



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Jamestown Town Hall
Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Avenue
Monday, March 2, 2020
6:30 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. OPEN FORUM

Please note that under scheduled requests to address, comments are not limited to items on this agenda. However, items not on this agenda will only be heard and not acted upon by the Town Council. Note: Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act and Department of the Attorney General Advisory Opinions relevant to this item on any public body meeting agenda specifically prohibits the Town Council from discussing, considering or acting on any topic, statement or question presented. The Town may, if warranted, refer such matters to an appropriate committee, to another body or official, or post the matter for consideration at a properly-noticed, future meeting.

A) Scheduled request to address- None

B) Non-scheduled request to address

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

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Town Administrator's Report: Jamie A. Hainsworth
1) Submittal and Brief Overview of the FY 2020/2021 Town Administrator's Budget; No Action Required

- 2) Advisement of the DEM's Proposal to Waive or Modify the Plan of 1972 with U.S. National Park Service to build a Public Park Area at Battery in Beavertail; No Action Required
- 3) Status Update Regarding the Library Renovation Project; No Action Required
- 4) Advisement of the Geese Depredation Permit US Fish & Wildlife, Permit Expired & Liability Issue; No Action Required
- 5) Follow up on CRMC; Regarding the Letter of Concern Sent at the Councils Direction; No Action Required

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times
 - 1) Town Council Meeting Schedule: March 16, 2020 and April 6, 2020
 - 2) Budget Work Shop Schedule: March 9, 2020, March 10, 2020 March 16, 2020, March 23, 2020 and March 26, 2020

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Discussions with Representative Deb Ruggiero and Senator Dawn Euer regarding Legislative Issues.

VII. 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 for review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote. A Consent Agenda item or items may be removed by the Town Council for review, discussion and/or potential action and or vote.

- A) Adoption of Town Council Minutes
 - 1) February 3, 2020 (special meeting)
 - 2) February 3, 2020 (regular meeting)
 - 3) February 7, 2020 (executive session)
 - 4) February 7, 2020 (special meeting)

- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Philomenian Library (January 14, 2020)
 - 2) Jamestown Harbor Commission (January 9, 2020)
 - 3) Jamestown Traffic Committee (October 17, 2019)
 - 4) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review (January 28, 2020)
 - 5) Jamestown Board of Canvassers (January 27, 2020)

- C) Request of Tax Assessor for Specific Abatements & Addenda of Taxes

MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2015 TAX ROLL		
19-0301-10M	Motor Vehicle – 2003 Ford	\$67.41
19-0301-10M	Motor Vehicle – 2007 Jeep	\$200.08

MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2016 TAX ROLL		
19-0301-10M	Motor Vehicle – 2003 Ford	\$63.43
19-0301-10M	Motor Vehicle – 2007 Jeep	\$178.98
MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2017 TAX ROLL		
19-0301-10M	Motor Vehicle – 2007 Jeep	\$117.36
REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS TO 2019 TAX ROLL		
02-1663-40	Plat 8, Lot 195 – Tax Appeal	\$720.48
12-0856-50	Plat 2, Lot 159 – Tax Appeal	\$937.83
25-0013-00	Plat 8, Lot 280, -Tax Appeal	\$140.88
TOTAL ABATEMENTS		\$ 2,426.45
TOTAL ADDENDA		\$ 0

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

The Council may acknowledge any of the listed Communications and Proclamations and Resolutions. Should any member wish to have a conversation on any of the matters, the item will be placed on a future agenda for review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.

A) Communications

- 1) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Jim & Renee McCooey
Dated: February 12, 2020
Re: Aquaculture Farm Expansions

- 2) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Rob & Mary Jo Braisted
Dated: February 14, 2020
Re: Aquaculture Proliferation in Dutch Harbor

- 3) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: William R. Kalander, Jr.
Dated: February 12, 2020
Re: Aquaculture Proliferation in Dutch Harbor

- 4) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Paul M. Zabetakis, MD
Dated: February 12, 2020
Re: Aquaculture Proliferation in Dutch Harbor

- 5) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: David & Susan Reardon
Dated: February 13, 2020
Re: Aquaculture Proliferation in Dutch Harbor
 - 6) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Robert S. Powers
Dated: February 12, 2020
Re: Aquaculture Proliferation in Dutch Harbor
 - 7) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Jay Manning, P.E, RI DEM
Dated: February 18, 2020
Re: Project Priority List Request for Fiscal Year 2021
 - 8) Copy of Letter to: Mr. Grover Fugate, Executive Director CRMC
From: Jamie A. Hainsworth, Town Administrator
Dated: February 19, 2020
Re: File NO: 2019-12-079, Seakist Aquaculture, LLC
- B) Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns
- 1) Smith Field School Committee Resolution recognizing Public Schools Week

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote on the following:

- A) Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Potential or Pending Litigation (IBPO Retiree Pension Benefits: File No. Balzer vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00109-WES-PAS; Dube, etal, vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00018-WES-PAS); review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote on potential settlement agreement
- B) Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Collective Bargaining (Union Contract Negotiations IBPO)

X. 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. Notice is also posted at the 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 eliese@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Posted on the RI Secretary of State website on February 26, 2020



Town Administrator
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835-1199
401-423-9805
Email: jhainsworth@jamestownri.net

Jamie A. Hainsworth
Town Administrator

MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Town Council
FROM: Town Administrator, Jamie A. Hainsworth
DATE: 2/26/2020
SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update

F.Y. 2020-201 Town Administrators Proposed Budget Brief Overview: F.Y.I.
Budget handouts: The Finance Director and I have met with all Department Heads and Some Organizations reviewed their request and present to you the recommended budget. Budget hearings with the Council and Administration have been scheduled.

DEM's proposal or intension to Request U.S. Park Service a waiver of an agreement that was introduced in 1972 to the U.S. Park Service and the Department of Interior and approved in 1973 to build a public park area at the location of the Battery in Beavertail.

DEM is seeking to modify or waive the provision in the application that proposed to convert the historic Battery Whiting located on the property into a tourist attraction. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has leased this property from the Town of Jamestown since 1980.

DEM is asserting they do not have the resources to convert the Battery Whiting into a tourist attraction.


They are asking the U.S. Park Service that the provision to convert the Battery Whiting into a tourist attraction be waived until sufficient funding can be appropriated to undertake the project. They have requested The Town of Jamestown to concur with this request. I have reviewed their request with our solicitor and he plans on speaking to DEM legal Counsel.

Jamestown Library Renovation Project status update: No Action requested at this time. The process of reviewing plans and estimates is still ongoing. As you saw and were briefed at the last meeting Council meeting, the Library Board and Committee continue to work on the plans & estimate. I believe they plan to ask the Council to request the voters approve a bond at the financial town meeting. They continue working with OLIS to achieve and maximize state aide reimbursement for the project. My hopes are they will come before the Council with that request possibly at the next Council meeting.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Permit to the Town of Jamestown for Geese Depredation: No Action. It has come to my attention the Town had at one time obtained a permit by U.S. Fish & Wildlife with consent by RI DEM for depredation of the goose population on all or most of Town owned land. The last permit expired in April of 2019. I have looked into this and further learned we are not covered for any liabilities incurred by an agent of the Town while performing such actions. The RI Inter-Local Trust has affirmed this. Once learning of this and after reviewing the issue with the Town Solicitor. I notified the agents on the permit, due to no active permit and no liability coverage to stop any activities of this nature on any Town land including the Jamestown Golf Course. Unless further directed by the Council I will not file an application to renew this permit.


Follow up on CRMC, Letter of Concern sent at direction of Council: Update, No Action. The day after the last Council meeting, I sent a letter of the CRMC director with your concerns to the application made by Seakist and in general concerns in the regards to the amount of aquaculture in this area. Also as suggested, Chief Mello, Lisa Bryer, Andy Wade and myself met with two representatives of CRMC this past week and raised questions such as: How does the Town weigh in on the permit application process, when does the area become or considered at capacity and best practices of mixing recreation to farming. This was just a few topics we discussed. Also, we viewed the area on the west side of the farms with CRMC and obtained a good perspective of the operations. I believe it was a productive meeting as well as educational for at least my benefit and we look to have a more involved interactions with the CRMC staff on these matters of mutual concern.

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Town Council Meeting: 6:30 pm	3 Open Meeting Training- 10 AM	4 Probate Court 9am Planning Commission 7pm	5 CIAA Intake 1:00 – 6:00	6	7
8	9 Budget Workshop Meeting: 6:00 pm	10 Library Board of Trustees 5pm (JPL) Conservation Commission 7pm (CR)	11 Housing Authority 10am (PA) Harbor Commission 7pm <i>Town Council Agenda & Bills Deadline @ Noon</i>	12 CIAA Opening 5:30-7:30 <i>Town Council Packets</i>	13	14
15	16 Budget Workshop Meeting: 5:00 pm Town Council/Water & Sewer: 6:30 pm	17 Tree Committee 6:45pm 	18 Planning Commission 7pm	19 Traffic Committee 6pm	20	21
22	23	24 Zoning Board of Review 7pm	25	26	27	28
29	30 Budget Workshop Meeting: 6:00 pm	31				

2020

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Probate Court 9am Planning Commission 7pm <i>Town Council Agenda & Bills Deadline @ Noon</i>	2 <i>Town Council Packets</i>	3	4
5	6 Town Council Meeting: 6:30 pm	7	8 Housing Authority 10am (PA) Harbor Commission 7pm	9	10 Good Friday Town Hall Closed	11
12	13	14 Library Board of Trustees 5pm (JPL) Conservation Commission 7pm (CR)	15 Planning Commission 7pm <i>Town Council Agenda & Bills Deadline @ Noon</i>	16 Traffic Committee 6pm <i>Town Council Packets</i>	17	18
19	20	21 Tree Committee 6:45pm (JPL)	22	23	24  <small>MASSACHUSETTS 130721072</small>	25
26	Town Council/Water & Sewer: 6:30 pm 27	28 PP Primary Zoning Board of Review 7pm	29 <i>Town Council Agenda & Bills Deadline @ Noon</i>	30 <i>Town Council Packets</i>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2020</div>	

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

A Special Meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on February 3, 2020 at 5:18 P.M. Town Council Members present were as follows: Michael G. White, Mary Meagher, Nancy A. Beye, and Randall White. Not present William J. Piva. Jr. Also present Town Administrator Jamie Hainsworth, Finance Director Christina D. Collins, Town Solicitor's Peter D. Ruggiero, Attorney Ryan Stys and Town Clerk Erin Liese.

A motion made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to enter Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Pending Litigation (IBPO Retiree Pension Benefits: File No. Balzer vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00109-WES-PAS; Dube, et al, vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00018-WES-PAS also Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Collective Bargaining (Union Contract Negotiations IBPO) at 5:19 P.M. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor White, Aye

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- B) Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Collective Bargaining (Union Contract Negotiations IBPO)

The Town Council reconvened the regular meeting at 5:57 P.M. It was announced no action was taken in Executive Session.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to adjourn. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor White, Aye

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

Attest:

Erin F. Liese, CMC, Town Clerk

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2020**

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on February 3, 2020. Town Council Members present were as follows: Michael G. White, Mary Meagher, Nancy A. Beye, William J. Piva, Jr. and Randy White. Also present Town Administrator Jamie A. Hainsworth, Finance Director Christina D. Collins, Town Solicitor Peter D. Ruggiero, Chief of Police Edward A. Mello, Parks and Recreation Director, Andrew Wade, Public Works Director, Michael Gray, Fire Chief James Bryer, Town Planner, Lisa Bryer, and Special Counsel Marisa Desautel.

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Council President White called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Jamestown Town Hall, Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to open the Public Hearing on Licenses and Permits Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

III. 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) Peddler and Holiday License Renewal Application

- 1) Applicant: A. B. Monroe Dairy, Inc. **dba: Munroe Dairy**
Address: 151 North Bow Street, East Providence, RI 02914

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to grant the Peddler and Holiday License Renewal to A.B. Monroe Dairy, Inc. dba: Munroe Dairy. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

B) Trash Collector License Renewal Applications

- 1) Applicant: Island Rubbish Service, Inc. **dba: Island Rubbish**
Address: 8 Swinburne Street, Jamestown, RI 02835

A motion was made by Councilor White with a second by Councilor Beye to grant the Trash Collector License Renewal to Island Rubbish Services, Inc. dba Island Rubbish. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

- 2) Applicant: Republic Services, Inc. **dba: Republic Services, Inc.**
Address: 1080 Airport Road, Fall River, MA 02720

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor Piva to grant the Trash Collector License Renewal to Republic Services, Inc. dba: Republic Services
Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

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- A) Scheduled request to address- None
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

Donald Richardson of Davis Street, commented on the closure of the Beavertail Loop. He further stated it was worth preserving and advised on sea wall conservation measures taken in Narragansett and Galilee.

Council President White advised this is something to consider.

Renee McCooley and Lorraine Katz of Westwind Drive expressed concerns with the Sea Kist Application in front of CRMC requesting an expansion of Aquaculture in Dutch Harbor. They further requested this be placed on the next agenda of the Council.

Town Administrator Hainsworth stated the comment period ends February 6, 2020.

Discussion ensued on the issue it was noted this would be placed on the next agenda.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- B) Request of Vice President Mary Meagher Regarding Jamestown Boat Yard Expansion Application #2019-06-014, RIDEM WQD 19-123 DP 19-174 Jamestown (This item was taken out of order)

Vice President Meagher advised Attorney Desautel is serving as Counsel to the Council; as Town Solicitor Ruggiero has recused, due to a potential conflict.

Vice President Meagher stated we will need to determine the authority of any kind of action on the Council's part as it is currently in front of CRMC. She referred the matter to Attorney Desautel for advisement.

Attorney Desautel advised on the pending application and further explained the public comment period has now closed; however it is not yet scheduled for Public Hearing. She further reiterated this matter is not pending before the Town. This application is pending before CRMC. She further explained zoning on the parcel as it was approved as nonconforming use special permit.

Attorney Desautel further explained the Zoning Official had rendered a decision, that it was a nonconforming use that would continue. She also gave a brief overview of jurisdiction and explained the Town can look at impact with the land use; but currently the Town does not have enough information to determine the impact. She further explained in looking at the historical files the parking issue has never been addressed.

Councilor Beye questioned change of ownership with regards to CRMC. Is there a need to reapply?

Attorney Desautel advised in CRMC administrative process allows for transfer.

Attorney Desautel advised on CRMC policy on public comments.

Vice President Meagher advised two letters of Conservation Commission have been sent.

Council President White also suggested residents letters of concern be sent to CRMC.

Robert Trout of Lawn Avenue discussed public safety concerns and the ability of ambulances and fire trucks to navigate the area due to parking on both sides of the road.

David Kane, of the Cottrell Association requested a formal traffic survey be conducted; to determine parking in the area.

Erica and William Lory of Dumpling Drive read their letter of concerns regarding the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion.

Stuart Ross, of East Shore Road discussed his environmental concerns with regards to dredging. He commented on potential chemicals released with dredging. He requested a comprehensive impact study be conducted.

Mary Marshall, President of the Dumpling Association explained the following concerns regarding the boat yard expansion: Special Use Permit for marina operation; expansions hard to control; Zoning and CRMC review.

Steve Devoe, of Clinton Avenue and the General Manager of Safe Harbor Jamestown explained that navigation, aesthetics, traffic, environmental have all been considered. He further explained the history of business. He explained dredging and the change of the application to avoid the eel grass. He advised sediments were tested and it was found safe for residential exposure. He stated there will be no additional traffic; then what currently exist.

Matt from Race Coastal Engineering, presented a visual on the proposed application of expansion.

Discussion ensued on parking.

Ellen Herman Devoe, clarified earlier comments on pile driving and advised there will be no pile driving.

William Hutchinson, of Hamilton Ave discussed parking.

Vice President Meagher questioned how the town would control impact and that Zoning would have some jurisdiction. She also agreed with Mr. Kane to perform a traffic study with police enforcement. She further advised on the Conservation Commission comments on impact and have the Town Administrator research the impact of the proposed expansion.

Councilor Beye thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilor White concurred with Vice President Meagher on performing a parking study through either the Traffic Committee or the Police Department. He also suggested deferring this matter to the Town Administrator to revisit the issue and impact with regards to Zoning. He commented on the Boat Yard's need to increase efficiency and would need to take their word on no more boats or larger boats.

Mark Crosby, East Shore Road commented on mooring rules.

Discussion ensued on size of boats.

Steve Devoe, suggested no parking on the street and Jamestown Boat Yard clients would have parking stickers to park in the lot.

Council President White stated parking difficulty and the need for that to be resolved.

Vice President Meagher moved to authorize the Town to look at parking and traffic in that area and refer this matter to the Chief to report on parking and enforcement and then refer to the Traffic Committee. Councilor White seconded. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Vice President Meagher moved to have the staff to look at the land side impacts and consequence of non-conforming use, and the potential impacts regarding the expansion of the docks related to Zoning. Councilor Beye seconded. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Vice President Meagher moved to have Administration send a letter to CRMC that addresses the comments of the Conservation Commission on eel grass and dredging and affirm the Conservation Commissions concerns. Councilor Beye seconded. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Councilor White clarified his comments were never meant to offend anyone.

Tim Wahl, Regional Manager of Safe Harbor, discussed the difficulty of moving and repairing boats and that was the true motivation for the expansion.

Numi Mitchell of the Conservation Agency commented on the eco system and monitoring.

Vice President Meagher commented on the staff's ability to research and monitor the matter.

Town Solicitor Ruggiero returned at 8:08 P.M.

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

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- A) Town Administrator's Report: Jamie A. Hainsworth
 - 1) Del's Lemonade and Refreshments, Inc. Memorandum of Agreement as listed in the Consent Agenda

Town Administrator Hainsworth just advised on the contract with Del's as in previous years.

- 2) Golf Course Building Project Update

Town Administrator Hainsworth advised on the bids and that they came in over the 2.9 million and staff will have a future recommendation regarding scope of the project.

- 3) 2020-2021 Budget Process

Town Administrator Hainsworth advised the school budget had just come in and Finance Director Collins is working hard on the preparation of the budget.

- 4) Conservation Easement Project

Town Administrator Hainsworth announced the group effort of the Jamestown Shores, Council, Planning, and Land Trust having further protected 22 parcels of land. The conservation easements were placed on record last week.

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Future meeting dates were reviewed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Request of Council President White Regarding Evaluation of Town Council Liaison positions
- B) Request of Council President White Regarding an Appointment of a Town Council Liaison to the Strategic Plan Committee for Jamestown School Department
- C) Request of Councilor Piva Regarding an Appointment of a Town Council Liaison to the Jamestown Fire Department

** New Business items A, B, and C were taken in conjunction.*

President White stated he would like to continue serving on the Strategic Plan Committee.

Councilor Piva questioned what departments and commissions have liaisons.

Discussion ensued on committee and liaisons.

It was noted if Committees or Departments would like Council to participate in meetings to let them know.

- D) Presentation by Andrew Wade, Recreation Director on Fire Work Display Options in Jamestown

Recreation Director, Andrew Wade advised on the public/private partnership history regarding the Fire Works Display and the stepping down of "Rocket Dogs" Bob Bailey and Kerry Sheean. They have communicated for the last 3 years on a need for a successor. He stated time is running out to have fireworks around the 4th of July. The need is to have something in place by March 1st. He was approached late this afternoon on an interested party to take over the event. He would like to properly vet and discuss this and report back.

Councilor Piva questioned how many municipalities fund displays.

Recreation Director Wade advised on Newport, Narragansett and North Kingstown fireworks.

Councilor Beye questioned the cost to put on a fire work display.

Recreation Director Wade advised the cost would be approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. He further explained the barge is driving the cost.

Discussion ensued on the public/ private partnership with regards to funding, donations and liability.

IX. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote:
 - *has applied for more than one committee
- 1) Jamestown Housing Authority (one vacancy with a five-year term expiring December 31, 2024)
 - a) Letters of interest for appointment
 - i) Jessica McCarthy*
 - ii) Karen Bell (Coffee)

A motion was made by Councilor Beye to appoint Karen “Coffee” Bell to the Jamestown Housing Authority with a term expiring December 31, 2021. Seconded by Vice President Meagher. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

- B) Discussion and Order to Advertise in the Jamestown Press; Notice of a Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 46- Hawkers, Peddlers, Door-to-door salespersons and Mobile Food Establishments

Chief Mello advised on discussion with Town Clerk Liese on requirement to amend the Ordinances to accommodate for the State changes regarding Food Trucks. He further advised on changes to Hawkers, Peddlers, and Door-to-door sales. He explained tonight was permission to advertise.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to authorize the advertisement in the Jamestown Press; Notice of a Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 46- Hawkers, Peddlers, Door-to-door salespersons and Mobile Food Establishments. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

X. CONSENT AGENDA

An item on the Consent Agenda need not be removed for simple clarification or correction of typographical errors. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately for review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote. A Consent Agenda item or items may be removed by the Town Council for review, discussion and/or potential action and or vote.

A motion was made by Councilor Beye with second by Councilor Piva to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

The Consent Agenda approved consists of the following:

- A) Adoption of Town Council Minutes
 - 1) December 16, 2019 (regular meeting)
 - 2) December 16, 2019 (executive session)
 - 3) January 6, 2020 (interviews)

- B) Request of Tax Assessor for Specific Abatements & Addenda of Taxes

MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2000 TAX ROLL		
03-1037-00M		484.26
MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2004 TAX ROLL		
02-1265-50M		42.80
MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2005 TAX ROLL		
02-1265-50M		2.57
REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS TO 2019 TAX ROLL		
03-1398-01	Plat 14, Lot 163	\$125.00
TOTAL ABATEMENTS		\$ 654.63
TOTAL ADDENDA		\$ 0

- C) Award of Bid- Fire Department
 - 1) Kingfisher Company Inc. for Emergency Fire Alarm Reporting and Notification System for the Town in an amount not to exceed \$48,513.00
 - 2) Kingfisher Company Inc. for Radio Transmitter Boxes to be installed at the Fire Station, Police Station, Town Hall, Community Center, Library, Senior Center, Public Works Facility and Ft. Wetherill Facility in amount not to exceed \$4,500.00 per installation
- D) Memorandum of Agreement with Del's Lemonade and Refreshments, Inc. with the Town of Jamestown for Concession Services at Mackerel Cove Beach from May 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020

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

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor Piva to accept the Communications. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

The Communications and Proclamations and Resolutions from other RI cities and towns consists of the following:

A) Communications

- 1) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Pebbles Wadsworth
Dated: January 3, 2020
Re: JBY Current Proposal
- 2) Copy of Letter to: CRMC
From: Anne Kuhn- Hines, Conservation Commission
Dated: August 26, 2019
Re: CRMC Application File Number: 2019-06-014
- 3) Copy of Email to: Erin Liese
From: James V. Taylor
Dated: January 5, 2020
Re: Opposition Boat Yard Expansion
- 4) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Thomas Shevlin
Dated: January 5, 2020
Re: Jamestown Boat Yard
- 5) Copy of Email to: Erin Liese
From: Eleanor Burgess
Dated: January 5, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 6) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Paula Shevlin
Dated: January 6, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 7) Copy of Email to: Erin Liese
From: William Chew & Nicole Shalette
Dated: January 5, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 8) Copy of Email to: Erin Liese
From: David Beretta
Dated: January 5, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 9) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Cornelia & Spencer Potter
Dated: January 3, 2020
Re: Opposition to Jamestown Boat Yard Expansion

- 10) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Caroline & Jeff Boden
Dated: January 2, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 11) Copy of Letter to: Erin Liese
From: William Pratt
Dated: December 31, 2019
Re: JBY Expansion
- 12) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Leslie Banker & William Mullins
Dated: December 30, 2019
Re: JBY Expansion
- 13) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Paul & Katherine Grimes
Dated: January 2, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 14) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Christian Smith
Dated: January 1, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 15) Copy of Email to: Erin Liese
From: Trudy Coxe
Dated: January 1, 2020
Re: JBY Proposal
- 16) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Jane Garnett & David Booth
Dated: January 1, 2020
Re: Oppose JBY Expansion
- 17) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Barbara Carton
Dated: December 31, 2019
Re: JBY Expansion
- 18) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Louise Potter
Dated: December 31, 2019
Re: JBY Current Proposal

- 19) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Maria Shevlin
Dated: January 6, 2020
Re: JBY Marina Expansion
- 20) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: George Hutchinson
Dated: December 30, 2019
Re: JBY Expansion
- 21) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Tom & Louise Flickinger
Dated: January 6, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 22) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Betsey Coste Outerbridge
Dated: January 6, 2020
Re: Dumpling Shipyard
- 23) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Kristen Sloan Maccini
Dated: January 6, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 24) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Lily Malcom
Dated: January 7, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 25) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Kim & Jeff Westcott
Dated: January 6, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 26) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Paul LaViolette
Dated: January 11, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 27) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Pamela Allen
Dated: January 12, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 28) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Duncan Laurie
Dated: January 12, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 29) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Paula Shevlin
Dated: January 12, 2020
Re: Eelgrass Protection
- 30) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Duval Slingluff
Dated: January 13, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 31) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Peter Converse
Dated: January 13, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 32) Copy of Email to: Erin Liese
From: Rod Wright
Dated: January 14, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion & Sale
- 33) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Anne Garnett
Dated: January 15, 2020
Re: Strong Opposition to JBY's Marina Expansion
- 34) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: James Boden
Dated: January 15, 2020
Re: JBY Marina Expansion – Oppose
- 35) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Glenn Mitchell
Dated: January 15, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 36) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Evan Boden
Dated: January 14, 2020
Re: JBY Marina Expansion- Oppose

- 37) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: John A. Murphy
Dated: January 14, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 38) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Lucia Marshall
Dated: January 10, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion Support
- 39) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Numi Mitchell Ph.D., Biologist
Dated: January 15, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion Opposes
- 40) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Stephen Garnett
Dated: January 14, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 41) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Kate Wallace
Dated: January 10, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 42) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Jeff Boden
Dated: January 11, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 43) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Sam & Jane Flood
Dated: January 14, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 44) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Boze Hancock
Dated: January 15, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 45) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Suzanne Ayvazian, PhD
Dated: January 15, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 46) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Eli Mitchell
Dated: January 15, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 47) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Anna Flickinger
Dated: January 6, 2020
Re: JBY Marina Expansion
- 48) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Stuart Ross
Dated: January 3, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 49) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Christian Infantolino
Received: January 6, 2020
Re: Jamestown Boat Yard Response
- 50) Copy of Letter to: Grover Fugate, Executive Director, R.I. CRMC and Janet Coit, Director of R.I. DEM
From: Michael Jarbeau, Narragansett Baykeeper
August 30, 2019
Re: Jamestown Boat Yard, CRMC File No. 2019-06-0014
- 51) Copy of State of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council Application of Assent: Jamestown Boat Yard, Inc. - 60 Dumpling Drive, Jamestown RI; dated June, 2019 and prepared by: RACE Coastal Engineering
- 52) Copy of Summary Guidance for Reviewing Sediment Sampling Plans for Dredging Projects
- 53) Copy of Letter to: State of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council
From: Matthew Rakowski, Project Manager, RACE Coastal Engineering
Dated: November 5, 2019
Re: Application #2019-06-014, RIDEM WQD 19-123 DP 19-174
Jamestown Boat Yard, 60 Dumpling Drive, RACE Project No. 2018006
- 54) Copy of Tier 1 Mapping of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) in Rhode Island and 20-year Change Analysis
Prepared by: Michael Bradley, University of Rhode Island, Caitlin Chaffee, RI Coastal Resources Management Council, and Kenneth Raposa, Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
Dated: June, 2017

- 55) Copy of Documentation provided by Mary Marshall in support of January 6, 2020 Presentation regarding Jamestown Boat Yard Expansion:
 - a) RI Business Portal RI Department of State, Nellie M. Gorbea Entity Results- Safe Harbor Jamestown Boatyard
 - b) JBY Marina Improvements Sediment Sampling Plan for Dredging Projects
 - c) The JBY proposed expansion and eelgrass

- 56) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Stephen De Voe
Dated: January 18, 2020
Re: Jamestown Boat Yard

- 57) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Roxalene (Pebbles) Wadsworth
Dated: January 18, 2020
Re: JBY

- 58) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Barbara Carton
Dated: January 21, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 59) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Louise Potter
Dated: January 17, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 60) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Clarke Moody
Dated: January 18, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 61) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Catherine Biddle & William Dunning
Dated: January 18, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 62) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Frank Di Zoglio
Dated: January 18, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 63) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Clerk
From: Cornelia Fischer Sertl
Dated: January 21 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 64) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Susan Maffei Plowden
Dated: January 2, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 65) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Julie Gaither
Dated: January 19, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 66) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Betsy Edie
Dated: January 19, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion Objection
- 67) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Peter Parsons
Dated: January 19, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 68) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Amy Taft
Dated: January 19, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 69) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Hugh M. Balloch
Dated: January 20, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 70) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Mark Grosby
Dated: January 16, 2020
Re: Jamestown Boat Yard
- 71) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Thomas Fritz
Dated: January 21, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 72) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Lawrence Goss
Dated: January 21, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 73) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Bill & Janet Maynard
Dated: January 16, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 74) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: David Laurie
Dated: January 22, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 75) Copy of Letter to: Erin Liese, Town Clerk
From: Joseph D'Arrigo
Dated: January 21, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 76) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Louise Potter
Dated: January 22, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
- 77) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Alan & Lorraine Katz
Dated: January 21, 2020
Re: CRMC File 2019- 12-055 Walrus & Carpenter
- 78) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Alan & Lorraine Katz
Dated: January 21, 2020
Re: CRMC Notice 2019- 12-079
- 79) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Sharon Purdie, Ted Sybertz, William R. Kalander, Jr,
Jim and Renee McCooley
Dated: January 22, 2020
Re: Proliferation of Floating Oyster Cages in Dutch Harbor
- 80) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Martha Milot
Dated: January 25, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion

- 81) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Nancy Sall
Dated: January 24, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
 - 82) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Jeffrey W. Gravidahl
Dated: January 22, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
 - 83) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Justin T. Shay, Cameron & Mittleman Attorney-at-Law
Dated: January 24, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
 - 84) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Edie Hadley
Dated: January 28, 2020
Re: JBY Expansion
 - 85) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Kara & Christopher Museler
Dated: January 24, 2020
Re: Dutch Harbor Oyster Farm
 - 86) Copy of Letter to: Mr. Michael White, President
From: U.S. Census Bureau
Dated: January, 2020
Re: Boundary Validation Program
- B) Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns
- 1) City of Newport Resolution 2020-01 Death Deed Option
 - 2) City of Newport Resolution 2020-02 High School Civics Class
 - 3) North Kingstown School Department Resolution Field Trip Funding Law

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to adjourn. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Attest:

Erin F. Liese, CMC, Town Clerk

**Town Council Meeting
February 7, 2020**

A meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on February 7, 2020 at 9:04 A.M. Town Council Members present were as follows: Michael G. White, Mary Meagher, Nancy A. Beye, Randall White and William J. Piva. Jr. Also present Town Administrator Jamie Hainsworth, Finance Director Christina D. Collins, Chief Edward Mello, Town Solicitor's Peter D. Ruggiero, and Town Clerk Erin Liese.

I. ROLL CALL

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote on the following:

- A) Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Potential or Pending Litigation (IBPO Retiree Pension Benefits: File No. Balzer vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00109-WES-PAS; Dube, et al, vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00018-WES-PAS); review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote on potential settlement agreement.
- B) Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Collective Bargaining (Union Contract Negotiations IBPO)

Councilor Piva would recuse from Item A; however would participate in Item B.

Vice President Meagher with a second from Councilor Beye to change the order of the Agenda to allow for Councilor Piva's participation. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye

A motion made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to enter Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Pending Litigation (IBPO Retiree Pension Benefits: File No. Balzer vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00109-WES-PAS; Dube, et al, vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00018-WES-PAS and also Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Collective Bargaining (Union Contract Negotiations IBPO) at 9:05 A.M. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor White, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye

The Town Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:46 A.M. It was announced the following motion was taken in Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilor White with second by Councilor Beye to authorize the settlement in Dube, et al, vs. Town of Jamestown, C.A. No. 1:19-cv-00018-WES-PAS in order to avoid trial and possible excess Attorney Fee's associated with the matter due to the uncertain outcome associated with litigation; however to proceed with advance negotiations to maximize the Town's position in reducing the liability. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor White, Aye

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to adjourn. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

Attest:

Erin F. Liese, CMC, Town Clerk

JAMESTOWN PHILOMENIAN LIBRARY
26 North Main Road, Jamestown, RI 02835
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

A. Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Jamestown Philomenian Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:02 pm in the Sydney Wright Room by Eugene Mihaly. In attendance were members Peter Carson, Jennifer Cloud, Paul Housberg, Christian Infantolino, Kathy Kaiser, Chris Walsh, and Donna Fogarty. Ed Gromada and Mary Maegher were present as well, in the capacity of JPL Foundation member (Gromada) and town liaison (Maegher). Molly Dickinson from the JAC was present for the arts experience proposal.

B. Outdoor Arts Experience Library Proposal Presentation

Molly Dickinson presented from the JAC. Background: A panel was convened in 2019 for best practices art processes by the JAC for the 2020 exhibition. After putting out a call for proposals, there were over 100 entries for this project.

The recommendation for the library installation is yarn bombing by the Needles Galore knitting group which meets at the library. It will be a collaborative piece by 22 people from this group. Two to three sheep will be covered in colorful crochet and placed on the lawn. The group is currently sourcing armature for the sheep (life-size sheep or larger), which will then be staked onto the front lawn. The project is supposed to mimic the work of knitting bees of the past and emphasize the community-themed aspect of both knitting and the project itself.

Installation week will be in June 2020 and removed by October 31.

C. Report of the Chair

1. Fundraising Report

1. Gene Mihaly, Ed Gromada, Town Finance Director Tina Collins and Town Administrator Jamie Hainsworth met with Karen Mellor at OLIS. OLIS projected a number of \$125 per sq. ft. of renovated space that the state would be able to cover for the renovation project.
2. The application from OLIS is still not available for JPL to complete. When it is, we will move forward with the OLIS application process.
3. The Van Beuren grant application went in yesterday.

D. Treasurer's Report

There has been little account activity since last month. Rhode Island Foundation endowment fund checks came in mid-December. The destination for these funds was discussed. It was determined that they will be transferred to the general library fund.

E. Election of Officers

Officers were elected. All officers agreed to continue in their positions: Eugene Mihaly as Chair; Paul Housberg as Vice-Chair; Peter Carson as Treasurer; and Chris Walsh as Secretary.

Motion to approve the Officer slate was made by Walsh. Carson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Building Renovation Report

Discussed as part of C. Report of the Chair.

G. Governance Policies

Policy A2 Level II Ends-sesquiennial review:

Changes were made to wording and will be reviewed at next meeting.

H. Board Process Review

I. 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.

1. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2019
2. Approval of Financial Reports
 - a. Library Board of Trustees
 - b. Jamestown Philomenian Library
3. Progress and Service Report of the Director

Cloud asked for the December Minutes to be taken out of the Consent Agenda. Minutes revised. Motion to approve the revised Minutes was made by Carson. Walsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Cloud. Carson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Public Comment

The lights in the parking lot area (above parking spaces) are blindingly bright to drivers in the evening. Mike Gray will be asked for possible remedies.

K. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Tuesday, February 11 is the next Trustee Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Kaiser moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Walsh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website and at the Jamestown Philomenian Library and the Town Hall. In addition to the two above-mentioned locations, notice also may be posted 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 eliese@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Sheley

Assistant Director



Jamestown Harbor Office
250 Conanicus Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835
401-423-1213 x4339

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 2/12/2020

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, January 9, 2020 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Banks called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call:

Present:

Wayne Banks, Vice-Chairman
Steven Bois, Commissioner
Eric Lexow, Commissioner
Michael Junge, Commissioner
Richard Raynes, Commissioner
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Chairman

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A. Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Commissioner Junge seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

There were no Scheduled Requests to address.

B. Non-scheduled Requests to Address- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

William Brennan, 238 Narragansett Avenue, addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the West Ferry outhaul rates. Mr. Brennan stated that he feels there are limitations to the boat size the West Ferry outhauls can accommodate, and also that the tackle is the responsibility of the permit holder. Mr. Brennan also stated that he does not understand why commercial permits are less expensive than a recreational permit.

Carol Cronin addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the outhauls at the Dumplings dock stating that they only charge \$150.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that those are associated with a private organization and we don't know if they also have to pay dues to be a member of that organization and also they are not open to the general public.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello updated the Jamestown Harbor Commission on the status of the Museler and Sears appeals to the Town Council. The Museler appeal, which is related to the denial of a guest mooring and the Sears appeal is related to the denial of a fourth grace period, will begin on January 31st.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the appeals were held up on a pending Ethics Commission decision on whether or not a member of the council could sit on the board to hear the appeals. The Ethics Committee determined that all members of the Town Council may sit to hear the appeals.

Executive Director Chief Mello also informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission that the Town Council voted on Monday that the boat trailer parking rate for Ft. Getty Park will be \$600.

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Harbormaster Campbell was not in attendance.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2018/2019

MDF YTD Budget- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated the budget is not available at this time.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Budget - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

This item will be on the next agenda for the Commission to vote on a Budget point person.

B. Facilities - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks and Commissioner Wurzbacher had nothing to report.

C. Mooring Implementation - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks had nothing to report.

D. Traffic Committee - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Junge had nothing to report.

E. Gould Island Restoration Committee - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Bois had nothing to report.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservation Commission Liaison- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza had nothing to report.

Vice-Chairman Banks asked Conservation Commission Liaison Souza about the Conservation Commission's stance on the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion.

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza stated that they are still waiting for further information from CRMC regarding changes to the expansion plan.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Outhaul fees at Ft. Getty and West Ferry – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks stated that the proposed rates for 2020 are increasing at West Ferry only, \$50 more for recreational permits and \$70 more for commercial permits. The proposed rates at Ft. Getty will remain the same as last year.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that his recommendation remains the same and that the Jamestown Harbor Commission is only voting on the 2020 rates. This item will need to be revisited each year to continue with the incremental increase in the outhaul permit fees.

Commissioner Bois stated that he had met with Executive Director Chief Mello and went over the outhaul revenues and expenditures and that he now has a better understanding of the proposed plan.

Vice-Chairman Banks stated that he still feels that the proposed rates are very generous.

Commissioner Bois moved to adopt the proposed outhaul rates for Ft. Getty and West Ferry; Vice-Chairman Banks seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

B. Harbor Permit Rates – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Junge moved to approve the proposed 2020 permit rates; Commissioner Bois seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission that there was a significant discussion on the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion at the Town Council meeting on Monday. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that this is predominately a ruling and decision by CRMC and that the Town Council is trying to determine if they have a say in the matter. The Town Council has continued this matter pending further information.

Executive Director Chief Mello also reported that the change to the permit renewal process is moving forward with the Town Council and that he has drafted a revised Harbor Management Ordinance for the Town Council to review. The next step will be for the Town Council to advertise for a Public Hearing, which will be in February.

C. Joseph and Antonio Pinheiro – End of Pilot Program for upweller at Ft. Getty Pier Review – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks stated that he has worked with the Pinheiros over the last month and they have submitted a memo, along with their original proposal, in the packet.

Tony Pinheiro addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission, asking for the pilot program to end and to be approved to have the upwellers at their leased spot at Ft. Getty pier on a permanent basis.

Commissioner Wurzbacher stated that before the Jamestown Harbor Commission votes to allow the program on a regular basis there needs to be at least one year of a successful pilot program as proposed.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission does not have to authority to approve the upwellers, that the Town Council will have the final say. The Jamestown Harbor Commission only provides a recommendation to the Council as it is not within the Jamestown Harbor Commission's purview to permit this.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to extend the pilot program to allow the Pinheiros' to have the upwellers at Ft. Getty for another year; Commissioner Bois seconded.

Executive Director Chief Mello asked if it is the expectation of the Jamestown Harbor Commission that the Pinheiros will retro fit a boat and hang cages from it and that the vessel is required to be registered.

The Jamestown Harbor Commission agreed that that is the expectation.

Executive Director Chief Mello also asked the Jamestown Harbor Commission if they are expecting the Pinheiros to follow the laws or the rules of Ft. Getty Park. Executive Director Chief Mello clarified that leaving an unpermitted boat at Ft. Getty is not against the law but it is against the Rules and Regulation of the park.

Vice-Chairman Banks stated that it is the expectation that the Pinheiros will follow the laws and the Town policies and, in addition, any direction from the Harbormaster about what he deems acceptable.

So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appeal – William Straser; Re: Denial of Second Grace Period – Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Mr. Straser had a family emergency and is unable to make the meeting. Since this is not a pressing issue the item could be continued until the next agenda.

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to continue the appeal until the next meeting; Commissioner Junge seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

XII. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks asked that the Jamestown Harbor Commission be notified when a member resigns.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that that is a fair request and we will try to honor that, but that sometimes we are not even notified in a timely manner.

Commissioner Wurzbacher stated that he has come across a new type of mooring system and asked if the Jamestown

Harbor Commission would be willing to listen to a presentation from the company that has invented the system.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Kim has that information, as well, and that we will look into it.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM; Commissioner Junge seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Devlin', with a small dot at the end.

Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk

JAMESTOWN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2019
Approved: 2/20/2020

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

II. The following members were present:

Thomas Tighe, Chairman
Mary Meagher, Vice-Chairman
Michael Junge
Vincent Moretti
Valerie Southern
Timothy Yentsch

The following members were absent:

Bill Munger

Also present:

Police Chief Edward Mello
Kim Devlin, Clerk

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MIUNTES

A) June 20, 2019

Vice-Chairman Meagher moved to approve the minutes; Member Southern seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

IV. OPEN FORUM

A) Scheduled Requests to Address

There were no Scheduled Requests to Address.

B) Non-Scheduled Requests to Address

There were no Non-Scheduled Requests to Address.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A) Letter from Peter Converse, Re: Disability parking spots at East Ferry; 6/20/2019 - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

B) Letter from John Doty, Jr., Re: "No Parking" signs on Green Lane and Union Street; 7/5/2019 - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

C) Letter from Chairman Tighe to residents of Fox Run area, Re: On street parking; 10/5/2019 - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Meagher moved to accept Correspondence items A, B and C; Chairman Tighe seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Consideration of the installation of a four-way stop sign at Walcott Avenue and High Street - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

1. Sample template of the Resolution that the State requires from the Town Council in order to proceed

Chief Mello stated that a group of residents elected to go to the State Traffic Commission to request a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Walcott and High Street. The State rejected their request and Mr. Norman Beretta asked that it be brought back to the Traffic Committee to forward a recommendation to the Town Council, who could then send the request back to the State.

Vice-Chairman Meagher asked Chief Mello what his opinion on the matter is.

Chief Mello stated that he would recommend not limiting the request to a stop sign, and to include other traffic calming measures in the request. Chief Mello also recommended asking the State to look at the entire corridor from the intersection of Narragansett Avenue and Walcott Avenue to Highland Drive. Chief Mello stated that the Police Department receives complaints about the speed of cars along the entire stretch and would recommend asking the State to re-stripe the road, narrow the lanes and adding a bike lane, for example.

Member Southern agreed with Chief Mello's strategy and stated that it needed to be looked at comprehensively instead of focusing on one stop sign at one intersection.

Brenna Jordan, 19 Walcott, addressed the Traffic Committee stating that she is concerned about the timeline and would prefer to ask the State for a stop sign first. Ms. Jordan stated that it is dangerous for her to walk to her mailbox because of vehicle traffic speeding on Walcott.

Vice-Chairman Meagher stated that her concern is that the placement of a stop sign without other considerations will provide a false sense of security.

Member Southern stated that there has to be a strategy for the entire area that is comprehensive.

Ms. Jordan stated that she is asking the Traffic Committee to support what the residents want.

Member Yentsch asked Ms. Jordan what were the reasons the State gave for the denial.

Ms. Jordan answered that the State claimed that High Street was not a major road and that a stop sign was not necessary at that location.

Chief Mello clarified to the Traffic Committee that he was not recommending that the Committee not ask for a stop sign, but to include other options in the request, along with the request for a stop sign.

Member Southern stated that we should have a thoughtful and comprehensive view of the corridor before we put in a request to the State.

Vice-Chairman Meagher suggested that the Traffic Committee develop a letter with the help of Chief Mello to send to the Town Council.

Chief Mello stated that he will draft a letter and send it to the Committee for review.

Vice-Chairman Meagher moved to ask Chief Mello to draft a letter that will be shown to the neighbors and one or two members of the Traffic Committee and send it to the Town Council; Member Yentsch seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Disability parking spots - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chief Mello stated that Mr. Converse attended the June meeting and provided the letter (on the agenda under Correspondence) because he was concerned about the number of disability parking spots near East Ferry. Chief Mello stated that, at the time, the renovations to the East Ferry parking lot were not completed and the parking lot was not striped. Since the project has been completed there are eight disability parking spots in the area and Mr. Converse is satisfied with the result.

Chief Mello also provided a map of the Jamestown Arts Center (JAC) plan that was approved by the Town which showed there should be a disability parking spot at the JAC. Chief Mello stated that none of the parking spots at the JAC have been striped, including the disability parking space, and there is not a sign to mark the spot.

Member Junge asked Chief Mello what the JAC has to do and what action the Traffic Committee should take.

Chief Mello stated that it is not the purview of the Traffic Committee, that it is a Zoning issue.

Member Yentsch asked about the safe routes to school project and when it will be implemented.

Chief Mello stated that a number of years ago the Town was awarded two grants under the Safe Routes to School program. There is a lot of opportunity to complete parts of the project and adjust the plan to move it forward before the money is revoked. The Town could use some of the money to fix the area Tim is taking about, fixing sidewalks, etcetera that would free up Town Capital funds to be used for elsewhere.

B) Parking on Melrose Avenue - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Meagher state that she asked the Town Council to send this item back to the Traffic Committee for further review because she was concerned about the parking for the houses on the south corner of Melrose and Watson.

Chief Mello summarized the traffic and parking situation as it exists today, stating that there is currently no parking allowed on the east side of Melrose Avenue between the driveways of the school. That causes the parents who circumvent the drop off and pick up procedure to park on the west side of the street. Those cars were parking off of the road, in the unpaved section of the right of way, which was causing runoff problems for the adjacent properties. The homeowners were then placing unpermitted barriers to prevent parking off of the pavement and asked the Town to change the parking ordinance to allow parking on the east side of the road.

A discussion ensued on the traffic pattern around the schools.

Vice-Chairman Meagher stated that she would take this (the original recommendation of the Traffic Committee to the Town Council) back to the Town Council.

A discussion ensued regarding the potential for one-way streets in the area to mitigate the traffic issues during school drop off and pick up times.

Chairman Tighe suggested continuing the item until the next meeting.

Member Moretti moved to move up items D and E; Vice-Chairman Meagher seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

D) Parking in the area of Fox Run, as referred to the Traffic Committee by the Town Council; 9/23/2019 - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Mr. Brian Evans, 10 Fox Run, stated that he does not see a parking problem on the street. Mr. Evans stated that the people who bought Harpool's house had a few boat trailers parked there during a sailing event this summer but that he did not see it as an issue.

Vice-Chairman Meagher asked Chief Mello if overnight trailer parking is allowed.

Chief Mello stated that it is allowed on most residential streets, to the extent that overnight parking is allowed. The parking ordinance makes overnight parking unenforceable.

Ms. Alma Davenport, 99 Clinton Avenue, stated that she was driving south on Fox Run in July and the cars parked on Hamilton were so close to the intersection that she could not see and was edging out to take a left turn onto Hamilton and was hit by a car.

Chairman Tighe asked Chief Mello if the law was still no parking within 40' of an intersection.

Chief Mello stated that, yes, that is correct and that he will have the State take a look at the intersection and measure the distance from the intersection.

Mr. Sam Paterson, 23 Fox Run, stated that he does not see a problem with parking on the street, but that if it does become an issue then it will be addressed.

Chief Mello stated that we have also received a letter, too late to include in the packet, from Jamie and Kris Matthews, stating that they do not see an issue with parking on Fox Run.

Vice-Chairman Meagher stated that it seems like there is a consensus from the residents of Fox Run that there is no issue.

Chairman Tighe stated that there is no need to take any action.

E) John Doty, Jr., Re: "No Parking" signs on Green Lane and Union Street; 7/5/2019 - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Mr. John Doty, 17 Union Street, stated that there is a need for two "No Parking" signs, one on Union Street and one on Green Lane. Mr. Doty stated that there used to be a sign at the end of Union Street on Green Lane at the intersection and it was taken down and never put back up.

Chief Mello stated that he has spoken to Public Works Director Mike Gray and asked him to replace the sign at the end of Union Street; there are signs at 12 Green Lane and 16 Green Lane and there is a fire hydrant in between. Chief Mello also stated that the Town has received a very negative response from people about the number of signs on Green Lane, but we will look at making some adjustments.

Mr. Doty also mentioned that the signs on Green Lane are hidden in overgrown hedges.

Member Southern stated that we should address the issue of hedges because it has come up a number of times and it seems to be an issue in many places where visibility is compromised. Member Southern stated that we have rules about how the hedges have to be trimmed at intersections and those rules need to be enforced.

Chairman Tighe moved to have the acting Town Administrator ask the Zoning Official to go out and look at the hedges and that if he thinks there needs to be trimming done then he can send a letter or issue a citation; Vice-Chairman Meagher seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

C) Mary Lou Sanborn - Request for digital display sign at Bay View Drive - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chief Mello stated that Ms. Sanborn requested that the Town install a speed indicator sign on Bay View Drive about 300 yards from the intersection of Conanicus Avenue. There are currently signs on Conanicus Avenue, Southwest Avenue, Walcott Avenue and North Road. The installation of these types of signs has been limited to high traffic areas and it would be a unique and the first occurrence of one being installed on a residential road. Chief Mello stated that there are no other pending requests for those signs.

Chief Mello reminded the Traffic Committee that we have a pending request in with the State to reconfigure the intersection of Conanicus Avenue and Bay View Drive.

Vice-Chairman Meagher suggested not taking action on this item until the State gets back to us with the engineering for that intersection.

VII. OPEN FORUM - CONTINUED

There was no continued Open Forum.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Meagher and seconded by Member Moretti to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Kim Devlin
Clerk

JAMESTOWN ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

Minutes of the January 28, 2020 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, Chair
Terence Livingston, Member
Edward Gromada, Member
Marcy Coleman, Member
Judith Bell, 1st Alt.
James King, 3rd Alt.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of December 17, 2019

A motion was made by Marcy Coleman and seconded by Edward Gromada to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting as presented.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

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

James King was not seated and Dean Wagner and Erik Brine were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter dated January 23, 2020 from Hannah Swett requesting the removal of her application for a variance without prejudice for 47 Longfellow Road.

A letter dated Nov. 26, 2019 from Vanessa Wurman requesting an extension of a previously granted variance for 450 East Shore Road.

Wurman

A motion was made by Terence Livingston and seconded by Edward Gromada to grant the request of Vanessa Wurman, whose property is located at 450 E. Shore Rd., and further identified as Assessor's Plat 4, Lot 15 for **a one year extension** of a previously granted variance from Article 3, Section 302, Dimensional Regulations Article 6, Section 82-606 to raise the roof line on the existing garage with crawl space to accommodate for a guest room which exceeds the granted 19' as determined by previously submitted plans.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

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

James King was not seated and Dean Wagner and Erik Brine were absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Hamlin

A motion was made by Richard Boren and seconded by Marcy Coleman to DENY the appeal of Geoff Hamlin, whose property is located at 134 Battery Lane, and further identified as Assessors Plat 11, Lot 38 pursuant to Article 5, Section 503 to appeal Building Official's refusal to obey Zoning Board of Review decision overruling his Stop Work Order, in which they found him to be arbitrary & capricious, as well as his illegal building permit order about a border wall. Said property is located in a R80 zone and contains 5.28 acres.

I. Timeliness

1. Hamlin's appeal is from a Notice of Violation of Chris Costa, Building Official dated February 14, 2019.

2. Throughout their documents and narrative attached to appeal dated April 7, 2019, Hamlins allege that they received the Notice of Violation on February 26, 2019.
3. Between February 26, 2019 and April 7, 2019 are approximately 40 days.
4. Zoning Ordinance Section 82-503 provides that any appeal from a decision of the Zoning Officer shall be taken within thirty (30) days.
5. But, R.I.G.L. § 45-24-64 provides that an appeal to the Zoning Board of Review from a decision of the Zoning Enforcement Official shall be taken with a reasonable time.
6. In *Hartunian v. Matteson*, 109 R.I. 509 (1972), the Rhode Island Supreme Court considered the validity of a local zoning ordinance that required an appeal to be taken within thirty (30) days. While R.I.G.L. § 45-24-64 provides for a reasonable time, the Rhode Island Supreme Court said any zoning ordinance that attempts to abridge a right granted by the enabling act, i.e., R.I.G.L. § 45-24 is void.
7. In *Hardy v. Zoning Board of Review of Coventry*, 112 R.I. 375 (1974), the Rhode Island Supreme Court held that fifty-six (56) days under the circumstances in that case was reasonable.
8. The Hamlin appeal from the February 14, 2019 Notice of Violation is timely.

II. Appeal

A. The Notice of Violation

1. The February 14, 2019 Notice of Violation states that the October 12, 2017 Stop Work Order is still in effect for the tennis court, associated drainage and soil erosion control including, stone retaining walls associated with the tennis court until a resolution has been made. Mr. Costa states he took a view two (2) days earlier and determined that the wall is associated with the tennis court and drainage calculations.

2. Twice in his Notice of Violation, Mr. Costa uses the term "associated".

B. Issues Raised by Hamlin in the Appeal.

1. Hamlin asserts that the October 2017 Stop Work Order is dissolved with respect to any retaining walls.
2. Hamlin asserts that Hamlin can build a wall anywhere on property if under a certain height.
3. Hamlin asserts that the August 29, 2018 decision to the extent that Mr. Costa is relying upon it is void for vagueness.
4. Hamlin asserts that the Hamlins have endeavored in good faith to follow lawful orders.

C. Issues (1), (2), and (3) of Section B are Intertwined and Arise Out of the Same Following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

1. The August 29, 2018 Recorded Decision (pertinent paragraphs)
 10. "An undetermined amount of fill was brought onto the property to level the concrete slab/tennis court."
 12. "The southwest corner of the concrete slab/tennis court is approximately 11 feet from the lot line."
 15. "By early October, 2017, Mr. Costa, the Zoning & Building Official became aware of the setback issue, the earth moving, fill, and grading issues."
 16. "On 10/12/17 Mr. Costa issued a Stop Work Order. The cover letter of 10/13/17 indicates that the Order includes earth moving, grading, or filling on the site, installation of fencing or work on the tennis court. A soil erosion control plan and drainage plan needed to be provided per section 22-227 of the Town Ordinance."
 17. "On November 6, 2017 Northeast Engineers & Consultants Inc. provided a Stormwater Narrative to the Hamlins."

18. "On 11/7/17 the Hamlins provided a copy of the Stormwater Narrative (erosion and drainage plan) to Mr. Costa."
29. "On 4/19/2018 Mr. Costa states that his final decision is that the structure is a tennis court and the portion you call a patio is a raised structure. The drainage plan will not be approved or reviewed until the structure is resolved. Stop work on the site remains. Thank you for removing the boat. Please work on removing the shed."
31. "On 4/23/18 Mr. Costa clearly tells the Hamlins that it appears a proposed retaining wall along the southern property line would cure the drainage problem but you can't do work until the Stop Work Order is removed."
43. "To date, both the characterization and use of the concrete slab and the soil erosion issues remain unresolved."
59. "The Hamlin Appeal to Vacate the Stop Work Order as it pertains to a proposed potential building permit for the residence, stone walls and retaining walls not associated with the concrete slab is sustained. The Stop Work Order as pertaining to the proposed residence, utilities to the interior, and any stone walls and retaining walls not associated with the concrete slab is vacated and of no force and effect."

2. Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition, defines "Associated" *inter alia*:

- a) "closely related"
- b) "to combine or join with other parts"

3. The ten (10) applicable paragraphs of the August 29, 2018 decision connect the concrete slab with the soil erosion issues. The soil erosion issues have not been resolved. The soil erosion issues are associated with the concrete slab. The Stop Work Order associated with the soil erosion issue, and the concrete slab issues are not resolved.

4. Chris Costa, the Building Zoning Official testified during the appeal hearing. Mr. Costa's testimony was supplemented by Objector's Exhibit C. The following findings of fact were elicited:

- a) Mr. Costa was contacted by an abutting neighbor in August 2017 regarding a tennis court being built on the Hamlin property too close

to the property line, there was excessive grading, run off and drainage problems.

b) Mr. Costa observed that approximately 21,600 square feet of activity was disturbed.

c) There was approximately 5 feet of elevation change.

d) Grading involved hundreds of yards of fill.

e) The location of a portion of the concrete slab referred to as a tennis court was in violation of the zoning ordinance.

f) Mr. Costa observed the property two (2) days before issuing the February 14, 2019 Notice of Violation regarding the stone wall. The grade fill had not been resolved. Footings for the stone wall on top of the prior elevation observed. There was an elevation change.

g) Mr. Costa testified that before the Hamlins installed the stone wall, no drainage plan was submitted and/or approved.

h) Exhibit D2 is a photograph of the footings for the stone wall cut into the fill that was allegedly brought onto the property by the Hamlins which is in violation of Zoning Ordinance 22-227. Exhibit D6 is a photograph of the wall built on top of fill.

i) In his February 14, 2019 Notice of Violation, Mr. Costa observed "there is a stone/retaining wall being installed and evidence of drainage patterns being changed on the southern side within 10 feet of the tennis court."

5. The Board finds Mr. Costa's testimony to be credible.

6. Based upon the findings of fact, the Board concludes that the border wall is associated with the concrete slab, the grading, and soil erosion issues that remained unresolved subject to the October 12, 2017 Stop Work Order and the August 29, 2018 Zoning Board of Review Decision.

7. Based upon the findings of fact, the Board concludes that:

- a) The October 2017 Stop Work Order is not dissolved with respect to any retaining walls.
- b) The Hamlins cannot build a wall anywhere they want on their property.
- c) The August 29, 2018 Zoning Board of Review Decision is not void for vagueness.

D. Issue IV. Based Upon the Following Findings of Fact, the Hamlins Have Not Endeavored in Good Faith to Follow Lawful Orders

1. Almost immediately after the August 29, 2018 Decision, the Hamlins commenced a course of conduct that inevitably resulted in the February 2019 Notice of Violation.
2. On August 30, 2018 or August 31, 2018, the Hamlins sought a permit to build their house and a wall.
3. On August 31, 2018, Mr. Costa responded in writing that after discussion with the Solicitor, if the Hamlins sign a waiver, he will lift the Stop Work Order on the project. The last line of the letter states "The Stop Work Order will remain on all work associated with the tennis court and its drainage."
4. Kris Hamlin responds on August 31, 2018. "Attached is the waiver you requested indicating we are proceeding at our own risk. FYI "The wall we seek to build is unrelated to any erosion issue. It will be a landscape feature. We are entitled to proceed."
5. On September 14, 2018, the Hamlins tell Mr. Costa that the wall is unrelated to the tennis court.
6. Approximately six (6) hours later on September 14, 2018, Mr. Costa responds to Hamlin. "Zoning Board is correct. You may build a wall anywhere on your property except the area around the tennis court or areas you filled in the grade. This area is still in violation of set backs and

drainage." The e-mail also tells Ms. Hamlin to submit a soil erosion and drainage control plan.

7. Ms. Hamlin responds to Mr. Costa. "You are wrong. The Board did not uphold your view."

8. On September 15, 2018, the Hamlins tell Mr. Costa by e-mail that they are going ahead and building the retaining wall.

9. On September 17, 2018, Mr. Costa sent an e-mail to Hamlin. "The stone wall can be installed anywhere on your property, except the tennis court area and effected drainage areas where you changed the grading. The tennis court and all associated drainage is still under the Stop Work Order"

10. On September 17, 2018, Ms. Hamlin responds "As expressly permitted by the Board, I will be moving forward with a wall. The Board made clear that the Stop Work Order pertains only to the slab. They never said 'tennis court area' ".

11. In January 2019, the Hamlins engaged a mason to build a 150 foot long wall next to the southern border.

12. Mr. Costa testified that between September 14, 2018 and January 2019, he did not change his position and never authorized the Hamlins to build the wall.

13. On February 11, 2019, Mr. Costa observed the wall which in his opinion violated the Stop Work Order and the Decision of August 29, 2018.

14. That observation prompted the February 14, 2019 Notice of Violation.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.

Richard Boren, Edward Gromada, Marcy Coleman, Judith Bell and James King voted in favor of the motion.

Terence Livingston was not seated and Dean Wagner and Erik Brine were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD OF CANVASSERS
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
January 27, 2020**

An advertised meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Ave. at 7:04 P.M. by Carol Nelson-Lee. The following members were present:

Hugh Murphy
Ken Newman
Melissa Burrows
Kitty Wineberg

Absent: NA

Also present were:

Karen Montoya, Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Murphy moved and Mr. Newman seconded to accept the minutes of October 28, 2019 and December 12, 2019. So unanimously voted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Nelson-Lee presented the calendar of BoC meetings, elections, primaries and FTM. No one had anything to add or change. Ms. Nelson-Lee asked for a motion to adopt. Mr. Newman moved to adopt the calendar as stands, Mr. Murphy seconded. So unanimously voted.

Mr. Newman reported on the Millennial meeting with young voters. Although participation was not as expected, he personally spoke with several young adults on their thoughts of the voting process. The prevalent feeling is one of being overwhelmed with the process and indifference to the candidates. The Boards approach needs to be different. One main point was that each person needs to be contacted four times to remember and make an impact. Further the presenter needs to be authentic in presentation. They don't pay attention to local elections because it is not relevant to them. One person didn't vote because she didn't know the process. They don't use email or respond to phone calls. Texting is preferred. They need to be instructed on where to go for information on voting or who to ask. Most don't even know there is a Secretary of State or what that office does. The same goes for the Board of Canvassers and the Canvassing Clerk. We need to do an information campaign in town through newspapers, posters, flyers and mailings. Parents play a big role in getting their adult children to vote so they also need to be educated on mail ballots.

Ms. Wineberg reported that she had attempted two times to contact Jim Ludes, but he hasn't called her back. Ms. Nelson-Lee will try. The Board agrees it is important to have him give his presentation.

There being no further business Ken made a motion, Hugh seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M.
Unanimously voted.

Attest:



Karen Montoya
Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

Cc: Town Council Members (5)
Board of Canvassers (3)
Cheryl Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk



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To: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WHITE, JAMESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

From: CHRISTINE BROCHU, JAMESTOWN TAX ASSESSOR

Subject: ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR THE MARCH 2, 2020 MEETING

MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2015 TAX ROLL

19-0301-10M Schelb, Douglas R	Motor Vehicle – 2003 Ford – Reg# 87643, registered in Maryland.	\$67.41
19-0301-10M Schelb, Douglas R	Motor Vehicle – 2007 Jeep – Reg# 477009, registered in Maryland.	\$200.08

MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2016 TAX ROLL

19-0301-10M Schelb, Douglas R	Motor Vehicle – 2003 Ford – Reg# 87643, registered in Maryland.	\$63.43
19-0301-10M Schelb, Douglas R	Motor Vehicle – 2007 Jeep – Reg# 477009, registered in Maryland.	\$178.98

MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2017 TAX ROLL

19-0301-10M Schelb, Douglas R	Motor Vehicle – 2007 Jeep – Reg# 477009, registered in Italy.	\$117.36
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REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS TO 2019 TAX ROLL

02-1663-40 Burgess, Eleanor C	Plat 8, Lot 195 – Tax Appeal – Updated Field card data	\$720.48
12-0856-50 Lopes, Leonard & Von Hoffer, Diane	Plat 2, Lot 159 – Tax Appeal – Updated Field card data	\$937.83
25-0013-00 Yates, Martha O Trustee	Plat 8, Lot 280, -Tax Appeal – Updated Field card data	\$140.88

TOTAL ABATEMENTS	\$ 2,426.45
TOTAL ADDENDA	\$ 0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Christine Brochu

CHRISTINE BROCHU
TAX ASSESSOR

February 12, 2020

Jamie Hainsworth, Town Administrator
Michael G. White, Town Council President

Subject: Aquaculture Proliferation in Dutch Harbor

Dear Mr. Hainsworth and Mr. White:

Based on discussions with other residents of Seaside Drive, W. Passage, Melrose Ave., Westwind Dr., many are concerned about the growth of aquaculture in Dutch Harbor. If all the applications presently before the CRMC regarding Dutch Harbor aquaculture are approved, there will be

**an additional 18,174 black floats
littering Dutch Harbor!!**

We DO NOT object to aquaculture. But, we do object to the fact that the wants and needs of the oyster farmers have taken precedence over the concerns of homeowners, boaters, swimmers, kayakers, and other recreational users as well as the ospreys.

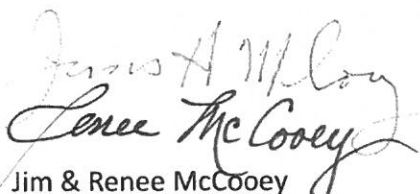
We understand that the Council cannot change any rulings made by the CRMC. Ah, the power of the CRMC! We have been down this road in the past (2016-1017) when it became quite evident that the CRMC had plans for Dutch Harbor. Our voices went unheard. So we are hoping, with the support of the Town Council, to have the opportunity to present our concerns to the CRMC again by way of a public hearing. These applications are truly shocking!

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As stated so eloquently by Dr. Robert Rheault regarding oyster farms, "So, the challenge we find is trying to find a balance that works for everyone." Another quote from Dave Beutel, "Aquaculture in Rhode Island is almost entirely conducted on state submerged land, so it belongs to all of us!"

Sincerely,


Jim & Renee McCooey
Westwind Drive, Jamestown, RI

February 14, 2020

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Michael G. White, Town Council President

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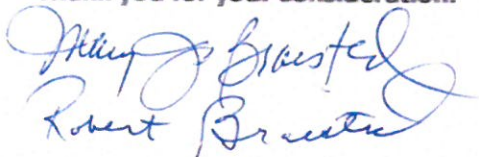
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Rob and Mary Jo Braisted
85 Westwind Drive, Jamestown, Ri 02835

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William R. (Bob) Kalander, Jr.
63 Westwind Drive

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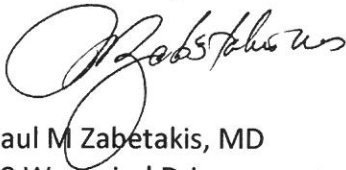
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Paul M Zabetakis, MD
38 Westwind Drive
Jamestown, RI 02835

Erin Liese

From: Susan <Susan@inkprm.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:27 AM
To: Erin Liese
Subject: Dutch Harbor aquaculture concerns

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David and Susan Reardon
92 Westwind Drive
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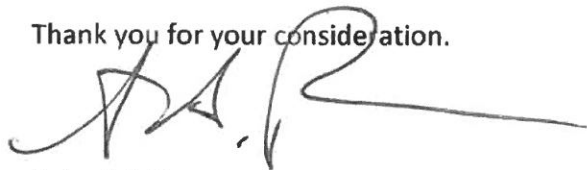
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Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.S. Powers', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert S. Powers
30 Westwind Drive



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

February 18, 2020

Mr. Michael White, Town Council President
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

RE: **Project Priority List Request for Projects State Fiscal Year 2021**

Dear Mr. White:

The Office of Water Resources is making its request for the submission of water pollution abatement projects to be included on the Fiscal Year 2021 Project Priority List (PPL). The PPL will be utilized in the decision-making process for assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

Any contemplated water pollution abatement project, or any on-going project that is currently partially CWSRF funded, should be submitted for inclusion on this year's PPL. The SRF program can fund a wide array of water pollution abatement projects from the traditional sewers and sewage treatment projects, to landfill closures, community septic system repair programs and stormwater treatment or mitigation projects, as well as riverbank and estuarine restoration projects, including salt marsh restorations. Also, alternative energy and energy efficiency projects that benefit a water pollution treatment facility are SRF eligible, along with projects that make wastewater infrastructure more resilient to the effects of climate change.

Congress has again mandated that a portion of the CWSRF funds appropriated for this year's loans must be directed towards the Green Project Reserve, which has been defined as projects that address water or energy efficiency improvements, projects that treat stormwater in a way that mimics or restores natural hydrology, or projects that demonstrate new or innovative approaches to managing water resources in a more sustainable way. Congress has also required that some portion of Rhode Island's CWSRF appropriation be used as principal forgiveness. The Rhode Island CWSRF program will, to the greatest extent allowed, dedicate its principal forgiveness funds to those projects that satisfy the Green Infrastructure requirement.

Requests for priority ranking of projects are due by Wednesday, March 18, 2020. All projects should be submitted separately on a Project Information Sheet (enclosed) and listed on the Projects Summary Sheet (enclosed). Applicants should feel free to submit any supporting information to further describe their project(s). **The submission of a project for rating and ranking does not obligate the applicant to go forward with the project.** DEM will rate and rank all submitted projects and formulate the PPL. A 30-day public notice regarding the PPL will be posted on the Department's website (<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/finance/state-revolving-fund.php>) and revisions will be made based upon comments received. The final PPL will also be posted on the Department's website.

If you have any questions please call me at 222-4700, Extensions 7254.

Sincerely,

Jay Manning, P.E.,
Principal Sanitary Engineer

Enclosures

cc: Michael Gray, Public Works Director



TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
93 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE
P.O. Box 377
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND 02835

February 19, 2020

Mr. Grover Fugate, Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

Re: File No.: 2019-12-079, Seakist Aquaculture, LLC.

Dear Mr. Fugate:

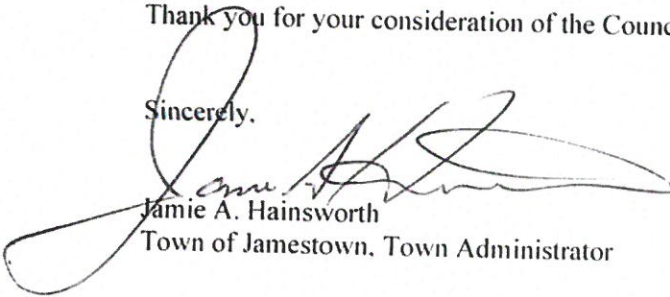
I am writing to you on behalf of the Town of Jamestown, Town Council concerning the application submitted to CRMC by Seakist Aquaculture, LLC. This matter came before the Town Council last night as I indicated to you in my previous letter dated February 4, 2020, in which you granted a continuance for the comment period until February 20, 2020. At the town council meeting Members heard and received letters from Jamestown residents concerned about this applicant's request for a significant expansion of their existing aquaculture operation among other applicants seeking to be permitted or expand to their aquaculture permits.

After a considerable amount of discussion, the Town Council voted unanimously to authorize me to send you this letter voicing their concern of this applicant's expansion in the Dutch Harbor area off the coast of Jamestown. In particular their concern regards the amount of rapid proliferation the Seakist Aquaculture, LLC's application is seeking from CRMC. Ultimately the Town Councils concern and question is "What is the saturation point" or limit to the number of permits, cages or operations of this type in the Dutch Harbor area.

Additionally, there are several other applications now pending for Aquaculture permits or leases in this area and the Councils concerns are similar in all of the applications. Also, has there been or will you consider a study to be conducted on the impact this has to Jamestown or any similar community focusing on what is the saturation point and considering an area where recreation and farming are so closely intertwined?

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's concerns, if you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,


Jamie A. Hainsworth
Town of Jamestown, Town Administrator

C: Town Council



Smithfield School Department

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Assistant Superintendent

Smithfield School Committee Resolution recognizing Public Schools Week

Expressing support for the designation of the week of February 24th through 28th, 2020, as "Public Schools Week".

Whereas public education is the foundation of a 21st-century democracy; Whereas the Nation's public schools are where students come to be educated as citizens of the United States;

Whereas each public school prepares the Nation's young people to contribute to the society, economy, and citizenry of the country; Whereas 90 percent of American children attend public schools;

Whereas local, State, and Federal lawmakers should prioritize support for strengthening the Nation's public schools and empower local education leaders to implement, manage, and lead school districts in partnership with educators, parents, and other local education stakeholders and learning communities;

Whereas local, State, and Federal lawmakers should support such necessities as counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health supports that are critical to help students engage in learning;

Whereas inclusive and safe high-quality public schools are where children learn to think critically, problem solve, and build relationships;

Whereas public schools should provide an environment where all students can succeed beginning in their earliest years, regardless of who they are or where they live;

Whereas efforts should be supported to advance equity and excellence in public education and to implement continuous improvement and evidence-based practices;

Whereas every child has the right to an education that helps them reach their full potential and to attend schools that offer a high-quality educational experience;

Whereas stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding for great public schools for every student in America is necessary to ensure that students have inviting classrooms and school libraries with up-to-date resources as well as well-prepared and supported educators;

Whereas educators include teachers, paraprofessionals, and principals who provide a well-rounded and complete curriculum and create joy in learning;

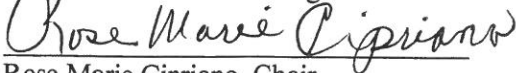
Whereas the Nation's school buildings should have class sizes small enough to allow students to receive one-on-one attention and to access support services such as health care, nutrition, and after-school programs when needed;

Whereas students, teachers, and professionals make the Nation's public schools vital components of the community;

Whereas parents and communities are working hard to improve educational outcomes for children across the country; and

Whereas the week of February 24 through 28, 2020 would be an appropriate period to designate as "Public Schools Week": Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the House of Representatives supports the designation of "Public Schools Week".

WHEREFORE: The following bear witness:



Rose Marie Cipriano, Chair
Smithfield School Committee

The Smithfield Public Schools: A Partnership of Schools, Families and Community

The Smithfield Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, color, sexual orientation or disability in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

