

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 21, 2022**

**I. ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on November 21, 2022. Newly Elected Town Council Members present: Michael G. White, Mary Meagher, Nancy A. Beye, and Randy White. Newly elected School Committee members present: Kristine A. LaPierre. Newly elected Town Moderator John A. Murphy. Also present Town Administrator Jamie A. Hainsworth, Finance Director Christina D. Collins, Town Solicitor Peter D. Ruggiero, Chief of Police Edward A. Mello, Fire Department Chief Jim Bryer, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, Public Works Director Michael Gray, Water and Sewer Clerk Denise Jennings, Town Sergeant Fred Pease, and Town Clerk Roberta J. Fagan

**II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Town Clerk Roberta J. Fagan called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 FRANCIS J DARIGAN, JR.**

Town Clerk Fagan introduced Judge Darigan.

Judge Darigan congratulated the newly-elected officials for Town and State offices and stated I am honored to be a part of this evening's ceremony. He is always honored to administer the simple task of swearing-in the newly elected officials because it signifies the importance in this country of the free and fair elections we engage in every 2 to 4 years. Judge Darigan thanked the Council, School Committee, and Town Moderator for their services and stated I am glad that we have such a warm and welcoming community and good people who are interested in serving others here in Jamestown. Judge Darigan thanked all those who ran for office for doing so and keeping this democracy strong through their participation. He gave special thanks to Representative Deborah Ruggiero for her 14 years of service in the Rhode Island General Assembly and ran a spirited campaign for Lieutenant Governor. [Applause] He also acknowledged Senator Dawn Euer and newly elected State Representative Alex Finkelman. Judge Darigan again thanked all for the warm welcome and commenced the swearing-in.

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

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected Town Council Members by Judge Darigan. [Applause]

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

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected Town Moderator by Judge Darigan. [Applause]

- C) School Committee:
  - 1) Kristine A. LaPierre
  - 2) Christian H. Cowan

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected School Committee Members by Judge Darigan. [Applause]

#### **IV. NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF TOWN COUNCIL OFFICERS**

The Clerk called for nominations for Town Council President.

**Discussion.** Councilor Meagher nominated Nancy Beye and shared a story as a basis for her nomination. Recently Nancy and Mary met some constituents regarding a project and they were asked for input. Mary's reaction was "so what you are going to do is this..." whereas Nancy offered suggestions demonstrating her leadership skills and effective communication. Vice President Meagher stated I nominate Nancy Beye to be Town Council President.

**Back to the vote on the motion.** Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye. [Applause]

The Clerk called for nominations for Town Council Vice President.

A motion was made by President Beye with second by Councilor Beye to nominate Mary Meagher for Town Council Vice President.

**Discussion.** President Beye summarized that she and Mary were a team and happily nominated Mary Meagher for Vice President.

**Back to the vote on the motion.** President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye. [Applause]

The meeting was turned over to President Beye by the Clerk.

#### **V. INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

##### **OPEN MEETING TO BEGIN AT 6:30 PM**

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

**VI. TOWN COUNCIL SITTING AS THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

- A) Approval of Minutes; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
- 1) 09/19/2022 (Regular Meeting)
  - 2) 10/17/2022 (Regular Meeting)
  - 3) 10/17/2022 (Executive Session-sealed)
  - 4) 11/07/2022 (Regular Meeting)
- B) Open Forum – Water & Sewer Matters  
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.
- 1) Scheduled request to address - none
  - 2) Non-scheduled request to address
- C) Report of Town Officials: Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
- 1) Pumping Report
  - 2) Town Project Reports
    - a) Town Wells
    - b) Water Treatment Plant
    - c) Transfer Pumping/Reservoir
    - d) Distribution System
    - e) Wastewater Treatment Facility
- D) Letters and Communication
- 1) None
- E) Unfinished Business: Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
- 2) None
- F) New Business: Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
- 1) None

