

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on December 7, 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/81914577251> Meeting ID: 819. Town Council Members present were as follows: Michael G. White, Mary Meagher, Nancy A. Beye, Erik G. Brine 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, Town Planner, Lisa Bryer, Fire Department Chief Jim Bryer, Director of Senior Services Betsy Anderson, Town Clerk Erin Liese, and Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Clerk Liese called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:37 P.M. held via Zoom, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND TOWN MODERATOR: OATH ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL PETER NERONHA

Town Administrator Hainsworth introduced the Attorney General Peter Neronha.

Attorney General Neronha congratulated every one being sworn in. He was incredibly impressed with what they do in public service. He admires the work they do outside of their normal lives in this great community. With that he administered the Oath of Office to the Town Council.

- A) Town Council:
 - 1) Nancy A. Beye
 - 2) Mary E. Meagher
 - 3) Michael G. White
 - 4) Erik G. Brine
 - 5) Randall White

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected Town Council Members by Attorney General Neronha.

- B) Town Moderator:
 - 1) John A. Murphy

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected Moderator by Attorney General Neronha.

- C) School Committee:
 - 1) Sally F. Schott
 - 2) Agnes C. Filkins
 - 3) Andrew C. Allsopp

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected School Committee members by Attorney General Neronha.

IV. NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS

Town Clerk Liese called for nominations for Town Council President.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White to appoint Nancy Beye as Town Council President with second by Councilor Meagher. Vote: Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

The meeting was turned over to Town Council President Beye.

Council President Beye called for nominations for Town Council Vice President.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor R. White to nominate Mary Meagher as Town Council Vice President. 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) RI Slave History Medallion
 - 2) Request of Jamestown Estates Homeowners Association Regarding Sewer Line and Westwind Drive
 - 3) Dumpling Drive Parking & Traffic Report
 - 4) Status of Beavertail Lighthouse Property becoming Surplus Property
 - 5) Jamestown Chamber of Commerce Request of Town Municipal Parking Lot, Narragansett Avenue during the 2021 Season, due to COVID-19
 - 6) Wickford Avenue, Right of Way-Listed in New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Town Administrator Hainsworth reported on the following:

The dedication of the RI Slave History Medallion, that is to be placed at East Ferry, will be erected on December 9 and the dedication will be at a later date due to COVID.

The request of the Jamestown Estates Homeowners Association regarding the sewer line and Westwind Drive is still being looked into. Hoping to have a full report in January with recommendations.

A traffic report was commissioned by a previous Town Council for Dumpling Drive during the summer season. Unless otherwise advised, it will be forwarded to the Traffic Committee.

The Coast Guard has decided to surplus the lighthouse property at Beavertail, as reported to the last Council. DEM, the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association and the Town are working on a 3 way MOU. Town Administrator Hainsworth confirmed that the upkeep and maintenance of the lighthouse would be the responsibility of both the Lighthouse Museum Association and the Town.

Jamestown Chamber of Commerce has requested to continue using the Municipal Parking Lot on Narragansett Avenue into the next year. Town Administrator Hainsworth has introduced a MOU to the Chamber of Commerce and will be back before the Town Council for their final approval.

- B) Finance Director's Report: Christina D. Collins
 - 1) General Obligation Bond

Finance Director Collins reported on the closing of \$5.3 million worth of bonds on November 20. The bonds were for the fire truck, road paving, the golf course and dam work. The Town was able to obtain a tax exempt of 1.4% and 2.3% for the taxable which would be for the golf course. By doing a direct purchase with the banks for the bonds and Moody's reaffirmation of a Double A rating, the Town saved a considerable amount of money.

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) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times
 - 1) Town Council Meeting Schedule: December 14th @ 5:30

Meeting dates were reviewed.

- B) Setting of 2021 Town Council Meeting Date Calendar
- C) Possible Adoption and Amendments of Town Council Rules and Procedures

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Councilor R. White to adopt the Town Council Rules and Procedures Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- D) Review, Discussion, and/or take Action Regarding Whether to Accept Wickford Avenue and a Portion of Bay View Drive as depicted on the Conanicut Park Plat of 1873 and as further depicted on the Map attached and named as a Publicly Owned Property with Relocation of a Public Right of Way to the Bay

A motion was made by Councilor M. White that the Town Council accept the incipient dedications of Wickford Avenue and a certain portion of Bay View Drive as shown on the

Conanicut Park Plat of 1873 and as more specifically shown on that certain map titled Wickford Avenue/Bay View Drive, Jamestown, R.I. December 2020 with second by Vice President Meagher Vote: Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

VII. 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) Beavertail State Park Advisory (one vacancy with term expiring 12/31/2023)
 - 1) Letter of interest for reappointment
 - a) Suzi Andrews
 - 2) Letter of interest for appointment
 - a) Stephen Bois
 - b) Kathleen Schweitzer
 - c) Cynthia J. Butler

- B) Conservation Commission (one vacancy with an unexpired term expiring 12/31/2023)
 - 1) Letters of interest for reappointment
 - a) Barbara Lundy
 - 2) Letter of interest for appointment
 - a) Christine Ariel

- C) Jamestown Harbor Commission Member (two vacancies with a three-year term expiring December 31, 2023)
 - 1) Letters of interest for reappointment
 - a) Stephen Bois
 - 2) Letter of Resignation
 - a) Mr. Harsch

- D) Jamestown Housing Authority (one vacancy with a five-year term expiring December 31, 2025)
 - 1) Letter of Resignation
 - a) Ed Gromada

- E) Juvenile Hearing Board (four vacancies; two full members with terms expiring December 31, 2023 and two alternate members with terms expiring December 31, 2022)
 - 1) Letter of interest for reappointment
 - a) Gary Cournoyer* seeks extension of term limits
 - b) Sydney Keen seeks reappointment as Alternate
 - c) Jill Harrison seeks reappointment as Full member
 - d) Joseph Cannon seeks reappointment from Alternate to Full Member

- 2) Letter on interest for appointment
 - e) Nancy Kolman Ventrone
- F) Jamestown Library Board of Trustees (three vacancies with a three-year term expiring December 31, 2023)
 - 1) Letters of interest for reappointment
 - a) Christ Walsh
 - 2) Letter of Resignation
 - a) Jen Cloud
 - b) Christian Infantolino
 - 3) Letter on interest for appointment
 - a) Ed Gromada
 - b) Carol Welch
 - c) Polly Carr
 - d) Mackenzie Richards
 - e) Kathleen Schweitzer
 - f) Devi Ross
- G) Police Pension Committee (one vacancy with term expiring May 31, 2020)
 - 1) Letter of interest for reappointment
 - a) Anthony Antine* seeks extension of term limits
- H) Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (two vacancies with a three-year term expiring December 31, 2023)
 - 1) Letter of resignation
 - a) Lois Mignault
 - 2) Letter of interest for reappointment
 - a) Steve Heath
- I) Tree Warden (one vacancy with a one-year term expiring December 31, 2021)
 - 1) Letter of interest for reappointment
 - a) Stephen Saracino
- J) Zoning Board of Review (six vacancies with one term expiring December 31, 2021; one term expiring December 31, 2025; three alternate member terms expiring December 31, 2021)
 - 1) Letter of resignation
 - a) Erik Brine
 - 2) Letters of interest for reappointment
 - a) Dean Wagner – Full Member
 - b) James King – Full Member

- c) Judy Bell- Alternate Member
- 3) Letter of interest for appointment
 - a) Christine Ariel
 - b) John Shekarchi
 - c) Alex Finkelman
 - d) Bill Harsch Alternate

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Vice President Meagher to table making any appointments tonight. Vote: Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

Interviews will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 15 beginning at 4:00 pm.

VIII. 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) October 19, 2020 (Water & Sewer Matters)
 - 2) November 2, 2020 (Regular Meeting)
 - 3) November 16, 2020 (Regular Meeting)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Zoning Board of Review (October 27, 2020)
 - 2) Planning Commission (October 21, 2020)
 - 3) Planning Commission (September 16, 2020)
 - 4) Planning Commission (October 7, 2020)
- C) Ratifying a Proclamation for Arbor Day, April 26, 2020
- D) Approval of Pole Placement Request by National Grid & Verizon New England for Relocation of Pole 11 25' North on Dumpling Drive; Plan WR # 28978099
- E) Approval of Fire Truck Bid Award for a 2013 Pierce Impel Pumper Truck to Siddons-Martin Emergency group of Denton, TX, for an amount not to exceed \$260,000 with an optional delivery charge not to exceed \$7,500 for a total bid award not to exceed of \$267,500
- F) Approval of a Split Rail Fence Award for the Reservoir Bike Path, for an Amount not to exceed \$12,816.00 for 1800 linear feet of split rail fence and materials

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

IX. 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.

- G) Communications Received:
- 1) Copy of email to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Caroline & Jeff Boden, Stephen H. Garnett
Dated: October 19, 2020
Re: 11/2 Town Council Meeting Parking Study
 - 2) Copy of letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Wendy Shapiro
Dated: October 28, 2020
Re: Dog Leashing Ordinances & Animal Control Officers
 - 3) Copy of Institute of Transportation Engineers Traffic Study Fact Sheet provided by David Cain

X. 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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Counselor M. White with second by Councilor Brine to adjourn the Town Council Meeting at 7:35 P.M. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

Attest:

Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant