

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 3, 2023**

**I. TOWN COUNCIL INTERVIEWS: The Jamestown Town Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the committee vacancies as follows:**

Antonia Baum was interviewed via zoom for the Library Board of Trustees.

William Harsch was interviewed in person for the Conservation Commission, Library Board of Trustees and Quonset Development.

The interview session concluded at 5:50 p.m. at which time the Town Council took a brief recess.

**THE JOINT TOWN COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORK SESSION**

**II. ROLL CALL**

A joint work session of the Jamestown Town Council and School Committee was held on January 3, 2023. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Mary Meagher, Michael G. White, Randy White, and Erik Brine.

School Committee Members present were as follows: Sally F. Schott, Agnes C. Filkins, Andrew C. Allsopp, Kristine A. Lapierre, and Christian Cowan.

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, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Duva, Jamestown Schools Finance Director Jane Littlefield and Town Clerk Roberta Fagan.

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

The Joint Jamestown Town Council and School Committee Pre-Budget Work Session was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue by President Beye and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Committee Board member Kristine A. Lapierre called the meeting of the School Committee to order.

**IV. JOINT TOWN COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.**

- A) Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote of budget issues for the remainder of the current fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) and pre-budget review and discussion of issues for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) pursuant to RIGL §16-2-21

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Duva made a presentation to the Town Council and School Committee (attached).

# FY 2024 JSD Preliminary Budget Discussion

Town Council  
&  
School Committee

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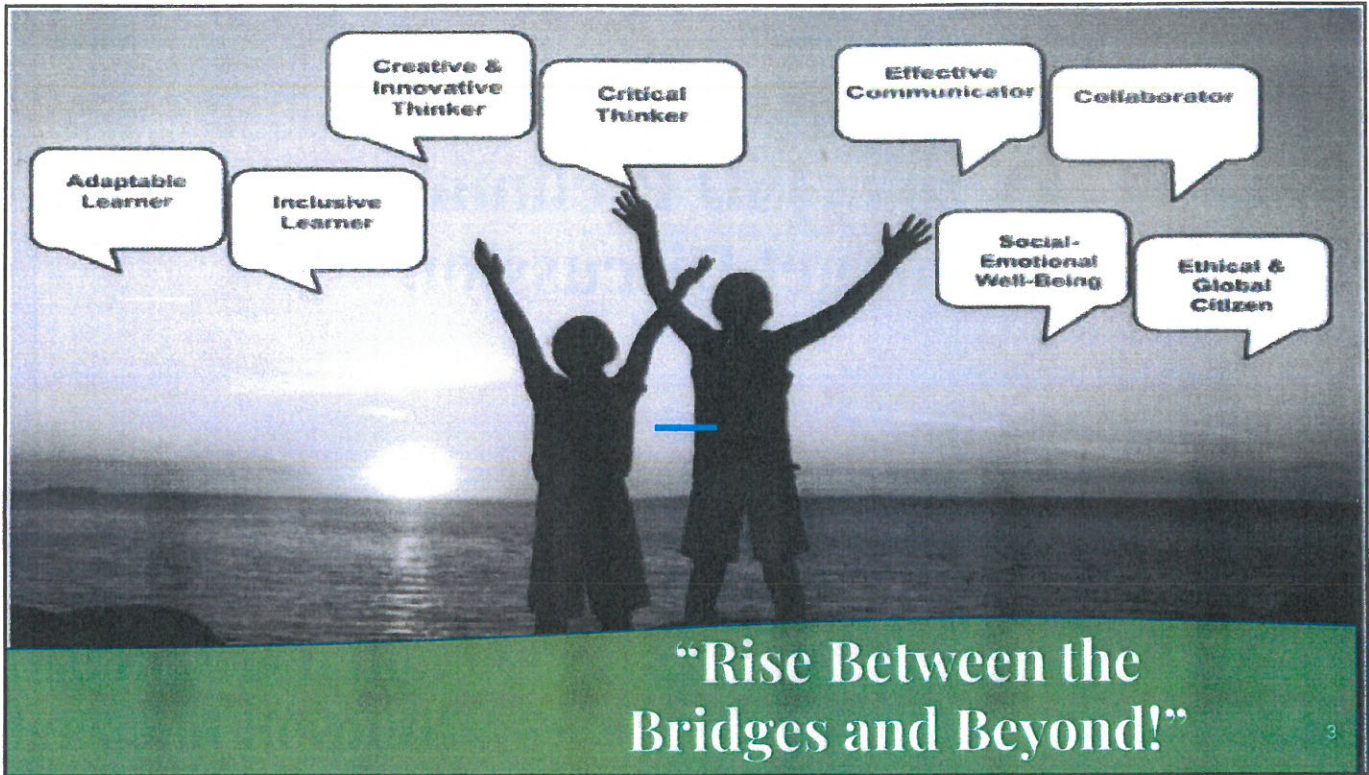
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## Accomplishments