**The Town Council Adjourns from sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.**

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to adjourn from sitting as the Board of Water And Sewer Commissioners. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.**

**VII. OPEN FORUM**

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- A) Scheduled request to address
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

**VIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A) Review, Discussion and or Action and/or Vote regarding a Proclamation declaring December 10<sup>th</sup> as Human Rights Day, No. 2022-16

**Councilor M. White read the Proclamation declaring December 10<sup>th</sup> as Human Rights Day, No. 2022-16.**

**A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to approve Proclamation 2022-16 declaring December 10<sup>th</sup> as Human Rights Day. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.**

**IX. 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. 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) Review, Discussion and or Action and/or Vote: Approval of Renewal Applications that have been received by the Town Council for **Victualing & Holiday License** for the year December 1, 2022- November 30, 2023
  - 1) Ace's Pizza, Inc.
  - 2) A&J, Inc., dba: East Ferry Deli
  - 3) Cumberland Farms Inc., dba: Cumberland Farms #1108
  - 4) Johnny Angels Clam Shack, LLC, dba: Angels Kitchen
  - 5) TMT Enterprises, Inc., dba: McQuade's Market
  - 6) Wicked Whisk

**A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to approve the Victualling & Holiday License Renewal Applications. 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: Approval of Renewal Applications that have been received by the Town Council for **Victualing License** for the year December 1, 2022- November 30, 2023:
  - 1) Live & Learn LLC, dba: Live & Learn

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualling License Renewal Application. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye**

- C) Review, Discussion and or Action and/or Vote: Approval of Renewal Applications that have been received by the Town Council for **Holiday License** for the year December 1, 2022- November 30, 2023:
  - 1) All Ashore Cottage Outfitters LLC, dba: All Ashore Cottage Outfitters
  - 2) Clark Board Yard & Marine Works, LLC, dba: Clark Boatyard & Marine

Works

- 3) Conanicut Marine Services, Inc.; dba: Conanicut Ship Store & Chandlery
- 4) Hodgkiss Farm
- 5) Jamestown Hardware, Ltd., dba: Jamestown Hardware
- 6) Safe Harbor Marinas, dba: Jamestown Boat Yard
- 7) The Wickford Collection, LLC, dba: TWC Home
- 8) TMT Enterprises, Inc., dba: McQuade's Market
- 9) Urban Flowers LLC, dba: Secret Garden
- 10) Milo's Beauty Corp, dba: Milo's Nails
- 11) Zeek's Creek Bait & Tackle, Inc., dba: Zeek's Creek

**A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to approve the Holiday License Renewal Applications. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

- D) Review, Discussion and or Action and/or Vote: Approval of Renewal Application for **Victualing License with EXTENDED HOURS**, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures for the year December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023 (duly advertised in the *Jamestown Press*):
- 1) Cumberland Farms, Inc. dba: Cumberland Farms Store #1108, 41 North Main Road

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualling License with EXTEND HOURS Renewal Application. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

- E) Review, Discussion, and or Action and/or Vote: One Day Event/Entertainment License: All One-Day Entertainment license application approvals are subject to any COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event; Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote for the following:
- 1) Applicant: Conanicut Island Art Association  
Event: CIAA Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair  
Date(s): December 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Lawn Avenue School

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the one-day event/entertainment license application for the CIAA Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair taking place on December 3, 2022 at the Lawn Avenue School. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

- 2) Applicant: Conanicut Marine Services, Inc.  
Event: Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit Jamestown  
Date(s): December 3, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: 1 Ferry Wharf /20 Narragansett Avenue

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the one-day event/entertainment license application for the Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit**

Jamestown event taking place December 3, 2022, between 1 Ferry Wharf and 20 Narragansett Avenue. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

President Beye recused herself from agenda X. A. and left the dais.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote: Proposed changes to the Fire Fighters Incentives/Tax Abatement Plan and EMS Incentive/Tax Abatement Plan:
- 1) Fire Incentive/Tax Abatement Plan proposal: 2022/2023
  - 2) EMS Incentive/Tax Abatement Plan proposal: 2022/2023
  - 3) H6521: An Act Relating to Property Tax Relief in the Town of Jamestown, and Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Division 3 Jamestown Fire Department, Sec 66-86 thru 66-89.
  - 4) Recruitment Committee Mission and Objectives.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve pursuing the Fire Fighters Incentives/Tax Abatement Plan and EMS Incentive/Tax Abatement Plan. Vote: Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

- B) Review, Discussion, and or Action and/or Vote: Status update on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance license and registration.

**Discussion. Town Planner Lisa explained that Granicus, the host compliance company that the Town contracted, will not have the licensing/registration platform operational until the spring of 2024, therefore requiring the delay of the requirement to license short-term rental entities in Jamestown.**

**No vote or action necessary.**

**President Beye returned to the meeting and took a seat at the dais.**

- C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Meagher consideration of forming a Short-Term Rental Working Group and potential member selection.

**Vice President Meagher and Councilor R. White stated that they have an interest in working with the Short-Term Rental (STR) Working Group along with two representatives from the STR group.**

**Denise Rounds, 14 Harbor Street, addressed the Town Council. She had sent an email to Councilor R. White and Vice President Meagher with the names of three individuals. Vice President Meagher would like to narrow the group down to only two members, giving the STR group the flexibility to have two spokespersons for the group. Ms. Rounds informed the Town Council that the RI Department of Business Regulation (DBR) Short-Term Rental registration was operational with a registration deadline of January 31, 2024.**

**A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to form the Short-Term Rental Working Group consisting of Vice President Meagher, Councilor R. White, and no more than two representatives from the Short-Term Rental host group. Vote:**



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

Marian Falla, 75 Green Lane, addressed the Town Council and provided written comments on the topic of Short-Term Rentals (attached). The DBR defines and regulates transient rentals which differ slightly from the Jamestown STR ordinance definition. Vice President Meagher recognized and thanked Ms. Falla for her stalwart interest and the potential impacts of STRs in Jamestown.

- D) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Councilor Meagher to report on Affordable Housing progress and Accessory Dwelling units.

Vice President Meagher gave a brief status update on the efforts of the Affordable Housing committee on the Affordable Housing pilot program which the Town Council had authorized funding in early 2022. The Affordable Housing Committee is hopeful of launching the pilot program in 2023. Additionally, Vice President Meagher commented on the changes to Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) regarding accessory dwelling units and their potential to address affordable housing issues. The Planning Commission is currently reviewing the zoning ordinance for accessory dwelling units.

Solicitor Peter Ruggiero provided a summary of changes to the RIGL relating to quorums, continuing education, accessory dwelling units, and affordable housing appeals.

No action or votes were taken.

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Beye consideration of tax relief for year-round residents and the possible formation of an Ad Hoc Taxation Relief Committee:
  - 1) Letter from Marian Falla and supporting documentation.

The agenda item will be considered at a future meeting for Councilor Brine to participate.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote regarding scheduling Special Meeting:
  - 1) Request to schedule a Joint Meeting on December 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. between Jamestown Town Council and the Jamestown School Department as per RIGL §16-2-21.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve scheduling a Joint Meeting on December 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. between Jamestown Town Council and the Jamestown School Department as per RIGL §16-2-21. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye. Vice President Meagher, abstention.

## XII. 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) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote, duly advertised in the Jamestown Press, the appointment of and or request to schedule interviews:

- 1) Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee, Two [2] member vacancies with an unexpired term ending May 31, 2023:
  - a) Letter of resignation
    - i) Michael Liebhauser
  - b) Letter of interest
    - i) Wayne D. Moore\*\*
    - ii) Antonia ~~Bauer~~ Baum
    - iii) Gary Post

**The Town Council requested interviews with Antonia Baum and Gary Post.**

- 2) Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee One (1) member; three-year term ending 12/31/2025:
  - a) Letter of interest
    - i) Lisa Primiano (seeking reappointment)
    - ii) Barbara Scanlon

**The Town Council requested an interview with Barbara Scanlon.**

- 3) Charter Review Committee (Ad hoc) Seven (7) members:
  - a) Letter of interest
    - i) Lucia Marshall
    - ii) James Rugh
    - iii) Job Tol

**The Town Council requested interviews with Lucia Marshall, James Rugh, and Job Tol.**

- 4) Conservation Commission: Three (3) members, three-year term ending 12/31/2025:
  - a) Letter of interest
    - i) Joyce Antonello (seeking reappointment)
    - ii) Gary Post
    - iii) Robert Laman
    - iv) William Harsch

**The Town Council requested interviews with Gary Post, Robert Laman, and William Harsch.**



- 5) Harbor Management Commission, Two (2) members, three-year term ending 12/31/2025:
  - a) Letter of resignation
    - i) Richard Raynes
  - a) Letter of interest
    - i) Michael Junge (seeking reappointment)
    - ii) Graham Jamison
    - iii) Gary Post

**Vice President Meagher expressed regret for the resignation of Richard Raynes and thanked him for his service.**

**The Town Council requested interviews with Michael Junge, Graham Jamison, and Gary Post.**

- 6) Jamestown Housing Authority, One (1) full member, five-year term ending 12/31/2027:
  - a) Letter of interest
    - i) Bob Plain (seeking reappointment)

**A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to reappoint Bob Plain to the Jamestown Housing Authority for a five-year term ending 12/31/2027. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

- 7) Juvenile Hearing Board, One (1) full member, three-year term ending 12/31/2025, and One (1) alternate member, two-year term ending 12/31/2024:
  - a) Letter of interest
    - i) Agnes Filkins (seeking reappointment)
    - ii) Nancy Ventrone (seeking reappointment)

**The Town Council requested interviews with Agnes Filkins and Nancy Ventrone.**

- 8) Library Board of Trustees, Two (2) members, three-year term ending 12/31/2025:
  - a) Letter of interest
    - i) Ted Baldwin
    - ii) Antonia Bauer Baum
    - iii) William Harsch

**The Town Council requested interviews with Ted Baldwin, Antonia Baum, and William Harsch.**

- 9) Planning Commission, One (1) member, four-year term ending 12/31/2026:
  - a) Letter of Interest
    - i) Dana Prestgiacomo (seeking reappointment)

**The Town Council requested an interview with Dana Prestgiacomo.**

- 10) Quonset Development, One (1) member, three-year term ending 12/31/2025:
  - a) Letter of Interest
    - i) Jim Rugh
    - ii) William Harsch
    - iii) Joseph Cannon

**The Town Council requested an interview with Jim Rugh and William Harsch.**

- 11) Tree Committee, Four (4) members, Two (2) unexpired terms ending 12/31/2024, and Two (2) three-year terms ending 12/31/2025:
  - a) Letter of Resignation
    - i) Walter Bopp
    - ii) John Murphy
  - b) Letter of Interest
    - i) Beth Herman (seeking reappointment)
    - i) Gary Post
    - ii) Richard Kingsley (seeking reappointment)

**The Town Council requested an interview with Gary Post.**

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to reappoint Beth Herman and Richard Kingsley to the Tree Preservation and Protection Committee for a three-year term ending 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.**

- 12) Zoning Board of Review, One (1) full member, five-year term ending 12/31/2027, and three (3) alternate members, one year-term ending 12/31/2023:
  - a) Letter of Interest
    - i) Jane Bentley (seeking reappointment)
    - ii) John Shekarchi (seeking reappointment)
    - iii) Judy Bell (seeking reappointment - alternate)

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to reappoint Jane Bentley as a full member with a five-year term ending 12/31/2027 to the Zoning Board of Review, and to reappoint John Shekarchi and Judy Belly as alternates with a one-year term ending 12/31/2023 to the Zoning Board of Review. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

### **XIII. FUTURE MEETINGS AND CALENDAR**

- A) Review, Discussion and/or Action or Vote:
  - 1) Setting of the Town Council 2023 calendar.

No action or vote.

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

**XIV. 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 the 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 17, 2022 (Executive Session-sealed)
  - 2) October 21, 2022 (Special Meeting)
  - 3) November 7, 2022 (Regular Meeting)
  - 4) November 14, 2022 (Executive Session- sealed)
  
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
  - 1) Affordable Housing Committee, October 5, 2022
  - 2) Planning Commission, October 19, 2022
  - 3) Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (attendance log)
  - 4) Zoning Board of Review, October 25, 2022
  
- C) Tax Assessor’s Abatements and Addenda of Taxes

ABATEMENTS TO 2021 TAX ROLL		
Place holder	Place holder	Place holder
11-0417-70	UPDATED PROP INFORMATION	\$ 195.55
19-0546-30	UPDATED PROP INFORMATION	\$ 374.81
03-0370-75	UPDATED PROP INFORMATION	\$ 196.91
ADDENDA TO 2021 TAX ROLL		
12-0069-05	SW/ISDS CHANGE	\$ 20.00
01-0001-38	SW/ISDS CHANGE	\$ 20.00
11-0578-50	SW/ISDS CHANGE	\$ 20.00
12-0069-05	C/O ISSUED 8/29/22	\$1100.92
01-0001-38	C/O ISSUED 03/31/22	\$ 836.40
11-0578-50	C.O ISSUED 02/01/22	\$2737.35
<b>TOTAL ABATEMENTS TO 2021 TAX ROLL</b>		<b>\$ 767.27</b>
<b>TOTAL ADDENDA TO 2021 TAX ROLL</b>		<b>\$4734.67</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3967.40</b>

- D) Town Clerk certification of Town of Jamestown Elected Officials

**Communications were acknowledged.**

**XV. 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) Communications Received:
  - 1) Copy of email to Town Administrator Hainsworth  
From: Jennifer Slattery, RI League of Cities and Towns  
Save the Date Notice: January 6, 2023

Re: Newly Elected Leaders Orientation

- 2) Copy of Notification to Town Administrator Hainsworth  
From: RI CRMC  
Meeting Notice: November 22, 2022  
Re: Revolution Wind, LLC CRMC file number 2021-07-005

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

**Attest:**

  
**Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk**

## STR Comments

For the record, I attended all or almost all meetings regarding STR's and these were productive and open to the public.

Impact to my neighborhood: several of my neighboring renters wanted to rent for a longer period (a least a full year) but were unable due to STR rentals scheduled during May-September time frame. This has a negative impact to my neighborhood. It is suggested that the workshop review:

**Study Finds Airbnb Units Expand Market But Reduce Long-Term Rentals, Including Affordable Housing**

**Authors Suggest New Tax to Alleviate Resulting Inequities**

<https://www.cmu.edu/tepper/news/stories/2021/september/airbnb-market-expansion.html>

RI has laws that apply to **transient dwelling units**. As a result, I assume JT would want to ensure that all applicable regulations are met to address liability exposure to JT.

See below notes from Newport's website.

## **Check the Fire Code**

If your property is rented to more than **5 individuals** on a short-term basis, then you may be required to install fire protection systems before your Transient Guest House facility application is approved.

Under the [Rhode Island State Fire Code](#), any transient dwelling unit hosting between **6 and 16 guests** is classified as a Lodging and Rooming establishment and carry different fire protection requirements, with a fire alarm system and sprinklers being required, among other protection features.

Please note that all Transient Guest House applications must be reviewed by the Fire Marshal's Office to ensure that the subject property meets fire safety standards prior to being issued.

Other communities are evaluating **liability insurance** for transient lodging, maybe the workshop could include this topic.

**Parking and dwelling units** that are external to the main residence topics should also be included in the workshop discussions related to changes to the current ordinance.