

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on June 1, 2020. This meeting was held pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-05, executed by Governor Gina Raimondo and was teleconferenced via Zoom. The public access code to participate by phone was 1 (301) -715-8592 or 1(312) - 626- 6799 or 1(646) - 558- 8656. To participate by computer or mobile app: <https://zoom.us/j/99729462462> Meeting ID: **997 2946 2462** 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, and Town Planner, Lisa Bryer, Michael Gray, Public Works Director and Senior Service Director Betsey Anderson.

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Council President White called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:33 P.M. in the Jamestown Town Hall, Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

D) Resolutions:

- 1) 2020-4 Resolution: Urging the Continued Appropriation of State & Local Revenues to Support Public Education

Council President White read the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to approve the 2020-4 Resolution: Urging the Continued Appropriation of State & Local Revenues to Support Public Education. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

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) Financial Town Meeting
 - 2) Memorial Day Parade
 - 3) Eighth Grade Processional

Town Administrator Hainsworth advised on the Financial Town Meeting, Memorial Day Parade and the Eighth grade Processional.

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: June 15, 2020

Meeting dates were reviewed.

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) Review, Discussion and Possible Action by the Town Council of documents prepared by Legal Counsel which will allow the Town to provide \$150,000 in affordable housing funding 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.
 - 1) Deed Restriction for LMI Housing
 - 2) Affordable Housing Grant Agreement

Town Solicitor Ruggiero reviewed the process.

Town Planner Bryer reviewed the status of the affordable housing and the change due to the market.

Christian Belden advised on the change regarding development of Church Community Housing.

Discussion ensued on the agreement and deed restrictions.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the Grant Agreement and Deed Restriction related to the development of 53 Narragansett Avenue into a mixed market-rate and affordable housing community and that the Town staff take any and all actions necessary to make effective the terms and conditions of the funding agreement. This authorization is conditioned however on Church Community Housing presenting a written letter to the Town Finance Director stating the date, time and place of the closing on the property which is the subject of this grant application, said closing being on or before, but not later than, October 1, 2020. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

- B) Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Affordable Housing Affordable Housing Project at 91 Carr Lane; potential change from 100% affordable project to Communities of Opportunity project (mixed income development) for the purpose of being more competitive with respect to grant opportunities.
 - 1) Memorandum from Lisa Bryer Town Planner with previous approvals attach

Town Planner Bryer reviewed the status of 91 Carr Lane.

Discussion ensued on 91 Carr Lane and it was noted it would be placed on the June 15th Town Council meeting for further action and discussion.

- C) Discussion and Possible Action to Order to Advertise in the Jamestown Press; Notice of a Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to advertise the Community Development Block Grant for Public Hearing. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve the Consent Agenda Items A , C & D and Item B would be pulled for further discussion. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

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

MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2019 TAX ROLL		
12-0900-48M	Motor Vehicle	\$68.91
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY ABATEMENTS TO 2019 TAX ROLL		
16-0809-89	Plat 8, Lot 465	\$62.50
TOTAL ABATEMENTS		\$ 131.41

- C) Approval of Resolution 2020-5 Regarding Lease & Advances for Public Works and Sewer Department Equipment to be Financed under Leases
- D) 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

The following item was pulled for further discussion:

- B) Marine Vessel Beverage License – **Class G** – Renewal
 - 1) Conanicut Marine Services
dba: MV The Jamestown
Location: East Ferry Wharf

Chief Mello discussed concern with local review and service at the dock.

Discussion ensued on local review.

A motion was made by Councilor Beye with second by Councilor Piva to Continue the MV Beverage License Class G Renewal to the June 15th Town Council Meeting. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

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

Sydney Keen of Walcott Avenue requested a Resolution be adopted for Jamestown Pride month. It was noted this would be placed on the June 15th Agenda.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to adjourn at 7:48 P.M. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Attest:

Erin F. Liese, CMC, Town Clerk