- Jamestown is #1 in the state for our RICAS Math proficiency and #3 for ELA;
- Our 3rd grade students had the highest % of students in the district who met or exceeded the standard -72.7% ;
- This same group of students had the highest % of students across the state who met or exceeded the standard - 76.4%;
- On the RIDE School Report Card Melrose received 5 stars for Exceeds Expectations and 3 stars for Achievement and Growth; No low performing subgroups;
- The Lawn School received 5 stars for Exceeding Expectation, 5 stars for Achievement & Growth, and 4 stars for having 1 low performing subgroup;
- Implementation of 21st Century classes which focus on the qualities of our Portrait of the Graduate at the Melrose School;
- Reinstated instruction in coding and technology to all students in grades k-8;
- Student leadership opportunities through Anchored 4 Life at both schools;

# Accomplishments



- Implementation of the ROCK Block in grades 7 and 8 at the Lawn School. This class offers 4 disciplines of instruction to our students
  - Portrait of the Graduate
  - STEAM/Coding
  - Project-Based Learning
  - Student Passion Project
- 4 Lawn students will represent Jamestown in the RI All-State Music Program;
- Upcoming production of Beauty and the Beast with collaboration from the Jamestown Community Theater;
- Nick Alfred, 6th grade Math Teacher received a national recognition through Curriculum Associates as a 2023 Extraordinary Educator;
- Samira Hakki, Director of Technology, received The Trust's Safety and Risk Management Scholarship for Cyber-Security Training and services for our district.
- Use of ECF grant to replace Chromebooks;
- Completed project to provide Lawn with direct internet access;
- Updated audio speakers in Melrose Classrooms
- Installation of solar panels at both schools!

# Budget Process:

- Our district strategic plan leads the discussion for our budget requests.
- Staff are asked to provide requests for the upcoming budget to their Administrator.
- Administrators make decisions based on what is educationally right for students and teachers.
- The Superintendent and Director of Finance review all requests for approval.
- Our budget is designed to fund expenses related to the known student population, the needs of the upcoming school year, and historical experiences related to special education expenses.
- We will consider the interests of the school community in developing our budget.
- The budget will provide a high quality education based on the academic and social-emotional needs of all students pre-K through 12th grade.

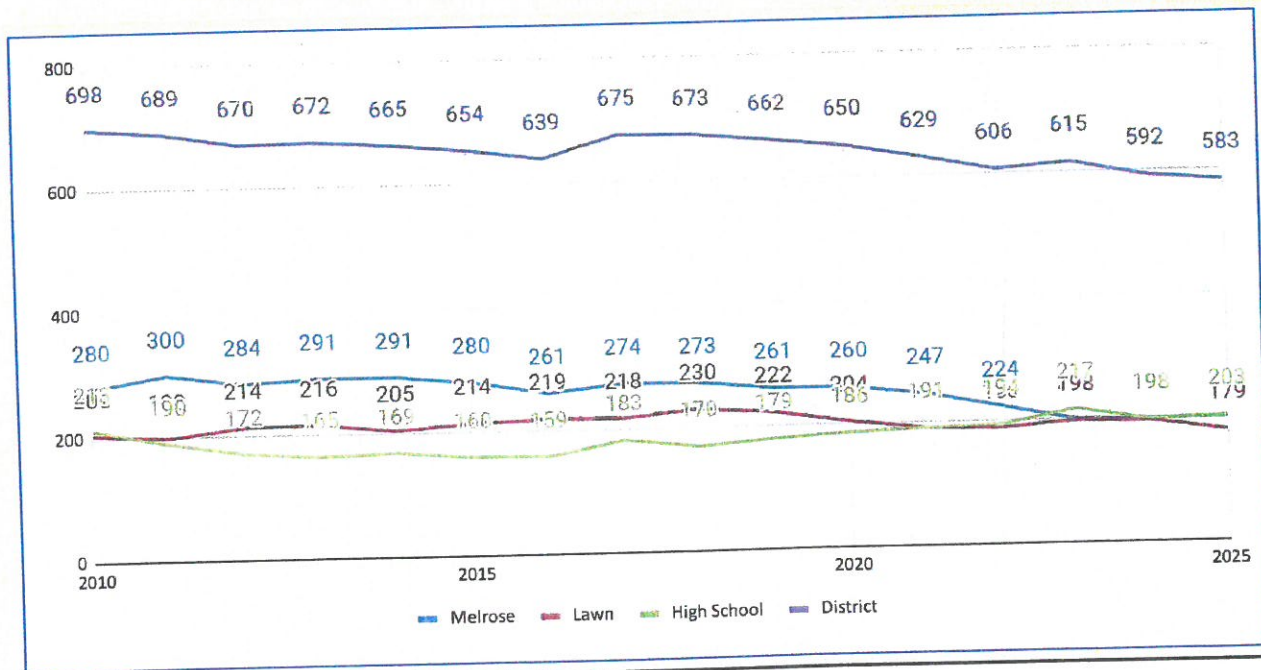
Priorities are to invest the community's resources to promote improvement, effectiveness, and efficiency with a focus on:

- Vision and goals of our District Strategic Plan;
- Projected student enrollment for each grade;
- Prioritizing academic and social-emotional needs of students;
- Prioritizing instructional needs of teachers and staff;
- Curriculum and instruction needs based on school achievements and new educational reform;
- Enhancement and sustainability of our Facility and Technology infrastructures; and
- Human resources.

## Overview of District

<p><b>\$15,730,034</b></p> <hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p><b>606</b></p> <p>415</p> <p>194</p> <p>8</p> <p>17%</p> <p>6%</p> <p>15%</p> <p>0.2%</p>	<p><b>Total FY 23 School Budget</b></p> <p><b>Total Enrollment</b></p> <p>Preschool through eighth grade (includes service only preschool students)</p> <p>Secondary: ninth through twelfth grade</p> <p>Out of District Placements</p> <p>Percentage of Military Students (preschool-8th grade only)</p> <p>Percentage of Free and Reduced (preschool-8th grade only)</p> <p>Percentage of Differently Abled Learners (preschool -12+)</p> <p>Percentage of Multilingual Learners (preschool-8th grade only)</p>
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### Historical Projections Preschool - Twelfth Grade



## Enrollment and Staffing Impacts:

- Enrollment in grades kindergarten through eighth grade continue to decline.
- Reduce 2 more grade levels for 23/24, grade 1 and grade 4
- 2 classes of each grade level in k-4 at Melrose School
  
- 3 students with 1:1 Teacher Assistants will be graduating from Lawn School. The cost for these services will transfer to high school tuitions and services.

- Expecting 2 teacher retirements at the end of the 22/23 school year;
  - District reading specialist
  - Middle school resource teacher
- Planning for 3 positions to be eliminated at the end of the 22/23 school year
  - Grade 1 teaching position
  - Grade 4 teaching position
  - Social Emotional Learning coach (1 year position)

## Budget Impacts 2022-2023 SY:

### High School Tuitions:

Expected to be on budget for FY 23

### Heating Costs: Projecting \$4.63/gallon

FY23 Budget - \$54,000

### Statewide Transportation:

Projecting an increase of \$100,000 which will be absorbed from savings in other areas.

We will continue to work with RIDE for a more equitable formula.

# FY '22 Summary

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❖ Audit Figures show as of June 30, 2022:

- Beginning Fund Balance \$1,098,243
- Planned Deficit (\$200,000)
- Unplanned Deficit (\$441,454)
- Ending Fund Balance \$456,789
- Committed FB in FY23 Budget Operations (\$200,000)
- Committed FB in FY23 Budget Capital (\$209,395)
- Projected 6/30/23 Fund Balance \$47,394

# Budget Impacts FY '24:

## Health Insurance:

- Budgeted increase of 20%

## Heating Costs:

- Projecting \$4.63/gal
- Expecting an increase of approximately 50%
- FY24 Projected - \$108,805

Increase of \$54,805 (projecting a decrease in electricity of to offset this increase)

## Transportation:

- Statewide transportation is up by 50%; We will continue to work with RIDE on the transportation formula.
- First Student contract expires June 2023. Unknown increase

## High School Tuitions:

- Current 12th graders - 45 (All Schools); Current 8th graders - 45
- High School placement decisions are unknown at this time

## JTA Negotiations:

- Unknown cost increases in salaries due to negotiations

## Budget Impacts FY 24':

### Capital Improvement Costs:

Increase in Operating Budget as these funds are no longer available through past practices of using our Reserve Funds.

