land from development was motivated in great part by a grassroots effort to preserve a famed view painted by William Trost Richards. Thanks to hard-won protection efforts, that view still remains preserved today, in an area subject to considerable coastal

development pressures. While aquaculture projects have not raised aesthetic concerns for JCC in the past, we are concerned that this historical open space view shed would be impaired by aquaculture infrastructure so close to the shoreline. This concern, as well as concerns about conservation values, could be remedied by siting the project farther north, and farther offshore, outside Jamestown's designated conservation zones.

The JCC has not opposed previous aquaculture applications and is on the whole enthusiastically supportive of shellfish aquaculture that can have a beneficial impact on water quality and provides a local food source. In this case, however, the location in a zone designated for conservation, and the extensive history of efforts to protect the view shed, motivates us to oppose the choice of site based on impact to conservation values and aesthetics. While we recognize that aquaculture is not incompatible with type 1 water use, we are concerned that the siting of aquaculture operations in “areas of natural habitat or scenic value of unique or unusual significance...” (CRMC Water Type Classifications) may impose a conflict.

Finally, we encourage CRMC to take Jamestown’s conservation zones into consideration in approving aquaculture siting in the future. Also, while our concerns with aquaculture in general are primarily focused on siting and protecting water quality and habitat we would respectfully raise a growing concern about the cumulative impact of such a large number of proposed projects, in a small area, within a short period of time. We encourage the CRMC to employ more forward-thinking and strategic oversight, in a holistic manner, in addition to reviewing each of the many currently proposed projects on its individual merits.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully,

Jamestown Conservation Commission

**Town of East Greenwich
Resolution
Opposing S 2263 and H 8080 Relating To Elections
School Closings**

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of East Greenwich has been notified that S 2263 and H 8080 have been introduced proposing legislation entitled "Relating to Elections – School Closings", and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation would grant individual municipal school departments the power to determine whether their schools would be open on a particular scheduled election day, and

WHEREAS, voters would be inconvenienced with challenges associated with parking and accessibility at the polls if schools were in session during Election Day, and

WHEREAS, the budget for the Board of Canvassers is in the municipal budget and the municipality would have to be increased significantly to hire police officers at multiple polling locations to cover a 14 hour period to ensure the safety of school children, and

WHEREAS, individual municipal or regional school departments could take advantage of scheduling professional development days, in-services and parent teacher conferences on Election Day when schools are closed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of East Greenwich respectfully requests the General Assembly not pass S 2263 an H 8080.

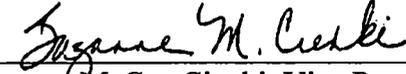
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representative Giarrusso, Senator Gee, Senator Raptakis, Senator Gallo, Representative Keable and every Rhode Island city and town requesting support in opposition to the proposed legislation.

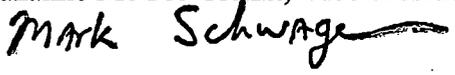
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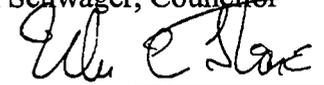
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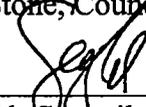

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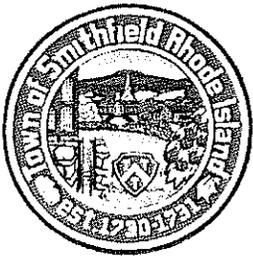

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Smithfield School Committee Resolution On Gun Free Schools

WHEREAS: Current state law allows Concealed Carry Permit ("CCP") holders to carry firearms onto school grounds; and

WHEREAS: The vast majority of states do not permit firearms on school grounds; and

WHEREAS: A study by the Violence Policy Center, a Washington D.C. gun safety organization, found, from May 2007 to February 2015, that in research involving 722 deaths in 544 concealed-carry shootings in 36 states and the District of Columbia, the vast majority of those killings were deemed non-self-defense and only 16 cases were eventually ruled lawful self-defense; and

WHEREAS: A two year comprehensive Final Report of the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission, consisting of school administrators, teachers, law enforcement, psychiatrists, law makers and legal professionals, dated February 2015, made findings including "Safe School Climate" and "Safe School Design and Operations Strategies" that specifically did not include the use of firearms or the arming of teachers or non-law enforcement civilians in schools; and

WHEREAS: The National School Boards Association believes that students must have safe and supportive climates and learning environments that support their opportunities to learn and that are free of abuse, violence, bullying, weapons, and harmful substances including alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

WHEREAS: The Rhode Island Association of School Committees' Executive Board have voted to support banning concealed weapons on school grounds, except for duly authorized members of law enforcement;

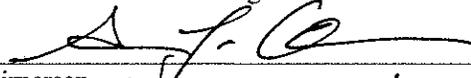
WHEREAS: The Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association has adopted the School Superintendents Association "AASA Position Paper on School Safety: A response to the Tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary," which specifically denounces "efforts to bring more guns into our schools by teachers and administrators," and reminds us that "schools remain the safest place for children"; and

WHEREAS: The Rhode Island Association of School Principals Executive Board has voted to endorse and support the ban on concealed weapons on school grounds, except for authorized members of law enforcement, holding to its core belief that school environments should be devoid of all conditions that may compromise the safety of students and staff;

WHEREAS: Rhode Island education leadership has carefully considered and implemented regularly audited school and district-wide building safety plans and emergency protocols inclusive of first-responders, local law enforcement, and the school community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Smithfield School Committee respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to support 2016 – H-7243, S-2761 and any and all legislative proposals that would disallow non-law enforcement to carry concealed firearms onto school grounds.

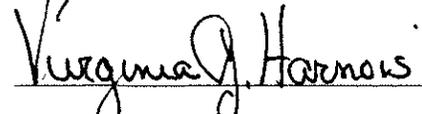
WHERE TO: The following bear witness:



Chairperson



Clerk

Introduced by: 

Passed by: 3-2 on 4/25/2016