

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
December 19, 2022**

**I. ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on December 19, 2022. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Michael G. White, Randy White, and Erik Brine. Mary Meagher was absent.

Also, in attendance: Town Administrator Jamie Hainsworth, Solicitor Peter Ruggiero, Police Chief Edward Mello, 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 6:31 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 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
  - 1) Kathy Fisher

Kathy Fisher, Pemberton Apartments, gave thanks to the Town Council for helping improve the conditions at Pemberton Apartments. She gave particular praise to Executive Director Nikki Vazquez and the Jamestown Housing Authority Board with the newly appointed members which included Resident Commissioner Gerald Precious. Ms. Fisher stated that the rules and/or budget only allow Executive Director Vazquez to work part-time for a position that demands full-time. She asked the Town Council for support and commitment to help find the funds to enable Executive Director Vazquez to a full-time position at the Jamestown Housing Authority.

- B) Non-scheduled request to address

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

- A) None

Town Administrator Hainsworth announced his resignation at the end of February 2023. He thanked the Town Council and Town staff for their support and dedication over the past three years of his tenure. Town Administrator Hainsworth has been offered a position as the Administrator and Chief of Staff for the Rhode District Court, a position that he stated is the capstone of his career in law enforcement. He will work with the staff over the next 2 ½ months to help with the transition of his replacement.

President Beye stated that she is happy for Town Administrator Hainsworth on the career opportunity but sad that he will be leaving. She gave thanks and praised Jamie for his 3 years of service to the Town of Jamestown, and wished him well.

Councilor M. White reflected on the hiring of Town Administrator Hainsworth in 2019. The selection process was long and difficult, but it was an easy choice to appoint Jamie as the Town Administrator. Councilor M. White stated that Jamie was well-suited to meet the obligations and requirements of the job and was a perfect fit.

Councilor Brine commented that Jamie was the only Town Administrator he worked with and found him always available, especially after hours and or on weekends. Councilor Brine stated his appreciation and gratitude to Town Administrator Hainsworth.

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with a second by Councilor M. White to convene as the Town Council sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, 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. 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) Town Council Sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board**

- 1) The Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town as provided under Title 3, Pursuant to Title 3 Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended, the following license application has been received under said Act for a one-day license(s) on December 29, 2022, and January 12, 2023, at the Out of the Box Gallery:

**CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)**  
Out of the Box Studio/Gallery  
11 Clinton Avenue  
Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote for Approval of the **CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE.**

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor Brine to approve the Class F (Non-Profit) one-day liquor licenses on December 29, 2022 and January 12, 2023, at the Out of the Box Gallery. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with a second by Councilor R. White to adjourn the Town Council sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

**The Town Council Adjourn from Sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board**

- B) Licenses and Permits
- 1) One-Day Event Application: All Event/Entertainment license application approvals are subject to any and all COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote on the following:
    - a) Applicant: Out of the Box Studio/Gallery  
Event: Irish Eyes Artist Talk  
Date: December 29, 2022; 5-7 p.m.  
Location: 11 Clinton Avenue

**A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor Brine to approve the one-day event license Irish Eyes Artist Talk, on December 29, 2022, at the Out of the Box Gallery. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

- b) Applicant: Out of the Box Studio/Gallery  
Event: Mirror, Mirror Art Opening  
Date: January 12, 2023; 5-8 p.m.  
Location: 11 Clinton Avenue

**A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor Brine to approve the one-day event license, Mirror, Mirror Art-Opening, on January 12, 2023, at the Out of the Box Gallery. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times; Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote:
  - 1) At the request of Councilor Brine amend the Town Council’s second meeting date in January from Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. and/or on another agreed-upon date(s).

**A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to move the Town Council’s second meeting date in January from Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or take Action and/or Vote on the Request by Tony and Joe Pinheiro for Sunset Oyster Farms to renew the agreement to place floating upwellers at the Fort Getty Pier:
  - 1) Letter dated November 29, 2022, from Joseph and Antonio Pinheiro to the members of the Jamestown Town Council.
  - 2) Memorandum dated December 15, 2022, from Chief Mello, Executive Director, Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding Sunset Oyster Farms floating upwellers at the Fort Getty Pier.

**Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Brine with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the request by Tony and Joe Pinheiro for Sunset Oyster Farms to renew the agreement to place**

floating upwellers at the Fort Getty Pier contingent on verification of insurance coverage. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

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

**VIII. 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 7, 2022 (Regular Meeting)
  - 2) November 21, 2022 (Regular Meeting)
  - 3) November 28, 2022 (Special Meeting)
  - 4) December 12, 2022 (Special Meeting)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
  - 1) Jamestown Planning Commission (November 16, 2022)
- C) Tax Assessor’s Abatements and Addenda of Taxes

ABATEMENTS TO 2022 TAX ROLL		
04-0539-90	UPDATED PROP. INFORMATION	\$ 51.61
08-0140-01	TABOR DECISION	\$ 126.29
16-0680-05	UPDATED PROP. INFORMATION	\$ 238.33
03-0370-50	UPDATED PROP. INFORMATION	\$ 638.26
01-0697-55	UPDATED PROP INFORMATION	\$ 179.25
TOTAL ABATEMENTS TO 2022 TAX ROLL		\$1233.74
TOTAL ADDENDA TO 2022 TAX ROLL		\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$1233.74

- D) Memorandum from Finance Director Tina Collins regarding Uncommitting of Compensated Absences on Town General Fund Balance Sheet.
- E) Approval of request authorizing Chief Mello/Town of Jamestown Police Department to contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a five-year period in the amount of \$78,172.80 to equip each Jamestown police officer with a body-worn camera, as well as necessary storage and administration software.

**Communications were acknowledged**

**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.*

- A) Communications Received:

- 1) Copy of Email to: Town Council  
From: Anne Kuhn-Hines  
Dated: December 1, 2022  
Re: Rescinding Resignation from Jamestown Conservation Commission
- 2) Copy of Letter to: Town Council  
From: Sarah Baines  
Dated: December 2, 2022  
Re: Transfer Station Work Hut
- 3) Copy of Email to: Vice President Meagher and Councilor R. White  
From: Denise Rounds  
Dated: December 6, 2022  
Re: STR Working Group
- 4) Copy of Email and attachments to: Town Council  
From: Marian Falla  
Dated: December 13, 2022  
Re: Tax Exemption Supporting Article
- 5) Copy of Email and attachments to: Town Council  
From: Marian Falla  
Dated: December 14, 2022  
Re: AirBnB article

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor Brine to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.**

**Attest:**

  
**Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk**