

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 1, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on September 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/96624922718> Meeting ID: **955 2140 6463** 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, Town Planner, Lisa Bryer, Michael Gray, Public Works Director, Erin Liese, Town Clerk and Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant.

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Council President White called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:31 P.M. in the Jamestown Town Hall, Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. 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) Lease Agreement with We Dig Investments –Listed Consent Agenda
 - 2) Agreement between RI DEM, Town of Jamestown, Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. - Consent Agenda
 - 3) Addendum to Lease with New England Golf Course Management, Inc. - Consent Agenda
 - 4) Covid-19 Local Update- No Action Required
 - 5) Motor Vehicle Tax- No Action Required

Town Administrator Hainsworth reported on the following:

- The lease agreement with We Dig Investments, 29 Narragansett Avenue is extended thru October 1, 2020 for \$1,000.00 per month.
- Joe Mistowski of the Jamestown Golf Course has asked to add an addendum to the lease agreement. By using a new technology “Drill and Fill” for the reconstruction of the greens, it will be cost effective and business can continue with little to no interruption for the golfers. Mr. Mistowski will purchase the machine and the Town will purchase the materials.
- There have been 25 positive cases of COVID-19 in Jamestown since March
- Motor Vehicle Taxes were not included in the recent Tax Bill. The Motor Vehicle Tax phase out was at 85% and proposed to decrease to 80%. The General Assembly has not passed their budget as of yet.

- B) Town Planner's Report- Lisa Bryer
 - 1) Affordable Housing Project at 91 Carr Lane Proposal Update
 - 2) 53 Narragansett Avenue (Former Bakers Pharmacy) by Church Community Housing Corporation for re-use as an Affordable/Private Housing Project Update

Town Planner Bryer updated the Council on the following:

- Church Community Housing is continuing to work on the funding for 91 Carr Lane with Rhode Island Housing
- 53 Narragansett Avenue is moving along. It has been before the Technical Review Committee and the Planning Commission as pre application, with very positive feedback. A funding agreement has been provided.

- C) Town Clerk's Report- Erin F. Liese
 - 1) Election Voting Options for Statewide Primary & General Election

Town Clerk Liese explained the voting options available for the Primary and General Election.

IV. 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: September 21, 2020

Meeting dates were reviewed.

- 2) Schedule Noise Ordinance Town Council Workshop

A Zoom workshop is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

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

V. 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) Ratification of the First Addendum Lease Agreement with the Town of Jamestown and the New England Golf Course Management, Inc.
- B) Ratification of the Lease Agreement with the Town of Jamestown and We Dig Investments, LLC for the Parking Lot located on Narragansett Avenue

C) Ratification of the Consent Agreement with State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office, Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. and the Town of Jamestown

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

ABATEMENTS TO 2020 TAX ROLL

03-0712-00	Plat 2, Lot 193	\$3,426.52
26-0017-69	Plat 2, Lot 193	\$288.91

ADDENDA TO 2020 TAX ROLL

01-0001-69	Plat 2, Lot 83	\$1,819.07
02-0625-75	Plat 8, Lot 527	\$2,42.57
02-1710-25	Plat 5, Lot 94	\$ 292.70
04-0310-00	Plat 5, Lot 276	\$ 459.89
03-0247-40	Plat 5, Lot 404	\$1,514.17
06-0375-45	Plat 8, Lot 25	\$1,116.30
12-0406-25	Plat 1, Lot 322	\$ 857.24
12-0927-75	Plat 9, Lot 142	\$ 979.33
18-0351-75	Plat 8, Lot 890	\$ 885.80

TOTAL ABATEMENTS	\$ 3,715.43
TOTAL ADDENDA	\$ 10,347.07

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with 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

VI. 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: Jamestown Town Council
From: David St. Coeur
Re: Basketball Courts
 - 2) Copy of Memorandum to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Michael Swistak, Chair, Jamestown Planning Commission
Date: August 25, 2020
Re: Zoning Ordinance Amendment related to Building Height

- 3) Copy of Request to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Newport County YMCA
Re: Fundraising Effort

**VII. 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

No Comments were made.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to adjourn at 7:07 P.M. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Attest:

Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant