# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**September 6, 2016**

# 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 C. Gray, Public Works Director

Andrew Wade, Parks and Recreation Director

Cathy Kaiser, School Committee Chair

Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

# CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Trocki called the regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 8:07 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and Councilor Dickinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESOLUTIONS

# AND PROCLAMATIONS

## Resolutions; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

### No. 2016-14 Resolution Approving Issuance of Bonds – Sanitary Sewer Line and Rehabilitation Project

### No. 2016-15 Resolution Approving Issuance of Bonds – Fire Station Expansion Project

Finance Director Collins stated the Town is going to Bond for the Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project and Fire Station Expansion Project on October 2, 2016, as previously approved by the voters at a Financial Town Meeting. Adoption of the Resolutions is part of the required procedures.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to waive reading of the Resolutions. 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 Resolution No. 2016-14 Approving Issuance of Bonds for the Sanitary Sewer Line and Rehabilitation Project. 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 Resolution No. 2016-15 Approving Issuance of Bonds for the Fire Station Expansion Project. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.**

# 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.*

## Licenses and Permits

### One Day Event/Entertainment License Application; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

#### Applicant: Safari Rhode Island – Brian LaFauci

Event: SafaRI – Discover Jamestown

Date: October 1, 2016

Location: North Road/Jamestown Reservoir/Eldred Ave/Narragansett Ave/Beavertail Rd/Walton St/Ft. Getty

### Request of Safari Rhode Island for Town Council approval to hike 12 miles through Jamestown, including traverse through the Reservoir Property (see map) and to camp overnight at Fort Getty on October 1st; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

#### Recommendation of Public Works Director Michael Gray: No hiking on top of Dam

#### Recommendation of Police Chief Edward Mello: No more than 50 participants; no bicycles

Kevin Rooney of Safari Rhode Island is in attendance for Brian LaFauci, who is unable to be here. The recommendations by the Public Works Director and Police Chief are acceptable to Mr. Rooney. Town Administrator Nota reported on the vetting process for the event. Their mission is to raise funds for charitable purposes, earmarked for the Friends of the Jamestown Rights-of-Way and the Officer Ryan Bourque Memorial Playground Fund for this event.

Vice President Meagher asked Mr. Rooney why the location to traverse the reservoir was chosen over other locations. Parks and Recreation Director Wade noted his conversation with Mr. LaFauci. The alternate route was suggested for public safety purposes due to the dangers to pedestrians posed by the original route. This revised route would follow the proposed bicycle/shared pedestrian path and the Safe Routes to School route. Public Works Director Gray confirmed there is a maintenance path across the area the hikers could follow. All required signatures have been achieved. The Fort Getty campers will be gone for the season October 1st, and the facilities will be kept open for the hikers.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve the license and permit for the One Day Entertainment license for the October 1st Safari Rhode Island event and grant their request to hike 12 miles through Jamestown, with the recommendations made by Public Works Director Gray and Police Chief Mello. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.**

## Town Council Sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to convene as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners at 8:16 p.m. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.**

### Request of Safari Rhode Island for Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners approval to traverse through the Reservoir Property (see map) as part of 12 mile hike through Jamestown and camp overnight at Fort Getty on October 1st; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

#### Recommendation of Public Works Director Michael Gray: No hiking on top of the Dam

#### Recommendation of Police Chief Edward Mello: No more than 50 participants; no bicycles

#### Discussion ensued of the recommendations made by Public Works Director Gray and Police Chief Mello.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve the request of Safari Rhode Island to traverse the reservoir property following the recommendations made by the Public Works Director and Police Chief Mello. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.**

### Update on current drought conditions

President Trocki noted concerns for the current drought conditions. Town Administrator Nota referenced current conditions with comparisons to the 1993 drought conditions. The recent storm did not provide the amount of rain anticipated. Public Works Director Gray reported on current conditions and statistical trends. Since the August meeting, the reservoir went from 35 million gallons to 28 million gallons, a loss of 7 million gallons of water. The reservoir usable storage capacity is 60 million gallons, and during the 1993 water emergency the level was 9 million gallons. The average annual rainfall is 40-43 inches, with 1.88 inches of rain in August, as compared to the average monthly rainfall of 3.8 inches. To date this year we have had 20 inches of rainfall, down from the usual 30 inches of rain, a deficiency of 10 inches. The State recommends a per capita consumption below 65 gallons per day per person and we are 39 gallons per day per person, as the residents take water conservation seriously. In 1993 the National Guard trucked in 100,000 gallons of water per day from September to November, a total of 8 million gallons.

The Town has 8,000 feet of flexible pipe in storage in the event it is needed in an emergency to connect with the North Kingstown water supply via the Jamestown Bridge. The previous interconnection agreement with the Town of North Kingstown was noted and should be revisited with the Town Councils (North Kingstown and Jamestown) and NK Water Official Sue Licardi. Town Administrator Nota referenced the prior agreement (in place in 1993) for 200,000 gallons of water per day was for one year. A standing agreement with North Kingstown for interconnection during an emergency should be engaged, similar to what they have with other communities. RITBA, RIEMA, and other water districts have been contacted in the event an emergency is declared. Mr. Gray is optimistic rainfall patterns will change; however, options are in place should they be needed. Lengthy discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor Tighe to adjourn as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners at 8:34 p.m. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.**

# OPEN FORUM

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

## Scheduled to address. None.

## Non-scheduled to address.

Vice President Meagher noted the passing of former Town Council Member and former State Representative William Murphy. A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Murphy.

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

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

Town Administrator Nota stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Councilor Dickinson asked for the status of Preppy Pig. Mr. Nota reported Preppy Pig met all compliances, received their licenses, and should be open this week.

Vice President Meagher noted coyote sightings in town, including Clarke Street and Melrose Avenue.

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## Scheduling of Town Council Meetings and Public Hearings; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Review of upcoming meetings proceeded. Vice President Meagher will not be in attendance at the September 20th meeting. Town Administrator Nota reported October meetings are the 3rd and 18th; he will follow-up with the Library Board of Trustees for their availability on October 3rd or 18th, or other date they are available. Upcoming work sessions or workshops to cover public Rights-of-Way, access to the shore, Heads Beach, Fort Getty, playground, and Golf Course will be scheduled. A Rights-of-Way workshop is scheduled for October 12th at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the workshop will be discussed at the next meeting.

## Public Rights-of-Way and access to the shoreline; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

The October 12th workshop will start the conversation going into the fall covering activities at Head Beach. It will be a follow-up to the discussion of the Champlin Way ROW, where staff learned a lot from residents re: the importance of ROW’s. The Town will continue to evaluate and address the interests of all, including what is dedicated for area residents, boat access, and shallow and deep water access, understanding the difference between public ROW’s and neighborhood ROW’s, parking issues pertinent to the Shores area, and how the town will accommodate/not accommodate. The session will be well attended.

Carol Nelson Lee of Buoy Street stated she is active in the ROW group and agrees there needs to be a discussion of boat ramps and access for everyone. We need to provide access to inlanders as well as Shores residents.

Roseanne Pawelec of Seaside Drive delivered a communication for distribution to the Council. The Clerk will make copies and it will be part of the September 20th agenda.

# NEW BUSINESS

None.

# ORDINANCES AND APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

## Ordinances

### 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); review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote to proceed to advertise in the *Jamestown Press* for public hearing on October 3, 2016, rescheduling from September 20, 2016

The change in date is requested as Vice President Meagher is unavailable September 20th.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to proceed to advertise for public hearing on October 3, 2016, rescheduling from September 20, 2016. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.**

### Amendment of the Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 Animals, Article VII. Non-Domesticated Animals (new) Sec. 10-200 Feeding Non-Domesticated Animals (new); Sec. 10-201 Definitions (new); Sec. 10-202 Prohibitions (new); Sec. 10-203 Exceptions (new); and Sec. 10-204 Enforcement (new); review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote to proceed to advertise in the *Jamestown Press* for public hearing on October 3, 2016, rescheduling from September 20, 2016

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to proceed to advertise for public hearing on October 3, 2016, rescheduling from September 20th. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Tighe, Aye.**

## Appointments and Vacancies

### Jamestown Housing Authority (One vacancy with an unexpired five-year term ending date of December 31, 2017); duly advertised; no applicants

### Jamestown Tax Assessment Board of Review – Alternate (One vacancy with a one-year term ending date of May 31, 2017); duly advertised; no applicants

### Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (One vacancy with an unexpired three-year term ending date of December 31, 2016); duly advertised; no applicants

President Trocki noted the vacancies and encouraged citizens to apply. Advertising of committee vacancies will continue.

# CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

The Consent Agenda approved consists of the following:

## Adoption of Council Minutes

### August 16, 2016 (special meeting)

### August 16, 2016 (regular meeting

### August 16, 2016 (executive session)

## Minutes from Boards, Commissions and Committees

#### Jamestown Board of Canvassers (05/16/2016)

#### Jamestown Conservation Commission (05/12/2016)

#### Jamestown Conservation Commission (06/09/2016)

## CRMC Notices

### CRMC September 2016 Calendar

### Notice of Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments to CRMC Management Procedures Sec. 4.2 Information Requirements, Application Forms and Fees; Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Department of Administration Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence

## Abatements/Addenda of Taxes

Total Abatements: $87,910.78 Total Addenda: $87,042.56

### Motor Vehicles – Abatements to 2016 Tax Roll

**Account/Abatement Amount**

#### 01-0413-00M $ 79.31

#### 03-0709-52M $ 62.66

#### 03-1693-24M $ 8.57

#### 12-0900-85M $ 443.32

#### 13-0701-75M $ 297.77

#### 16-1033-30M $ 32.43

### Properties – Abatements to 2016 Tax Roll

**Account/Abatement Amount**

#### 01-0001-69 $ 144.14

#### 02-0447-00 $ 8,485.04

#### 02-1267-00 $17,866.40

#### 03-0718-01 $ 1,626.18

#### 04-0300-00 $ 215.74

#### 04-0563-71 $ 2,534.21

#### 04-0166-25 $ 6,404.33

#### 06-0075-01 $ 3,001.89

#### 07-0843-10 $ 237.27

#### 10-0400-05 $ 2,545.09

#### 11-0532-00 $ 1,035.61

#### 15-0221-01 $ 4,681.25

#### 16-0127-00 $ 3,710.26

#### 18-0856-00 $ 42.90

#### 19-0830-05 $ 3,019.57

#### 20-0051-10 $ 56.22

#### 20-0589-00 $ 5,387.67

#### 22-0030-00 $19,186.00

#### 23-1048-75 $ 6,806.95

### Motor Vehicles - Addenda to 2016 Tax Roll

**Account/Addenda Amount**

#### 01-0570-30M $ 61.89

#### 06-0497-25M $ 194.31

### Properties – Addenda to 2016 Tax Roll

**Account/Addenda Amount**

#### 01-0001-69 $19,186.00

#### 02-0447-00 $ 5,269.20

#### 02-0447-01 $ 3,215.84

#### 02-0880-00 $17,866.40

#### 05-0221-47 $ 2,545.09

#### 07-0034-52 $ 3,001.89

#### 08-0828-25 $ 6,806.95

#### 10-0048-00 $ 453.01

#### 13-0225-00 $ 2,534.21

#### 15-0256-75 $ 3,710.26

#### 19-0029-45 $ 6,404.33

#### 19-0266-60 $ 1,626.18

#### 19-0468-98 $ 1,035.61

#### 20-0304-85 $ 3,062.47

#### 20-0589-00 $ 2,084.35

#### 20-0589-01 $ 3,303.32

#### 23-1007-10 $ 4,681.25

## One Day Event/Entertainment License Applications

### Applicant: Cory C. Rosa

### Event: Frank and Ana’s 50th Birthday Party

Date: September 18, 2016

Location: Fort Getty Pavilion

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

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

The Communications and Resolutions and Proclamations received consists of the following:

## Communications

### Letter of Julio DiGiando re: Winter Moths and UMASS study, with offer to participate in a local study if one is initiated by URI

### Wall Street Journal article re: booking short term rentals through Airbnb, provided by Anita Girard

### Announcement of CNC3 Fund: 4th Annual Motorcycle Run, Sunday, September 11th, Narragansett Café at 12:00 Noon, to benefit the CNC3 Fund and RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence

# AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

None.

# EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

# ADJOURNMENT

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

The Jamestown Town Council adjourned the regular meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council

Town Administrator

Finance Director

Town Solicitor