



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Jamestown Town Hall**  
***Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers***  
***93 Narragansett Avenue***  
**Monday, May 4, 2020**  
**6:30 PM**

**PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-05 EXECUTED BY GOVERNOR  
GINA RAIMONDO ON MARCH 16, 2020, THIS MEETING WILL BE  
TELECONFERENCED VIA ZOOM:**

The public is invited to observe the deliberations of this meeting by accessing the meeting link set forth herein. For those without access to video observation platforms, you may also call in to listen to the deliberations of this meeting by using the call in phone number provided herein. To participate during Public Hearing or Public Input you will press \*9 to raise your hand.

**JOIN VIA PHONE: 1(301) -715- 8592 or 1(312) - 626- 6799 or 1(646) - 558- 8656  
WHEN PROMPTED, ENTER MEETING ID: 931 0615 0187  
PRESS # AGAIN TO JOIN THE MEETING**

**JOIN VIA COMPUTER OR MOBILE APP: <https://zoom.us/j/93106150187>  
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*Attachments for items on this meeting agenda are available to the public on the Town website at  
<http://www.jamestownri.gov/town-government/town-council/town-council-meetings-minutes/2020-meetings-minutes/2020-meetings/-fsiteid-1>*

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. 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) Review, Discussion and Possible Action to extend the April 20, 2020 Executive order from May 8, 2020 to May 19, 2020, unless revoked earlier; the continuation of the authorization of the Town Administrator to take any and all necessary actions to implement best practices guidance regarding municipal government actions to curtail the spread of the COVID 19 virus.
  
- B) Review, Discussion and Summary of the FY 20-21 Budget approved for submission to the FTM by the Town Council

- C) Review, Discussion and Possible action on a request from the Library Board of Trustees for One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars Bond Issuance to Fund the Library Renovations and authorize possible adoption of a Resolution and referral to the General Assembly for placement of this question on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot for consideration by Jamestown Voters
  - 1) Library Board of Trustees Correspondence dated April 29, 2020
  - 2) Proposed Library Local Bond Act Resolution for Consideration
- D) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times
  - 1) Town Council Meeting Schedule: May 18, 2020

#### IV. 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) Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Possible Scheduling Adjustments to the Fort Getty Park Season in Response to COVID-19
  - 1) Andrew Wade, Parks & Recreation Director Memorandum on Fort Getty Campground: COVID- 19 Restrictions
- B) Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Placement of a Question on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot for Consideration of Jamestown Voters; Regarding Whether to Approve Amendments to the Jamestown Town Charter; Sections 218- 220: Initiative and Referendum
  - 1) Approval of Question: Shall the Charter of the Town of Jamestown be amended to revise the process and requirements by qualified electors of the town to use the initiative procedure?
- C) Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Town Council to authorize and provide \$150,000 in funding from the various funds to subsidize the Purchase of a property located at 53 Narragansett Avenue (Former Bakers Pharmacy) by Church Community Housing Corporation for re-use as an Affordable/Private Housing Project.
  - 2) Request from Church Community Housing Corporation dated March 27, 2020
  - 3) Lisa Bryer, Town Planner Memorandum on Affordable Housing Opportunities

#### V. 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) Discussion and Possible Action to 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, which removes the Provision on Prohibition of Door to Door Sales

- B) Discussion and Possible Action to Order to Advertise in the Jamestown Press; Notice of a Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances regarding Repealing Section 38-92. Indecent Intoxication, which removes the Provision of Public Intoxication
  - 1) Correspondence from the Rhode Island American Civil Liberties Union dated March 9, 2020

## VI. 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) March 10, 2020 (budget workshop)
  - 2) March 16, 2020 (special meeting)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
  - 1) Jamestown Tax Assessment Board of Review (April 1, 2020)
  - 2) Jamestown Tax Assessment Board of Review (April 2, 2020)
  - 3) Jamestown Tax Assessment Board of Review (April 8, 2020)
- C) Revision of the previously authorized Warrants and Resolutions for the June 1, 2020 Financial Town Meeting to provide for alternate FTM dates due to COVID 19 gathering restrictions.(Warrants are routine in matter as they relate to setting the tax rate.)
  - 1) Resolution Number 1: Sewer Line Frontage Tax Rate (.68 cents per liner foot, included on tax bill for homes in the Sewer district)  
**\* Revision to previously authorized April 20, 2020. Revision is to provide flexibility on date and time of FTM.**
  - 2) Resolution Number 2: Borrowing in Anticipation of Taxes (Authorizes the Town the ability to borrow funds in anticipation of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter's taxes being due.) **\* Revision to previously authorized April 20, 2020. Revision is to provide flexibility on date and time of FTM.**
  - 3) Resolution Number 3: Disposition of Collected Back Taxes (All back taxes to be placed in the General Fund at time of receipt.) **\* Revision to previously authorized April 20, 2020. Revision is to provide flexibility on date and time of FTM.**
  - 4) Resolution Number 4: Setting the Tax Rate (Actual rate to be determined within a range at the FTM.) **\*\* Revision to previously authorized April 20, 2020. Revision is to provide flexibility on date and time of FTM.**
  - 5) Resolution Number 5: Borrowing for Improvement, Replacement, Construction, Repair, Reconstruction and/or Restoration of Roadways in the Town of Jamestown through Issuance of Bonds in an Amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars

- 6) Resolution Number 6: Borrowing for Purchase of a Fire Pumping Truck in the Town of Jamestown through Issuance of Bonds in an Amount not to exceed Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars

D) Request of Tax Assessor for Specific Abatements & Addenda of Taxes

**REAL ESTATE & TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS TO 2019 TAX ROLL**

03-1166-03	Sold business	\$48.30
08-0385-50	Plat 9, Lot 402	\$440.34
<b>TOTAL ABATEMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 488.64</b>

**VII. 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 Received:

- 1) Copy of Letter to: Michael White, President  
Jamestown Town Council  
From: Sandra Shah  
Dated: April 14, 2020  
Re: Tax Bill
- 2) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council  
From: Linda Jamison  
Dated: April 16, 2020  
Re: Proposed Budget 2020-2021
- 3) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council  
From: Mary Lou Sanborn  
Dated: April 16, 2020  
Re: COVID -19 & Budget
- 4) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council  
From: Taxpayers Association of Jamestown  
Dated: April 24, 2020  
Re: Budget
- 5) Copy of Letter to: Acting Town Administrator Christina Collins  
From: Dan Lambe. Arbor Day Foundation  
Re: 2019 Tree City USA Recognition

B) Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns

- 1) Town of Charlestown Resolution regarding Primary Election Day
- 2) Town of Charlestown Resolution regarding Legislation to Establish an Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund (OSCAR)

- 3) Town of Charlestown Resolution in Support of 2020- H7755 & S 2756 Relating to Criminal Offenses Trespass & Vandalism
- 4) North Smithfield School Committee Resolution in Support of Funding of the Categorical Fund for High Cost Special Education.
- 5) North Smithfield School Committee Resolution in Support for Funding of RIDE Transportation Offset ESSA

**VIII. OPEN FORUM- To participate you will press \*9 to raise your hand. The meeting moderator will coordinate your participation.**

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 Council 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.

- 1) Scheduled request to address – None
- 2) Non-scheduled request to address

**IX. 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](http://www.jamestownri.gov).***

ALL NOTE: 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 [eliase@jamestownri.net](mailto:eliase@jamestownri.net) not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

*Posted on the RI Secretary of State website on April 30, 2020*