

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 24, 2022

I. ROLL CALL

A Special meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on May 24, 2022. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Mary Meagher, and Erik Brine. Michael G. White and Randy White were absent.

Also, in attendance: Town Administrator Jamie Hainsworth, Solicitor Peter Ruggiero (via Zoom), Police Chief Edward Mello, Finance Director Christina Collins, Public Works Director Michael Gray, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, and Town Clerk Roberta Fagan.

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Council President Beye called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue and led the 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

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor Brine to convene as the Town Council Sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; and Councilor Brine, Aye

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.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Brine to approve the request to proceed to advertise for a Public Hearing on June 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye

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

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

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Christian Infantolino gave a brief overview of his business plan and request to contract with the Town of Jamestown to operate a hotdog cart. He further explained that he and his family would like to add to food offerings but not compete with the brick-and-mortar businesses. Letter and summary proposal was distributed to the Town Council members (see attached).

President Beye expressed concerns regarding the “what” and “where” of a hotdog cart operation. In her opinion East Ferry would be less favorable; Mackerel Cove would be ideal. Vice President Meagher would have no objection to the hotdog cart being located at East Ferry and/or Mackerel Cove.

Solicitor Ruggiero explained that the Town Council would specify the time, days of the week, and location and an appropriate licensing fee This would be a vendor agreement contract and does not require a Request for Proposals (RFP).

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Brine to approve the concept of a contract between the Town of Jamestown and Christian Infantolino to operate a hotdog cart aka (MFE) at a location on Town property, to be determined; and to present a formal business proposal for approval at the June 13, 2022, Town Council Meeting. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye;

- 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

Vice President explained the basis of her request to honor the Martin family on June 20th and her desire to establish a scholarship in their name. A year ago, at the dedication of the Slave Medallion at East Ferry, Vice President was inspired and moved by the story that Jamestown Martin and of all those that suffered the brutalities and injustices of slavery. The actions of the Town Council on Christmas Eve 1791 were unfortunately commonplace. This Resolution would be a reminder to the present and future Town Council members and those that hold the positions of authority in our Town and State, and that authority is one of public trust vested by the citizens, and should never be abused as it had been on Christmas Eve of 1791.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Brine to present a Resolution honoring the Martin family at the June 13, 2022, Town Council Special Meeting. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; and Councilor Brine, Aye

The Town Council acknowledges the Communications.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS

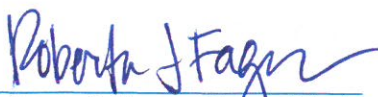
The Council may acknowledge any of the listed Communications and Proclamations and Resolutions. Should any member wish to have a conversation on any of the matters, the item will be placed on a future agenda for review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote.

- 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

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Brine to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; and Councilor Brine, Aye

Attest:



Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk

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

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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