Rhode Island General Law 16-7-36(11), "Maintenance expenditures"

- Square Footage of Melrose and Lawn is 108,247,
- \$3.00 per sq ft; recommended use for MOE
- Annual Maintenance Expenditures \$324,741

• Increase in Local Funding by \$160,000

"Even though we are anticipating a challenging budget process, we are hopeful that we will create a school budget that will continue to provide high quality education and services to our students that will prepare them for their future."





School Committee member K. Lapierre made a motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 6:37 p.m. with a second by School Committee member A. Filkins. Vote: S. Schott, Aye; A. Filkins, Aye; A. Allsopp, Aye; K. Lapierre, Aye and C. Cowan, Aye.

## **The Town Council's Open Meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M.**

### **V. 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 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
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

There were no requests to address the Town Council.

President Beye recused herself from agenda item VI) A) Support of Amendments to Abatements for Members of the Jamestown Fire Department, No. 2023-01.

### **VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approve and authorize the Town Clerk to forward to the local delegation to the RI General Assembly a Resolution In Support of Amendments to Abatements for Members of the Jamestown Fire Department. No. 2023-01

At the request of Vice President Meagher Councilor M. White read Resolution 2023-01.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to forward to the local delegation to the RI General Assembly a Resolution In Support of Amendments to Abatements for Members of the Jamestown Fire Department. No. 2023-01. Vote: Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

### **VII. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, 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) Damage to Town property December 22 & 23, rain storm

Town Administrator Hainsworth stated last week's storm did a significant amount of damage to some town properties, sidewalks, and roadways. The following is a list of areas affected:

- East Ferry: debris, collapsing sidewalk at the rear of memorial square, and the wood pile pier decking damage.
- Ft Getty: debris clean up on access road, Ft Getty Pier large amount of debris clean up and decking damaged.

- Mackerel Cove: Major amount of erosion, the bathhouse footing was damaged, the beach dunes were significantly damaged and the sidewalk eroded.
- Conanicus Avenue: Approximately 20 feet of sea wall and sidewalk collapsed.

Chief Mello presented photos and video documenting the damage.

2) Negotiations with the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO)

The current bargaining agreement with the IBPO will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Meetings have been planned with IBPO representatives.

3) Electronic Permitting; Building permits

Town staff continues to meet with Representatives from the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (DBR) and the vendor on the State's Master Price agreement, OpenGov, to coordinate the transition to e-permitting. OpenGov offers electronic permitting for various municipal functions and Town staff continues to explore options. State law requires Building permits to be available electronically by July 1, 2023. DBR will fund the first year's costs; the Town would be responsible for future years' maintenance and services.

4) East Ferry use update on CMS/Jamestown Newport Ferry Service

Discussion ensued. Town Administrator Hainsworth reported there had been some dialogue with the legal representatives for CMS. The Town of Jamestown presented a license agreement proposal to CMS in early December with a request for a response by December 30, 2022. No response was received by the deadline triggering a letter from the Town of Jamestown to CMS instructing the removal of personal property and fixtures from East Ferry no later than January 10, 2023.

Solicitor Peter Ruggiero stated that he had received a call from CMS's legal representative that morning requesting an Executive Session meeting with the Town Council on February 6, 2023.

Councilor R. White stated that an Executive Session was not necessary or appropriate. The actions and behavior of CMS have been disrespectful, inappropriate, and unprofessional.

Councilor M. White and Councilor Brine both questioned whether it was necessary and or appropriate to hear the matter in an Executive Session; or if it could be considered in an open session. Councilor Brine questioned what the next steps would be. He asked what the Solicitor's opinion was on scheduling an Executive Session with CMS, Inc.

Solicitor Peter Ruggiero suggested putting the matter on the January 23, 2023 agenda for further discussion.

5) Covid 19 Testing update

From November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup> there were seventeen (17) new positive Covid-19 cases reported with a total of 1370 for Jamestown, according to the RI Department of Health. The spread of the virus continues to be an issue, and necessary precautions should be taken.

### **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Brine consideration to form a Tax Relief Working Group and or Committee
  - 1) Correspondence from Marian Falla

Discussion ensued.

Councilor Brine summarized past conversations, options, and opportunities for tax relief for Jamestown residents. He would be in favor of a fair tax structure for residents in light of dwindling affordable year-round housing stock and increasing short-term rental properties. Councilor Brine requested to pursue the formation of a committee to study varying tax relief options for year-round Jamestown residents. Vice President Meagher supports exploring options.

Vice President Meagher and President Beye thanked resident Marian Falla for her interest and information.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor Brine to form a Tax Relief Working Group Ad Hoc Committee with a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 7 members and advertise for applicants. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: New Workshop/Storage Building, Plat 7, Lot 1, Town of Jamestown
  - 1) Memorandum from Public Works Director Michael Gray to Town Administrator Hainsworth

Discussion ensued.

Public Works Director Gray made a presentation to the Town Council with photos of the present work area and the proposed New Workshop/Storage Building. The current work area resides in a shared work bay with Town vehicles, which presents challenges at times. The proposed New Workshop/Storage Building would utilize existing materials and Town staff time to construct. Minimal expense would be incurred; the exception being HVAC/electric installation which will need to be subbed out and will be included in the 2023-2024 Public Works budget request.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor Brine to approve the request to construct a New Workshop/Storage Building as requested by Public Works Director Gray. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

Vice President Meagher announced President Beye was having trouble speaking and requested moving IX, B) up in the agenda.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second Councilor Brine to move agenda item IX, B) up in the agenda order. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Review of the recruitment process for a new Town Administrator

Discussion ensued.

Town Administrator Hainsworth addressed the Town Council and gave an overview of the proposed recruitment process options. If option 1 were approved the vacancy would be advertised as indicated the Town Council would have the opportunity to review any applications received at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Council meeting. Town Administrator Hainsworth stated that he has received communications from interested candidates, and expressed optimism that a new Town Administrator could be appointed before his departure at the end of February.

Councilor R. White requested clarification on reviewing applications during open session vs. Executive Session per the RI Attorney General and Open Meetings Act (OMA).

Solicitor Peter Ruggiero made the following clarifying statements: because the full Council will be overseeing the appointment of a new Town Administrator the process would be subject to Open Meetings Act (OMA). At the time of reviewing the applications, the Town Council would not be obligated to announce the names, but in the event of an APRA request, the applications/resumes would be subject to disclosure with redactions.

Councilor Brine also questioned how salary negotiations would be handled; during the open session or Executive Session.

Solicitor Peter Ruggiero stated that the salary range could be discussed as part of the interview. Also, the salary would be disclosed in the job posting advertisement.

A motion was made by Councilor Brine to approve the option 1 recruitment process, with a second by Vice President Meagher. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of President Beye consideration to form a Senior Services Committee

Discussion ensued.

President Beye read a letter she sent to the Friends of the Jamestown Seniors Board. (Attached) In 2015 she became a Board member of the Friends of Jamestown Seniors and stated she is proud of their achievements. The appointment of Molly Conlon Rose as Senior Services Director has promoted an enjoyable atmosphere, offering robust programs to benefit the senior community. There are many committees/boards representing the varying needs and interests of the community except for the unique needs of the senior population. President Beye requested the formation of the Senior Services Committee. This would, in her opinion, be the next step in gaining greater awareness and an appreciation of the senior population.

Vice President Meagher agreed the timing would be appropriate to form a 5 to a 7-member committee which would provide a mechanism to prioritize the needs of the senior population and bring further awareness to the community.

President Beye volunteered to be a liaison to the newly formed Committee.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor Brine to form a Senior Services Committee with a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 7 members and to advertise for applicants. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

December 29, 2022

Hello F.O.J.S board members,

I have been reflecting over this past year as most people do with the approaching new year. I think back to when I first became a board member and am proud of what we have accomplished as a board. 2020 was a challenge but we waited it out and thanks to science we can resume a somewhat normal lifestyle.

Looking back, I am grateful for the appointment of Molly Conlon Rose to Senior Services Director. Molly in my opinion has done a superb job and is loved by the folks who come to the center on a regular basis. She has created an enjoyable atmosphere for our senior residents, provided them with programs and activities that promote their independence, and encourages them to be involved in the community. I feel like we have a positive and enjoyable working relationship with Molly, a partnership of sorts that benefits our senior population.

This time of year, for me in my role as a town councilor means interviewing volunteers for the various town committees, boards, and commissions due to terms expiring in December. As I meet with prospective volunteers and get a sense of why they are interested in donating their time to these groups, it occurred to me that while we have committees that represent a lot of entities, we don't have a formal town committee to represent our seniors.

I am asking that the town form a standing town committee called the Senior Services Committee. My desire to create this committee is inspired by the Library Board of Trustees. I have seen how they complement the Friends of The Jamestown Library group and play an important role when it comes to projects outside the scope of the F.O.J.L. I believe that this is just the next step in gaining awareness and appreciation of the senior population here and all that the F.O.J.S and the Senior Services Director accomplish.

I have asked to have this topic placed on the agenda for the January 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting. If you are available to attend the meeting, I will be grateful for your support.

Thank you all and I wish you a Happy New Year.

Take good care, Nancy

C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of Councilor Brine regarding the Commerce RI/Rhode Island Broadband Speed Test and Survey Councilor Brine stated the importance of expanding reliable and accessible Broadband in the state. He gave a summary of the Commerce RI/Rhode Island Broadband Speed Test and Survey initiative. Participation in the test and survey would enable the State to identify areas of greatest need for improved Broadband in Rhode Island utilizing federal funding.

Town Clerk Fagan demonstrated the Commerce RI/Rhode Island Broadband Speed Test and Survey.

Councilor Brine gave examples of his own experience with inadequate/sub-par Broadband service with various providers (Verizon, Cox Communications, etc.) as a resident of Jamestown.

Finance Director Tina Collins offered to post the Commerce RI/Rhode Island Broadband Speed Test and Survey initiative on the Town website.

## X. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS

A) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:

1) 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

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint Lisa Primiano to the Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee with a three-year term ending 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

2) Conservation Commission: Three (3) members, three-year term ending 12/31/2025:

a) Letter of interest

i) Anne Kuhn-Hines-term limit (seeking reappointment)

ii) Joyce Antonello (seeking reappointment)

iii) Gary Post

iv) Robert Laman

v) William Harsch

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to re-appoint Anne Kuhn-Hines and Joyce Antonello to the Conservation Commission with a three-year term ending 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to appoint Robert Laman to the Conservation Commission with a three-year term ending 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 3) Harbor Management Commission, Two (2) members, three-year term ending 12/31/2025:
  - a) Letter of interest
    - i) Michael Junge (seeking reappointment)
    - ii) Graham Jamison
    - iii) Gary Post
    - iv) Susan Romano (new applicant)

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor Brine to appoint Michael Junge to the Harbor Commission with a three-year term ending on 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint Susan Romano to the Harbor Commission with a three-year term ending on 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

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

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint Ted Baldwin and Antonia Baum to the Library Board of Trustees with a three-year term ending 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 5) 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)

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to re-appoint Agnes Filkins to the Juvenile Hearing Board as a full member with a three-year term ending 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to re-appoint Nancy Ventrone to the Juvenile Hearing Board as an alternate member with a two-year term ending 12/31/2024. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 6) Jamestown Tree Warden, pursuant to RIGL§2-14-2: each city and town must appoint a licensed arborist to serve as a tree warden each year during their January Council meeting. Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote:
  - a) Letter of interest for reappointment
    - i) Steve Saracino
  - b) Letter of recommendation
    - ii) Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee Chairman Walter Bopp

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to appoint Steve Saracino as the 2023 Jamestown Tree Warden. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

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

Discussion ensued.

Councilor R. White and Councilor Brine commented all were well qualified, and an appointment was difficult to make at the time. The Council delayed their decision to January 23, 2023, Town Council meeting.

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; Councilor R. White, Aye.

Councilor Brine commented that the Bike Committee had plans to make a presentation at the next Town Council meeting.

## 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 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) November 28, 2022 (Executive Session- sealed)
  - 2) December 5, 2022 (Regular Meeting)
  - 3) December 19, 2022 (Regular Meeting)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
  - 1) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review (November 15, 2022)
  - 2) Bike Committee Minutes (August 17, 2022)
  - 3) Bike Committee Minutes (October 21, 2022)
  - 4) Bike Committee Minutes (November 18, 2022)



C) Tax Assessor's Abatements and Addenda of Taxes

ABATEMENTS TO THE 2022 TAX ROLL		
14-0396-00	UPDATED PROP INFORMATION	\$ 461.04
13-1954-50	UPDATED PROP INFORMATION	\$ 411.48
04-0253-64	UPDATED PROP INFORMATION	\$ 455.61
10-0344-65	UPDATED PROP INFORMATION	\$ 828.38
TOTAL ABATEMENTS TO 2022 TAX ROLL		\$2,156.51
TOTAL ADDENDA TO 2022 TAX ROLL		\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$2,156.51

Communications were acknowledged.

**XII. 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 Council  
From: Marian Falla  
Received: December 23, 2022  
Re: Tax Relief Committee and Accessory Dwelling Units

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

Attest:

  
Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk