

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
February 3, 2021**

**I. ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on February 3, 2021. 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 Meeting ID 865 2860 7632. To participate by computer or mobile app: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86528607632>. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Mary Meagher, Erik G. Brine, Michael G. White 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, Town Clerk, Erin Liese and Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant

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

Council President Beye called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 5:40 P.M. held via Zoom, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A) Review of the FY 2020 Financial Statements with Paul Dansereau, representing Baxter Dansereau & Associates

Paul Dansereau gave the presentation.

Councilor Brine asked if there were any surprises in the report. Paul Dansereau stated there were no surprises. Jamestown is one of his favorite Towns to audit, because of a long standing relationships with the Financial Director, Business Manager and a lot of the staff. Consistency is very important. The qualified people that work in these departments and the longevity is very important.

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

*Please Note the Following Items are Status Reports and Matters of Interest to the Council and are for Informational Purposes unless Indicated Otherwise and will be Acted upon in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b)*

- A) EMA Report: Chief Edward Mello: Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution  
Chief Mello reported on the following:

For the next 4 weeks there will be an ad in the Jamestown Press regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

30 of Jamestown's oldest residents were vaccinated at the MedPod in South Kingstown today.

Beginning February 15, the State will be providing Jamestown with 40 vaccines per week for 4 weeks. The State has guaranteed there will be 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of the vaccine for those vaccinated with their 1<sup>st</sup> shot.

160 appointment slots have been filled for the vaccination clinics to be held at the Melrose School MedPod.

40% of Jamestown's population is 65+. This was not a factor in the allocation of the vaccine by the Department of Health which went by the total population, not age.

If the rate of vaccines received stays this low, it will be difficult to sustain and justify the mobilization of the Melrose School MedPod.

In the past, there was a much larger pool of vaccinators for the H1N1 vaccine clinics including EMT Basics, pharmacy school techs and pharmacy techs. When this was brought to the attention of the Department of Health, their response was they will address that when they need to.

The State has provided no guidance on how to prioritize people based upon medical conditions. We just need the vaccine.

Discussion ensued.

B) Town Clerk's Report: Erin F. Liese Regarding the March 2, 2021 Statewide Special Election

Town Clerk, Erin Liese reported on the options available to the residents of Jamestown for the Statewide Special Election; mail ballot, early voting in the Town Council Chambers beginning Wednesday, February 10, 2021 and then Election Day is on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

C) Senior Services Report Regarding Winter Programming

Town Administrator Jamie Hainsworth reported on the services being provided. Grab and Go meals, Meals on Wheels and the growth in the department. AARP will begin doing taxes the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Plenty of good healthy activities are continuing.

D) Traffic Committee Report by Vice President Meagher Regarding Dumpling Drive Parking & Traffic

The State approved a request from Chief Mellow for having bike lanes on East Shore Road, Eldred Avenue and Walcott Avenue.

The Traffic Committee concluded that more information is necessary regarding the Dumpling Drive parking and traffic.

## V. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

*The Town Council will review each license application and vote on it individually. 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 M. White to approve the renewal Peddler and Holiday License application for A.B. Monroe Dairy, Inc. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye**

B) Trash Collector License Renewal Applications

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

- 2) Applicant: Republic Services, Inc. **dba: Republic Services, Inc.**  
Address: 1080 Airport Road, Fall River, MA 02720
  
- 3) Applicant: Waste Management of RI, Inc. **dba: Waste Management**  
Address: 1610 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920

**A motion was made by Councilor R. White with second by Vice President Meagher to approve the renewal of Trash Collectors’ License for Island Rubbish, Republic Services, and Waste Management. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye**

**VI. 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: Regular Meeting February 16, 2021 6:00 P.M.
  - 2) Schedule Ethics Commission Training- Available dates March 11<sup>th</sup> or March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.

The Ethics Commission Training will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.

- B) Review, Discussion and or take Action Regarding the 2021 Fort Getty Seasonal Rates and Fee Schedule; continued from the meeting of January 19, 2021

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the following Fort Getty Pavilion Fees.**

Facility	Type	Description	Rate	Increase
Pavilion	Resident	Off-Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$325.00	\$75.00
Pavilion	Resident	Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$500.00	\$100.00
Pavilion	Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental Off-Peak	\$500.00	\$100.00
Pavilion	Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental Peak	\$750.00	\$150.00
Pavilion	Resident	Saturday Rental Off-Peak	\$500.00	\$100.00
Pavilion	Resident	Saturday Rental Peak	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Off-Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$800.00	\$200.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental Off-Peak	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental Peak	\$1,500.00	\$300.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Saturday Rental Off-Peak	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Saturday Rental Peak	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Off-Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$325.00	\$75.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$600.00	\$100.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Friday & Sunday Rental Off-Peak	\$500.00	\$100.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Friday & Sunday Rental Peak	\$800.00	\$200.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Saturday Rental Off-Peak	\$500.00	\$100.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Saturday Rental Peak	\$1,000.00	\$250.00

**Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye**

## **VII. 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 or take Action Regarding Naming of the Bike Path “Robert W. Sutton, Jr.”

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to naming the now completed bike path as the Robert W. Sutton, Jr. Bike Path. Also the placement of 2 plaques stating such. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye**

- B) Review, Discussion and or take Action Regarding the Request by Jamestown Arts Center, for approval to Exhibit Temporary Artwork from June, 2021 through October, 2021 at the following exhibit locations:
- 1) One (1) Artwork at East Ferry “Christmas Tree” location.
  - 2) One (1) Artwork at the Entrance to the New Bike Path at the Eldred Avenue entrance
  - 3) Three (3) Short Term Projects at the New Bike Path

**A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Vice President Meagher to approve the request by Jamestown Arts Center, for approval to Exhibit Temporary Artwork from June, 2021 through October, 2021 at (1) Artwork at East Ferry “Christmas Tree location,; (1) Artwork at the Entrance to the New Bike Path at the Eldred Avenue entrance; and (3) Short Term Projects at the New Bike Path. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye**

- C) Review, Discussion and or take Action on Beavertail State Park Application for Federal Surplus Property for Public Park or Recreational Purposes- Portion Naval Communication Station, Newport Naval Base Jamestown, RI, (N-RI-467), to amend the provision in the 1973 Program of Utilization to Convert the Historic Battery Whiting into a Tourist Attraction

**A motion was made by Councilor R. White with second by Councilor M. White to approve DEM’s request for the Town Administrator Jamie Hainsworth to send a letter to amending the language as suggested to say now subject to future financial appropriation. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye**

- D) Review, Discussion and or take Action on Establishment of an Economic Development Committee

Councilor Brine proposed the idea of an Economic Development Committee and volunteered to be the Town Council liaison. Councilor Brine would welcome recommendations from fellow

Councilors and members of the public in writing a charge for that committee. Councilor Brine does not recommend, at this point, making it a standing or permanent committee.

Discussion ensued.

Councilor Brine will report back with a specific charge and bring it back before the Town Council for their vote.

No Motion was made.

**VIII. 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) Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (one vacancy with a three-year term expiring December 31, 2023)
  - 1) Letter on interest for appointment
    - a) Darcy Magratten

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to appoint Darcy Magratten to the Tree Preservation and Protection Committee for a (3) year term with an expiring December 31, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.**

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

**IX. 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.*

- B) Adoption of Town Council Minutes
  - 1) January 4, 2021 (Regular Meeting)
  - 2) January 19, 2021 (Board and Commission Interviews)
- C) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
  - 3) Zoning Board of Review (December 15, 2020)
- D) Request of Tax Assessor for Specific Abatements & Addenda of Taxes

<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2020 TAX ROLL</b>		
05-0352-85M	Motor Vehicle	\$5.90
05-0352-85M	Motor Vehicle	\$43.57
06-0161-62M	Motor Vehicle	\$17.52
10-0095-21M	Motor Vehicle	\$47.21
<b>ADDENDA TO 2020 TAX ROLL</b>		
03-0570-70	Plat 10, Lot 91	\$ 870.47
<b>TOTAL ABATEMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 114.20</b>
<b>TOTAL ADDENDA</b>		<b>\$ 870.47</b>

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- E) Appointment of Nancy Beye as Town Council Liaison to the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce.

**X. 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: Discover Newport  
Dated: December 15, 2020  
Re: Annual Audit Report
- 2) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Town Council  
From: Quonset Development Corporation  
Dated: January 13, 2021  
Re: Annual Audit Report
- 3) Copy of Letter to: Ms. Nancy Beye, Jamestown Town Council  
From: Mark Baker  
Dated: January 14, 2021  
Re: Mooring Allocation Schedule
- 4) Copy of Letter to: Ms. Nancy Beye, Jamestown Town Council  
From: Tim Lemire  
Re: Parental Alienation

**XI. 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.*

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

No requests to address the Council were made

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Vice President Meagher to adjourn at 7:37 P.M. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.**

Attest:

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Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant