



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Jamestown Town Hall
Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Avenue
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
5:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON ONLY.

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED: To view the meeting with no interaction:
<http://158.123.195.41/OTRMedia/Town2020/Others2020/StreamPrimJtown.html>

The public is welcome to participate in this Town Council meeting. Open Forum offers citizens the opportunity to clarify an item on the agenda, address items not on the agenda, or comment on a communication or Consent Agenda item. Citizens are welcome to speak to the subject of a Public Hearing and are allowed to speak at the discretion of the Council President or a majority of Councilors present, or at other times during the meeting, in particular during New or Unfinished Business.

Anyone wishing to speak should use the microphone at the front of the room, stating their name and address for the record; comments must be addressed to the Council, not the audience. The Town Council hopes that citizens and Councilors alike will be respectful of each other's right to speak, tolerant of different points of view, and mindful of everyone's time.

Attachments for items on this meeting agenda are available to the public on the Town website at:
<https://jamestownri.gov/town-government/town-council/town-council-meetings-minutes/2022-meetings-minutes>

I. ROLL CALL

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. OPEN FORUM

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 prohibit 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

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A) None

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. Review, Discuss and/or Take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

A) Town Council Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board.

- 1) 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 that the following application has been received for a **New Class BV – Victualer Liquor License:**

CLASS BV – VICTUALER

Jamestown Marina Beverage Operations LLC

dba: One Ferry Wharf

3 East Ferry Wharf

Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Request for the Town Council to Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote of approval to proceed to advertise for a Public Hearing on a date to be determined, by the Town Council.

The Town Council adjourns from sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote: Request by Christian S. Infantolino to contract with the Town of Jamestown to operate a hotdog cart, also known as a Mobile Food Establishment (MFE) in the Town of Jamestown.
 - 1) Town Council Minutes from 12-05-2016, 04-03-2017, and 04-17-2017

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote: At the request of Vice President Meagher to proclaim June 20th, as Jamestown's Day to honor the memory of the ten-year-old boy known as Jamestown Martin, sold into indentured servitude to pay his mistress' debts on Christmas Eve 1791 by the Jamestown Town Council
 - 1) Memorandum from Vice President Meagher to the Town Council

VII. 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.

- 1) Copy of Citizen Request to the Town Council
From: Jeremy Collie
Date: May 8, 2022
Re: Revise the Jamestown Noise Ordinance

- 2) Copy of email to Town Clerk Roberta Fagan
From: Christine O'Connor
Date: May 17, 2022
Re: Dog Ordinance

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c), Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website and at the Town Hall and the Jamestown Philomenian Library. Notice is also posted at the Jamestown Police Station and on the Internet at www.jamestownri.gov.

ALL NOTE: If communications assistance is needed or other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please call 1-800-745-5555, or contact the Town Clerk at 401-423-9800, via facsimile to 401-423-7230, or email to rfagan@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days before the meeting.

Posted on the RI Secretary of State's website on May 19, 2022.

RECEIVED:
MAY 19 2022 11:26 AM
Roberta J. Fagan
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Town Clerk

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EMILY J. MURPHY PRIOR*
CHRISTIAN S. INFANTOLINO**

*ALSO ADMITTED IN CONNECTICUT
**ALSO ADMITTED IN MASSACHUSETTS

NEALE D. MURPHY
1904-2003

RICHARD N. MORNEAU
1949-2018

Jamestown Town Council
c/o Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk
93 Narragansett Ave
Jamestown, RI 02835

May 19, 2022

RE: Request pursuant to Jamestown Ordinance Article IV Section 46-69(2)

Dear Town Council Members,

I respectfully request to contract with the Town pursuant to the above-mentioned ordinance provision which is necessary to operate a hotdog cart within the Town of Jamestown. This contract would be between a newly formed entity owned by myself. In order to operate a hotdog cart I would be required to obtain the following:

1. Certificate from the Department of Business Regulations
2. Department of Health Permit
3. Department of Taxation Retail Sales Permit
4. Contract with the Town of Jamestown

My request is to enter into a contract conditional upon the receipt of the above-mentioned permits. This will allow the business to know that we can operate within Jamestown before heavily investing in the equipment and permitting necessary.

Please see attached summary of proposal for discussion.

Very Truly Yours,

Christian S. Infantolino

Summary Proposal

For

423 Dogz

I. Introduction:

Before you tonight is a proposal to operate a hotdog cart within the Town of Jamestown. A hotdog cart is not new to Jamestown and it is my vision to bring back the nostalgic small town hotdog cart to town. It is the mission of this business to provide a small town experience with high quality products.

II. State and Local Requirements: The following are required in order to operate a hotdog cart within Rhode Island:

- (a) Certificate from the Department of Business Regulations
- (b) Department of Health Permit
- (c) Department of Taxation retail sales permit
- (d) Contract with the Town of Jamestown: Pursuant to Article 5 Section 46-69(2)

III. Proposed Time Period and Hours of Operation:

- (a) **Proposed Time Period:** May 15- September 1
- (b) **Proposed Hours of Operation:** Monday through Saturday 10-3:30pm
 - Holidays (i.e. fireworks, parades, etc...) through 7:00 pm

IV. Proposed Location(s):

- (a) Narragansett Avenue (in front of 77 Narragansett Avenue)
- (b) East Ferry Memorial Park
- (c) Mackerel Cove

V. Site Restrictions:

Vehicles, carts, trailers, grills, refrigerators, umbrellas, chairs and other vending related items will not be stored on the site outside of the hours of operation. The business shall be responsible for all site cleanup including grease spills, paper food products, and is to keep the site area clean and neat during hours of operation. Business shall remove all trash and recyclable materials daily. Business acknowledges that no electricity and or water will be provided onsite.

VI. Signage:

Business shall be allowed 2 signs no larger than 3' x 4'. One of the 2 signs to be onsite the other sign to be located in a strategic position in Town to direct traffic to the business location.

VII. Proposed Menu:

- a. Saugy Hotdog (grilled or steamed)
- b. All Beef Hotdog (grilled or steamed)
- c. Steamed or grilled buns
- d. Condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, onion, cheese, celery salt)
- e. Chips
- f. Drinks (soda, water, juice)
- g. Ice cream sandwiches, hoodsie cups, bomb pops

TC 12-05-2016

VI. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS

A) Administrator's Report: Town Administrator Andrew E. Nota
Mr. Nota commented on the evolution of the report and connectivity to what is happening in the individual Town departments. He proposes a more comprehensive report for the first meeting of the month, with updates as needed. Councilor Meagher commented this is the best report she has seen in four years. Council members comment favorably on the format and state it is terrific. Such an extensive report is not needed monthly, and would be appropriate quarterly, with updates on major issues as needed.

The first six items in the report are of a priority nature and need to be addressed sooner. Fort Getty and East Ferry require larger public discussions. Discussion ensued of East Ferry, the need for sidewalks, enhance what is there, and make it more pedestrian friendly. Councilor Meagher commented on a more public discussion and having separate sessions for Fort Getty and East Ferry (after the first of the year).

Councilor Dickinson asks about the Eldridge Avenue fields. Discussion ensued of the Pump Station and feasibility of getting water for the fields. Mr. Nota commented on a meeting with the Soccer Association. They are interested in partnering with the Town for large scale field rehabilitation (estimated cost of \$250,000 if outsourced). The project could be refined, with some work performed by Town staff, and adding it to the capital program. Discussion continued.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Upcoming meetings, work sessions, budget work sessions, workshops, and other sessions; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- 1) Town Council Meeting date and time
 - 2) Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting date and time

Council members review scheduling of meetings. The Town Council meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., with the Water and Sewer Meeting on the 3rd Monday as the first item of business on the agenda. Discussion ensued of having Boards/Commissions/Committees at the 2nd meeting of the month. The Library Board of Trustees will be at the December 19th meeting at 7:00 p.m., with Water and Sewer first on the agenda.

- B) Peddler's License application and approval procedure revisions; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

President Trocki noted the information provided by the Town Administrator. Mr. Nota reported on how the licenses are structured. Existing annual licenses are \$20, with vendors at set locations. Process streamlining was reviewed, with a new model for vendors at set locations (Mackerel Cove, East Ferry) being awarded through an RFP process. Council members agree with the RFP process. Discussion ensued. All vendors would be notified of procedural changes.

A motion was made by Vice President White with second by Councilor Meagher to have the Town Administrator move forward with the Peddler License procedure revisions. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Jamestown Community Playground Renovation Committee; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-17 Establishment of Community Playground Renovation Committee

Parks and Recreation Director Andy Wade reported on the proposed ad hoc committee for the recreation of the playground, using recent grant funding. The proposed members representing the community, parents, and ex officio members were noted and reviewed. Meetings would be open and public and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Discussion continued.

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Dickinson to create the Committee as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- B) Jamestown Tree Warden, pursuant to RIGL §2-14-2; annual appointment; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Letter of interest for reappointment
 - a) Steve Saracino
 - 2) Letter of recommendation for reappointment
 - a) Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee

Public Works Director Gray commented on the great job done by Mr. Saracino, he goes above and beyond what is expected, and he supports the reappointment.

A motion was made by Vice President White with second by Councilor Mihaly to approve the annual appointment of Steve Saracino as Tree Warden. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- C) Jamestown Cesspool Phase-out Program: Town Council appointment to Appeals Committee; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Public Works Director Gray explained the ordinance drafted and approved in compliance with the State Cesspool Phase-out Act. The Town adopted a phase-out program in 2011 with a January 1, 2016 deadline. There are 17 properties issued a Notice of Violation for non-compliance. We have received requests for meetings and a member of the Council

education and grants. Discussion ensued of how this committee would differ from the original committee, its proposed Committee Charge, and its important works in the past, and whether this could be an extension of the original committee. Ms. Kuhn Hines was asked to coordinate with the Town Administrator and Conservation Chair Maureen Coleman to determine the Committee Charge and function and come back to the Council at a future meeting.

B) 2017 Vending RFP Results

- 1) Award of Seasonal Vending Permit:
 - a) At Mackerel Cove to: Del's Lemonade & Refreshments, Inc. of Cranston, RI for the amount of \$3,250.00 as bid as recommended by Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Wade; review and discussion and or potential action and/or vote
 - b) At East Ferry to: Del's Lemonade & Refreshments, Inc. of Cranston, RI for the amount of \$3,350.00 as bid as recommended by Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Wade; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Town Administrator Nota reviewed the RFP results and process to date. The Fort Getty location had no bidders. Past Peddler licenses and RFP results were reviewed. The Del's truck traditionally located at Mackerel Cove would remain the same, and proposed for East Ferry is a Del's cart with umbrella on the grassy area.

Parks and Recreation Director Wade gave a synopsis of events leading up to the decision to explore other opportunities including the RFP process for Mackerel Cove, East Ferry and Fort Getty. The same two bidders bid Mackerel Cove and East Ferry - Del's Lemonade and Johnny Angel's Clam Shack. Discussion ensued of the East Ferry location and proposal, which would differ from past operations. Discussion ensued of potential impact on local businesses and the options before Council.

President Trocki and Councilor Meagher commented on the initiative to provide a service to the public and increasing revenues. Councilor Dickinson commented on potential disruption with a cart at the East Ferry location and ongoing parking issues. Councilor Mihaly and Vice President White wondered if the proposed Del's cart would have enough product for an entire day, parking issues at East Ferry, and this would be an experiment for one season.

Mike Ridge of Spinnaker's addressed the Council, recommended they not offer any vending permits at East Ferry, and noted concerns forwarded to Town Administration when the RFP went out. He chose not to submit a proposal and didn't use his mobile permit for some time. He expressed concern for parking issues at East Ferry, the potential loss of a parking space to the successful bidder, and the bid should be awarded to something complimentary to current downtown businesses, such as a vegetable farm stand. Mr. Ridge noted rent, taxes and fees paid by brick and mortar businesses compared

to a stand, concern for the green space at East Ferry, and Mackerel Cove is a better location for Del's.

Councilor Dickinson commented on drawing people into town and supporting existing businesses during the winter season.

Mr. Nota stated this will not affect special events, as Del's would be there until 5:00 p.m. No East Ferry parking space would be allocated for the vendor, who would park behind the Recreation Center.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to approve the vendor for Mackerel Cove. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

President Trocki would like to see more thought and more creative ideas to make this happen and would like to table Agenda Item No. IX. B) 1) b). Discussion ensued of whether this would raise the level of business activity or compete with local businesses. This agenda item is continued to the April 17th Town Council Meeting agenda.

X. ORDINANCES AND APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

- A) Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (One vacancy with a three-year term ending date of December 31, 2019); duly advertised; no applicants

There are no applicants, citizens are urged to apply, and advertising of the vacancy will continue.

XI. 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.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to approve and accept the Consent Agenda. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

The Consent Agenda approved consists of the following:

- A) Adoption of Council Minutes
 - 1) March 20, 2017 (regular meeting)
 - 2) March 21, 2017 (budget work session)
 - 3) March 23, 2017 (budget work session)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Traffic Committee (02/23/2017)
 - 2) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review (01/24/2017)
- C) One Day Event/Entertainment License Applications

TC 04-17-2017

- B) Jamestown Historical Society Report: Conanicut Battery Support for 2016 and Plans for 2017.

President Trocki noted the Council's appreciation for the JHS and their efforts. Dennis Webster is in attendance on behalf of the JHS and the Battery Committee to provide information. The Eagle Scout Projects at the Big Boulder Trail by Josh Neronha and Ryan Geib, clearing work at West Passage funded by a RI Senate Grant, 2017 tree management plans, Battery Day festivities on June 3rd, and April 22nd volunteer work party were highlighted.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Golf Course presentation and update: Public Works Director Michael Gray and Town Planner Lisa Bryer; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote, continued from April 3, 2017

Town Administrator Nota reported on the project to date and gave further information on the elements, including the 2nd floor, Alternate 4, and the construction cost summary prepared by Farrar & Associates based on the architect's conceptual drawings. Review and discussion of future use of the 2nd floor and basement space continued.

Discussion ensued of the potential to bring costs down and redefine the building. Town Administrator Nota explained that what is proposed is replacement of what currently exists, and the size is smaller than the present facility. Discussion ensued of misconceptions surrounding this project and providing proper information to the public. Discussion ensued of present and future uses for the clubhouse, public perceptions, and promoting the facility's value to the community. Council members agreed the project is not ready to move forward and shouldn't be rushed. Discussion ensued of presenting this to the voters at a Financial Town Meeting, referendum, or special election and the timelines associated with each process, including legislative authority for placement on an election ballot. Council members noted the condition of the clubhouse and the need for replacement. Public Works Director Gray commented this plan replaces what exists and the cost estimates are good.

Discussion ensued of the estimated cost per sq. ft. and how it was developed. Council members consider this a good plan but need further clarification of the costs and how developed. The base project is 7,000 sq. ft. The base lease provides \$175,000 revenue annually and the actual operating cost should be provided for public information. Discussion ensued of public support. A final plan must be chosen before a final cost can be determined.

Town Administrator Nota referenced the session held with the golfers and the opportunity to meet with them at the April 29th Opening Day event (Council members look forward to attending). Discussion continued. This item will be back on the May 1st Council agenda.

- B) Award of Award of Seasonal Vending Permit:
- 1) At East Ferry to: Del's Lemonade & Refreshments, Inc. of Cranston, RI for the amount of \$3,350.00 as bid as recommended

by Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Wade; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote, continued from April 3, 2017

Town Administrator Nota reviewed the discussion at the last meeting and follow-up with Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Wade and Mike Ridge of East Ferry business Spinnaker's. The prior vending license at this location was noted, which operated sporadically. This is an experiment for one season, and if this doesn't work would not be renewed. Council members expressed concern for existing businesses as East Ferry and downtown that operate year round; if this is successful there may be local interest for next season; the Council's goal is to promote business and support local businesses; the cart will not sell the same product as other East Ferry vendors; the cart will balance the services offered and enhance the area. Discussion continued.

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Vice President White to move acceptance of this bid. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Nay; Councilor Meagher, Nay; Councilor Mihaly, Aye. Motion passes by a majority vote in the affirmative.

President Trocki stated this is for a trial period.

Mike Ridge of Spinnaker's addressed the Council. He doesn't think East Ferry is an appropriate venue for the type of vending proposed. After the last session he thought this would be returned to town staff to develop new specifications that were more appropriate, would attract additional bidders, and there would have been opportunity to re-examine the scale of the project, which he does not consider appropriate for that space. Mr. Ridge was critical of having the same bid specs for the three locations.

Town Administrator Nota explained the common similarities in all aspects of a seasonal vendor services, including competition, with the main focus on parking. Councilor Dickinson interjected that the Council already voted. President Trocki stated it is not inappropriate to have this conversation and she would like to hear from Mr. Ridge, Andy Wade and the Town Administrator.

Councilor Mihaly asked how the bid could have been written differently. Mr. Ridge stated East Ferry is a sensitive and highly congested area and doesn't accommodate certain endeavors with respect to traffic flow and impact on the local business community. A more complimentary business, such as Stearns Farm selling farm products or other local vendor, would be desirable, and the bid as written would preclude this from happening.

Town Administrator Nota stated this would not preclude this from happening. President Trocki noted the purchasing process that must be followed. Town Administrator Nota explained the bid process and the opportunities available and the previous discussions with input from Mr. Ridge. Discussion ensued of support for local business, the bid process was similar to the process used by other communities, local vendors had the opportunity to bid, and this was a financial opportunity for the right activity. Discussion

continued. Mr. Ridge stated Del's belongs at Mackerel Cove but not at East Ferry, and he would appreciate the Council's reconsideration and eliminating the East Ferry bid award. President Trocki noted that no parking space was given up, Del's is required to park a vehicle behind the Recreation Center, and the cart will be located on the grass area. Mr. Ridge was asked if he would participate in a bid for special events. Discussion continued.

Solicitor Ruggiero noted the State statute governing the bid process prohibits the town from limiting the bid awards to local businesses only. Parks and Recreation Director Andy Wade commented on the research performed prior to the bid process, including review of similar activities in other communities. There were variations in the bid specs for the different locations in an attempt to protect the town.

C) Calendar for Board/Commission/Committee Sessions

Town Administrator Nota will prepare a schedule for Boards/Commissions/Committees to meet with the Council (at the second meeting of the month).

D) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times

1) Programs and Services for an aging population

Councilor Meagher commented this would be a significant discussion that could take place in May, including recent improvements in Senior Services. The Town Administrator will contact participants to schedule a session prior to the May 15th meeting (perhaps 5:30 p.m.) The Fort Getty discussion can be scheduled for a later date.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Award of Bid: to furnish labor and materials to complete the installation of masonry pavers at the Fort Getty Pavilion to **W. H. Peppes, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$11.75 per square foot** as recommended by Public Works Director Michael C. Gray

President Trocki noted the 25 cent difference between W. H. Peppes and the local vendor and the State purchasing law requirement to award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder. Mr. Gray noted the job can be completed by May 19th.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Mihaly to award the bid to W. H. Peppes, Inc. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- B) Adoption of the FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) Town, School, and Capital Budget; review and discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Town Administrator Nota stated there were no substantive changes to the FY 2018 Budget. Tax Assessor Gray updated the tax roll and feels confident an additional 1 cent can be taken off the tax rate. The current tax rate is \$8.58, it was anticipated the new tax rate would be \$8.68, is now \$8.67, and possibly \$8.66, due to growth. Councilor Dickinson requested further explanation of the budget, with a spending increase by the

From Mary Meagher

Dear Fellow Councilors,

One of the most compelling days of my service as a town councilor was May 22, 2021 when the Slave Medallion that we had authorized to be located at East Ferry was dedicated. The Rhode Island Slave History Medallion organization “is a statewide public awareness program committed to marking those historic sites connected to the history of slavery in Rhode Island.” In its effort “to make that history easily accessible by telling a more complete story of the cultural and economic development of the State of Rhode Island,” the initiative, dedication, and goodwill of this organization is inspiring.

That day, in the ceremony organized by Charles Roberts, who led the effort, I learned of the history of slavery in Jamestown. Jamestown’s own Peter Fay had thoroughly researched historical records and described a history that was shocking and surprising. You can read it here: <https://rishm.org/jamestown/east-ferry-wharf-jamestown-ri/>

Most notable to me was the story Peter told of a ten-year-old boy named Jamestown. From Peter’s text:

Black enslaved children who might require town funds for support were put under extra scrutiny. In 1784, the same year the much-heralded Gradual Abolition act was passed, the Town Council ordered a bill of sale of “a certain Negro Girl” owned by Rebecca Martin. Rebecca Carr Martin had inherited slaves from her husband’s father, John Martin (owner of Hannibal) who had owned ten slaves before the war, and she failed to provide for their support. By 1791, the Town Council had taken over management of widow Martin’s slaves altogether, as she was in “want of prudent management of her estate” and her slaves are “likely to become chargeable to the town.” The council appointed themselves guardians, ordered her to “transact no kind of business whatsoever,” and promptly dispatched her “Negro woman named Dinah,” her five children”, and three more of her slaves into indentured servitude. **On the holy day of Christmas Eve, 1791, Martin’s ten-year-old boy “Jamestown” was sold by the council for \$30 into indentured servitude. After eleven years, at age twenty-one, the boy would be released with “some clothes” in return for his labor.**

The councilors, who were from the Howland, Carr, Eldred, and Hammond families, were or had recently been slaveholders themselves.

As someone serving currently on the Town Council, the shock, horror, and sadness of this story and the magnitude of a previous town council’s abuse of power nearly brought me to my knees.

And so, I ask my fellow councilors to:

Proclaim June 20th, 2022, and each year afterward, as Jamestown’s day to honor the memory of this ten-year-old boy and all those who suffered the brutalities and injustice of slavery in our community and

Furthermore, to remind ourselves, future Town Councils, and all those who hold positions of authority in our town and our state, that the authority we hold and express is a public trust, vested in us by the citizens and residents of our community, and must never again be so abused as it was on Christmas Eve 1791.

I hope to work with Roberta to craft this proclamation, incorporating the history, into the proper form on the 20th when we will next meet in regular session.

Roberta Fagan

From: Jamie Hainsworth
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 8:20 AM
To: Roberta Fagan
Subject: FW: Jamestown, RI: Citizen Request submission

Roberta
Please put this under communications for the Council

Jamie A. Hainsworth
Town Administrator
Town of Jamestown
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835
401-423-9805

From: Jamestown Citizen request <jtnhelp@jamestownri.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Jamie Hainsworth <jhainsworth@jamestownri.net>
Subject: FW: Jamestown, RI: Citizen Request submission

Plesae review-

Aileen

From: noreply@visioninternet.com <noreply@visioninternet.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 12:47 PM
To: Jamestown Citizen request <jtnhelp@jamestownri.net>; jtn support <jtnsupport@jamestownri.net>
Subject: Jamestown, RI: Citizen Request submission

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

Form Name: Citizen Request Form
Date & Time: 05/08/2022 12:46 PM
Response #: 30
Submitter ID: 20341
IP address: 68.9.200.49
Time to complete: 6 min. , 38 sec.

Survey Details

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- 1. NAME - OPTIONAL** *(Please provide your name if you would like to speak with a Town employee regarding the request you are submitting)*
Jeremy Collie

2. **PHONE NUMBER - OPTIONAL** *(If you want to be contacted by a Town employee if we need more information about this request you are submitting)*
(401) 423-0139
3. **EMAIL - OPTIONAL** *(if you would like a copy of your submission and for the Town to use this method of contacting you regarding the information you are providing)*
Not answered
4. **REQUEST** *(Please be as specific as possible, including any location or other information that may help the Town to respond to your request)*
I would like to request the Town Council to take up the noise ordinance that it tabled in 2020. The noise problems have not abated since then; if anything they have become more severe. In my opinion the most pervasive noise sources are leaf blowers and back-up beepers. Thanks for you consideration of this request.
5. **SEND MORE INFORMATION** *(If you want to submit additional data, such as pictures or documents, please click this email address below to attach and send your digital information)*

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Thank you,
Jamestown, RI

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Roberta Fagan

From: Christine O'Connor <cjoconnor@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:06 PM
To: Roberta Fagan
Subject: Dog Ordinance

Good afternoon,

So the ordinance that prohibits dogs on beaches at any time is now just a summer prohibition?

- > There needs to be expedient action to rectify this so that so many islanders do not have their summers ruined.
- > Please at least consider a leashing regulation if the dog is not in the water, and a HEFTY fine for owners who do not clean up after their pet. I do not think \$100 or more is unreasonable to curb this bad human behavior.
- > If a parent leaves a dirty diaper on the beach, will the Council ban babies and children from the beach next??
- > We want a quick remedy to this punitive ordinance...please!
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- > Thank you,
- > Christine