

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 2022

A special meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on June 13, 2022. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Mary Meagher, Michael G. White, and Randy White. Erik Brine was absent

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

Town Council President Beye called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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) Review, Discussion and/or Action, and/or Vote regarding a Proclamation declaring June 19th through June 25th Jamestown Graduates Week, No. 2022-05

Councilor M. White read Proclamation declaring June 19th through June 25th Jamestown Graduates Week, No. 2022-05.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor Vice President Meagher to approve the Proclamation declaring June 19th through June 25th Jamestown Graduates Week, No. 2022-05 Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- B) Review, Discussion and/or Action, and/or Vote regarding A Resolution To Acknowledge a Wrong and to Honor Betty Martin and Her Family and all who suffered the brutalities and injustice of slavery in our community by flying the Juneteenth flag, from June 19th, the date now recognized as a federal holiday celebrating the end of slavery in the United States, through July 5th, or the first day of business after July 4th, this year and all years; and establishment of a scholarship, endowed by the Town of Jamestown, known as the Betty Martin Family Scholarship, No. 2022-06

Vice President Meagher read Resolution 2022-06.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second Councilor M. White by to approve the Resolution To Acknowledge a Wrong and to Honor Betty Martin and Her Family and all who suffered the brutalities and injustice of slavery in our community by flying the Juneteenth flag, from June 19th, the date now recognized as a federal holiday celebrating the end of slavery in the United States, through July 5th, or the first day of business after July 4th, this year and all years; and establishment of a scholarship, endowed by the Town of Jamestown, known as the Betty Martin Family Scholarship, No. 2022-06. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

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

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 has been received:

- 1) Application for a Class BV – Victualer Liquor License as advertised in the *Jamestown Press* editions of May 26th and June 2nd, 2022.

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 to approve the Class BV – Victualer Liquor License

Discussion ensued.

Atty. Infantolino representing Jamestown Marina Beverage Operations LLC, dba: One Ferry Wharf, addressed the Town Council.

Vice President Meagher expressed concern regarding the requested hours to serve alcohol, starting at 7 a.m.

Mr. Walker, representing One Ferry Wharf, no particular reason for requesting 7 a.m.

President Beye suggested 8 a.m. instead of 7 a.m.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class BV – Victualer Liquor License with the following restrictions:

- 1) Alcohol may not be served through a take-out window on the north side of the building.
- 2) No service outside on the north side of the building (sidewalk area).
- 3) Define the rear service and alcohol area limited to the inside and rear deck area immediately adjacent to the building.
- 4) No patron may leave the defined service area with alcohol.
- 5) Require signage to be posted at the rear deck indicating the service area (NO ALCOHOL BEYOND THIS POINT)
- 6) Liquor service restricted to the hours of 8 a.m.- 12:00 a.m. midnight

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

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

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

B) Licenses and Permits

- 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote to Approve the **New Application** that has been received by the Town Council for **Victualing & Holiday** License upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance for the year June 13, 2022 - November 30, 2022:
 - a) Applicant: Dutch Harbor Beverage LLC, dba: Scuttlebutt
 - Location: 252 Narragansett Avenue
 - Hours: May 1st – October 31st, 2022
Sunday- Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Discussion ensued.

Atty. Infantolino representing the applicant Dutch Harbor Beverage LLC, dba: Scuttlebutt, and requested to amend the dates of operation due to Zoning restrictions. The dates of operation should be May 1 thru October 18, 2022.

Vice President Meagher reviewed specific restrictions: open flames are prohibited, electric heating elements are permitted, 5 picnic tables are permitted, external music of any kind is strictly prohibited, and outdoor lighting is prohibited.

President Beye reminded the applicant to be mindful of neighbors; the Town Council had received correspondence from concerned neighbors.

General Manager Jeff Aubin (One Ferry Wharf and Scuttlebutt) described the menu which would consist of panini sandwiches, cookies, ice cream soda, prepared foods, coffee, and pastry. There would be no open flame.

Councilor R. White made a clarifying statement that alcohol service is prohibited.

Vice Meagher reiterated her concerns based on communications/complaints of residents and neighbors about traffic and aromas.

Councilor R. White also expressed concerns about increased traffic, and “smells”; conversely applauded the applicant for closing 15 minutes earlier than the zoning restriction.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor R. White to approve the amended Victualing & Holiday License for Dutch Harbor Beverage LLC, dba: Scuttlebutt. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

VI. UNFINISHED 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.

Christian S. Infantolino introduced his family and presented the logo and name of his new business Splash Dogs. Mr. Infantolino has ordered the food cart and once it arrives will take the necessary steps with the RI Board of Health, and the Town Clerk’s office to obtain the necessary license.

President Beye questioned the request to have the one cart in two locations (East Ferry and Mackerel Cove).

Mr. Infantolino requested permission at both East Ferry and Mackerel Cove for sake of ease but agrees that Mackerel Cove would be the main location of the business operation. And if operating at East Ferry, would be a sub-applicant to a special event applicant.

Councilor M. White stated he was a fan of the hot dog cart at East Ferry. Vendor carts are synonymous with small towns and would be supportive of the idea.

President Beye asked for clarification on the proposed fee – would it be for both locations or per each location? And would the liability insurance be cost-prohibitive?

Mr. Infantolino stated the fee was commensurate with a monthly parking space and expects the general liability insurance to be reasonable.

Town Administrator Hainsworth and Building/Zoning Official Moore will be working with the applicant on a designated parking spot at Mackerel Cove and signage.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to conditionally approve the request of 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 based on Town Administrator Hainsworth’s caveats. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote: Appointment of a member of the Jamestown Town Council to the Beavertail State Park Master Plan Stakeholder Group

President Beye stated that she applied for and received an advisory opinion letter from the RI Ethics Commission, permitting her to serve on the Beavertail State Park Master Plan Stakeholder Group.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to appoint President Beye to the Beavertail State Park Master Plan Stakeholder Group. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) None

VIII. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS

- A) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote to advertise the following Board/Commission/Committee vacancies:
 - 1) Tree Preservation & Protection Committee: One (1) unexpired term ending date of December 31, 2022
 - a) Letter of resignation
 - i) Carol Coleman
 - b) Request for permission to advertise the vacancy

President Beye gave thanks to Carol Coleman for her service on the Tree Preservation & Protection Committee.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the request for permission to advertise the vacancy. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

The Town Council acknowledges receipt of the Communications. President Beye asked that item 1) under Communications be added to a future agenda.

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.

- 1) Copy of letter to President Beye and to the Jamestown Traffic Committee
From: Janice Bell
Date: May 26, 2022
Re: School crosswalk at the intersection of Lawn and Watson Avenues
- 2) Copy of email to the Town Council
From: Chris Powell
Date: June 7, 2022
Re: Conanicut Marine TPG Moorings

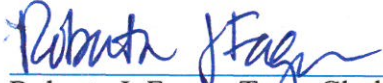
X. TOWN COUNCIL INTERVIEW SCHEDULE: The Jamestown Town Council will meet to conduct interviews of applicants for the committee vacancies as follows:

NAME	COMMITTEE
Jim Schewe	Bike Path Committee

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Councilor M. White, aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

Attest:


Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk