

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2021

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on March 1, 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 99225053708. To participate by computer or mobile app: <https://zoom.us/j/99225053708>. 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, Erin F. Leise, Town Clerk, 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 6:30 P.M. held via Zoom, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A) Presentation by Clean Ocean Access on 2020 Achievements, Education & Outreach, and 2021 Goals for Programmatic Work in Jamestown

Dave McLaughlin, Max Kraimer and Zoe Pagliaro of Clean Ocean Access shared highlights of the 2020 season in Jamestown.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to sit as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

IV. 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) Town Council Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board
Notice is hereby given by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town as provided under Title 3, Chapters 1-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended.
- 1) Approval of Transfer Class B Victualer Liquor License: Jamestown Restaurant Group, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café to Jamestown Locals, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café, 25 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown; for application that has been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, effective from date of issuance to November 30, 2021 (duly advertised in the Jamestown Press on February 18th and February 25th).

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Transfer Class B Victualer Liquor License: Jamestown Restaurant Group, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café to Jamestown Locals, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café, 25 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown; for application that has been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, effective from date of issuance to November 30, 2021 (duly advertised in the Jamestown Press on February 18th and February 25th). License to be granted but not issued until all of the required information for the license be received. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

Vice President Meagher recused herself from the Approval of Transfer Class B-L Victualer Liquor License: Village Hearth Bakery

- 2) Approval of Transfer Class B-L Victualer Liquor License: Village Hearth Bakery Inc. dba: Village Hearth Bakery to VHBC, LLC. Db: Village Hearth Bakery and Café, 2 Watson Avenue, Jamestown; for application that has been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, effective from date of issuance to November 30, 2021 (duly advertised in the Jamestown Press on February 18th and February 25th).

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor E. Brine to Approve the Transfer Class B-L Victualer Liquor License: Village Hearth Bakery Inc. dba: Village Hearth Bakery to VHBC, LLC. Db: Village Hearth Bakery and Café, 2 Watson Avenue, Jamestown; for application that has been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, effective from date of issuance to November 30, 2021 (duly advertised in the Jamestown Press on February 18th and February 25th). Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- B) Town Council adjourns as the Liquor Licensing Board

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor R. White to adjourn sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- C) Approval of Multi-License Application (Date of Issuance - November 30, 2021), Victualing License, Holiday License and Entertainment License: Jamestown Locals, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café, 25 Narragansett Avenue.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to Approve the Multi-License Application (Date of Issuance - November 30, 2021), Victualing License, Holiday License and Entertainment License: Jamestown Locals, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café, 25 Narragansett Avenue. License to be granted but not issued until all of the required information for the license be received. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

Vice President Meagher recused herself from the Approval of Application for Victualing & Holiday License Village Hearth Bakery

- D) Approval of Application for Victualing & Holiday License (Date of Issuance- November 30, 2021): VHBC, LLC. Db: Village Hearth Bakery and Café, 2 Watson Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor R. White to Approve the Application for Victualing & Holiday License (Date of Issuance- November 30, 2021): VHBC, LLC. Db: Village Hearth Bakery and Café, 2 Watson Avenue.

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

V. 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) Town Administrator's Report: Jamie A. Hainsworth
- 1) Budget F.Y. 2021- 2022
 - 2) Building Official Vacancy
 - 3) Parks and Recreation Director and Laborer Vacancies
 - 4) Covid- 19 Status
 - 5) Fireworks
 - 6) Letter to RI DOT concerning reconstruction project of North Road
 - 7) Amendment to Lease Howland Avenue Tower- Listed in Consent
 - 8) Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation – Listed in New Business
 - 9) Wickford Avenue, Right of Way- Listed in Unfinished Business

Town Administrator Hainsworth reported on the following:

The proposed budget deadline will be met on March 8.

Delaying any agreements with regards to the 4th of July Fireworks.

There has been no acknowledgment from the Director of RI DOT concerning the reconstruction project of North Road.

- B) EMA Report: Chief Edward Mello: Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Chief Mello updated on the local efforts for the COVID-19 vaccination.

To date 254 1st dose vaccines have been administered locally, focusing on the age based population of 75+. There are 100 more 1st dose vaccines scheduled over the next 2 weeks. There will then be 6 weeks of 2nd dose vaccination clinics. The State will begin transitioning to a Regional Model for vaccines.

- C) Report by Council President Beye on Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce President Beye met with the Chamber on February 23, 2021 along with Town Council Members from Middletown, Newport and Tiverton.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- A) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times
 - 1) Town Council Joint Meeting with School Committee March 8, 2021 @6:00 P.M.

The Joint Meeting has been canceled.

- 2) Town Council/ Water & Sewer Meeting Schedule: Regular Meeting March 15, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.
- B) Review, Discussion and/or Act Regarding Wickford Avenue Right of Way Court Judgement and Acceptance of Donation by the Plaintiffs of \$3,000.00 toward constructing a foot path.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Brine to accept the Donation by the Plaintiffs of \$3,000.00 toward constructing a foot path with a note of thanks. 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 Act and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Review, Discussion and/or Act Regarding 91 Carr Lane – Affordable Housing on Town Property
 - 1) Extend Purchase and Sales Agreement with CCHC due to expire on March 31, 2021, until March 31, 2022
 - 2) Authorization to amend the Affordable Housing project to a mixed income development: from 4 lots-6 affordable units to 4 lots-2 affordable units/2 market rate lots for the purpose of self-subsidizing

Christian Beldon of Church Community Housing explained they will now move forward with the subdivision of the lot, creating 4 separate lots and sell the existing single family home and garage as separate parcels. Pay the Town for the acquisition fee with the proceeds from the sale. The remainder of the proceeds would provide them with the grant funds they had been trying to get from the State, enabling CCH to build (2) Net Zero Affordable Homes on the remaining 2 lots. Seeking the approval for the extension of the Purchase and Sales Agreement for another year, expiring 3/2022.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the extension of the Purchase and Sales Agreement with revisions to the contingencies in the Agreement with the Solicitors approval. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor R. White to approve the Authorization to amend the Affordable Housing project to a mixed income development: from 4 lots-6 affordable units to 4 lots-2 affordable units/2 market rate lots for the purpose of self-subsidizing. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye;

Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- B) Review, Discussion and/or Act Regarding Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation-Fort Getty Contract Amendment Requests
- 1) Permission to set up and conduct outdoor classes earlier than April 15, 2021 as weather permits
 - 2) Request for removal of two concrete walls (North & East) on the existing foundation and to pour a new concrete floor over the existing floor

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Vice President Meagher to approve the request of CISF to set up and conduct outdoor classes earlier than April 15, 2021 as weather permits 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 Brine with second by Vice President Meagher to approve the request for removal of two concrete walls (North & East) on the existing foundation and to pour a new concrete floor over the existing floor at CISF expense. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- C) Review, Discussion and/or Act regarding Request of President Beye for Revisions to the Dog Ordinance and Leashing

Chief Mello to compile a report for the next Town Council Meeting on March 15, 2020.

- D) Review, Discussion and/or Act regarding Request of Vice President Meagher regarding CRMC Board Membership

Discussion ensued. No action taken.

- E) Review, Discussion and/or Act regarding Request of Vice President Meagher regarding Resident Sticker Parking

Discussion ensued. No action taken.

- F) Review, Discussion and/or Act regarding Request of Vice President Meagher regarding Food Trucks in Beavertail

Vice President Meagher read a letter she composed on behalf of the Town of Jamestown and would like to send it to Janet Coit, Director of DEM, our Representatives and the Governor's office, with regards to Food Trucks at Beavertail. The letter states the Town of Jamestown vehemently objects to Rhode Island DEM's plan to allow food trucks to congregate and serve customers on a regular basis at Beavertail State Park.

Paul Sprague of 11 Mast Street, has issue with the wording of the letter, written by Vice President Meagher, where it says 'the Town of Jamestown' he does not believe that would be entirely inclusive of how everyone in the Town of Jamestown feels.

Frank Meyer of Southwest Avenue, complaints should be given to the Beavertail Advisory Committee and Gary Gaulkin of DEM.

Catherine Gregory, thanked Vice President Meagher for bringing the letter forward.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor R. White to approve sending the letter opposing Food Trucks in Beavertail, to Janet Coit, Director of DEM, our Representatives, The Governor, as amended to say the Town Council of Jamestown. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

VIII. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS

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

- A) Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Schedule a Public Hearing on Amendments to the Parking Ordinance
 - 1) Memorandum from Chief Edward A. Mello dated February 24, 2021 Overnight Parking Ordinance

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Vice President Meagher to accept the amendments as made by Chief Mello with the understanding that the resident parking situation be taken up at a later date and to schedule a Public Hearing on the matter. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Brine 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.

- A) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Harbor Commission (December 9, 2020)
 - 2) Harbor Commission (January 9, 2020)
 - 3) Library Board of Trustees (December 8, 2020)
 - 4) Library Board of Trustees (January 12, 2021)
 - 5) Traffic Committee (February 20, 2020)
 - 6) Planning Commission (December 2, 2020)
 - 7) Planning Commission (January 6, 2021)
 - 8) Conservation Commission (January 12, 2021)
 - 9) Board of Canvassers (January 25, 2021)
 - 10) Board of Canvassers (February 9, 2021)

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

| MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENTS TO 2020 TAX ROLL | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| 18-0656-87M | Motor Vehicle | \$26.88 |
| TOTAL ABATEMENTS | | \$ 26.88 |

- C) Authorization of the Town Administrator to sign the Contract with AT&T for Proposed Upgrades to Equipment on High Street, Jamestown Water Tank (RI4182 / 10085264)

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) Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns
 - 1) Resolution of the Town of Charlestown regarding request of support of 2021- H 52800 and 2021 S – 0106 Relating to Health and Safety, Beverage Container Deposit and Recycling Act of 2021

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

Ann Garnett of 46 Cole Street, would like to expand the concern of Food Trucks to include Fort Wetherill, not just Beavertail.

Peter Converse of 162 Narragansett Avenue, thanked the Town Council for the letter to DEM and agrees with including Fort Weatherill. He also addressed his concerns regarding disabled parking with a letter sent to Michela Cahoon, of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and the Jamestown Traffic Committee.

Anthony Pinheiro of Beacon Avenue, does not disagree with the Food Truck thing. Hopefully it all works out.

Paul Levesque of 138 Narragansett Avenue, would like to know who to call to enforce the current dog ordinance. Would like to see the leash law be full time.

Janet La Branche of 34 Plymouth Road is also in favor of a 24 hour leash law.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor Brine to adjourn at 8:42 P.M. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

Attest:

Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant