



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Jamestown Town Hall
Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Avenue
Monday, April 3, 2023
6:05 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON ONLY.

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED: To view the meeting with no interaction:
<http://www.record-server.net/Jtown/StreamPrimJtown.html>

The public is welcome to participate in this Town Council meeting. Open Forum offers citizens the opportunity to clarify an item on the agenda, address items not on the agenda, or comment on a communication or Consent Agenda item. Citizens are welcome to speak to the subject of a Public Hearing and are allowed to speak at the discretion of the Council President or a majority of Councilors present, or at other times during the meeting, in particular during New or Unfinished Business.

Anyone wishing to speak should use the microphone at the front of the room, stating their name and address for the record; comments must be addressed to the Council, not the audience. The Town Council hopes that citizens and Councilors alike will be respectful of each other's right to speak, tolerant of different points of view, and mindful of everyone's time.

Attachments for items on this meeting agenda are available to the public on the Town website at:
<https://jamestownri.gov/town-government/town-council/town-council-meetings-minutes/2023-meetings-minutes>

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

| TIME | NAME | COMMITTEE |
|------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 6:05 | David F. Dolce | Tax Relief Working Group |
| 6:15 | Robert Raymond | Tax Relief Working Group |

II. ROLL CALL

III. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. 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
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

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

- A) Acknowledgements:
- 1) Jamestown Police Life Saving Medal awards presentation
 - a) Jamestown Police Department Dispatcher David Bento

VI. **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.

A) **Public Hearing: 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) Transfer Application has been received for Class B-V – Victualer Liquor License as advertised in the Jamestown Press.

FROM: **CLASS B-V – VICTUALER**
Jamestown Locals, LLC (J. Colon/C. Verta)
dba: Narragansett Café
25 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

TO: **CLASS B-V- VICTUALER**
Jamestown Locals, LLC (M. D’Arezzo/E. D’Arezzo)
dba: Narragansett Café
25 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Review, Discussion and or Action: At the request of the applicant, permission to postpone the Public Hearing for the Jamestown Locals, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café Class B-V Victualer Liquor License Transfer application.
- 2) 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: Pursuant to RIGL§ 3-7-15(b), that the following request for consent under said Act, Class G. Liquor License (State License) by Conanicut Marine Services, Inc., for service of liquor while at dockside at East Ferry for the 2023 season no more than 30 minutes prior to scheduled departure for the following motor vessels:
 - a) The Jamestown, MV Katherine, The Coastal Queen
 - b) Review, Discussion and/or Take Action and/or Vote to grant their consent to the request of the CLASS G LIQUOR LICENSE.

- 3) Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, that the following license application has been received under said Act for a one-day license on May 13, 2023(*rain date May 20, 2023):

CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)

Jamestown Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 35, 2023
Jamestown, RI 02835

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

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

B) License: Licenses and Permits

- 1) 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:

a) Applicant: Jamestown Chamber of Commerce
Event: Crossing Day
Date: May 13, 2023(*rain date May 20, 2023)
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: East Ferry/Narragansett Avenue

b) Applicant: Gray Matter Marketing & RITB Foundation
Event: Pell Bridge Run
Date: October 15, 2023, 5:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Location: Rhode Island Transit and Bridge Authority offices and East Shore Road

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:

- A) Interim Town Administrator's Report: Edward A. Mello
- 1) Appointment of the Acting Jamestown Police Chief/Acting Director of Emergency Management (consent agenda)
 - 2) Jamestown Harbor Commission Executive Director update
 - 3) Opioid Settlement Authorization (consent agenda)
 - 4) Rhode Island Interlocal Trust Awards/Grants
 - 5) Recognition of Sgt. Joel Pinocci for 25 years of service on March 24th
 - 6) Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Pump-Out Grant

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote to approve the draft Tax Relief Ad Hoc Committee Charge:
 - 1) The Town Council has determined that it is necessary to encourage year-round residency for both property owners and renters alike. To pursue this initiative, the Council may appoint a Tax Relief Ad Hoc Committee whose charge shall be: Review current commercial and residential properties, including owner-occupied, short-term and long-term rental properties; identify strategies employed by other local governments to incentivize year-round residency such as tax incentives; present recommendations to the Town Council including new or amended ordinances; investigate qualifying exemptions and opportunities; develop tax relief tiers; defined qualification requirements; and develop public education and outreach. The Committee shall consist of five (5) to seven (7) members including five (5) members of the general public, the Tax Assessor and a Town Council Liaison.

- B) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote to approve the draft Senior Services Committee Charge:
 - 1) The Town Council has determined that it is necessary to provide a mechanism to prioritize the needs of the senior population and bring further awareness to the community. To pursue this initiative, the Council may appoint a Senior Services Committee whose charge shall be: Assist the Senior Services Director and the Friends of Jamestown Seniors Organization in the matters of the senior center, and to guide with the implementation of future projects that will help maintain the independence of our senior population. The Committee shall consist of five (5) to seven (7) members including five (5) members of the general public, the Senior Services Director and a Town Council Liaison.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion and possible action on the FY2023-2024: Town Administrator's Proposed Budget; Possible action to adopt and recommend proposed FY2023-2024 Town Budget of \$28,719,156 for consideration at the Annual Financial Town Meeting on June 5, 2023:
 - 1) Town Administrator's Proposed Town General Fund Budget of \$12,601,897
 - 2) Town Administrator's Proposed School Budget of \$16,177,259

X. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS

- A) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) Tax Relief Working Group Ad Hoc Committee, Five (5) to Seven (7) Member vacancy(s), with a term ending date unspecified; review discussion and/or potential action and/or vote:
 - a) Letter of interest:
 - i) Connie Slick
 - ii) Linda J. Jamison
 - iii) E. Edward Ross
 - iv) Michelle Estaphan Owen
 - v) Beth Smith
 - vi) David Dolce
 - vii) Dan West
 - viii) Robert Raymond
 - 2) Committee, Board and Commission Vacancies and Expiring Terms have been duly advertised in the March 30th and April 6th editions of the Jamestown Press. The application deadline has been set for April 12, 2023, for current vacancies and expiring terms.

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 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 Meeting Minutes
 - 1) February 28, 2023 (Special Meeting)
 - 2) March 6, 2023 (Regular Meeting)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Housing Authority (January 19, 2023)
 - 2) Planning Commission (February 15, 2023)
 - 3) Zoning Board of Review (February 28, 2023)
- C) Approval of the Appointment of Lt. Angela Deneault as the Acting Jamestown Police Chief and Acting Director of Emergency Management, effective April 17, 2023, and approval of the compensation of \$98,268.00.
- D) Permission to authorize Interim Town Administrator Edward A. Mello to sign the National Opioid Settlement offer, Second Amendment upon review by Solicitor Ruggiero.
- E) Acceptance and Receipt of the Lawn Avenue Upper Tennis Court Resurfacing Bid: to Joyce Construction, in the amount not to exceed \$66,689.00, as recommended by Parks and Recreation Director Ray DeFalco.
 - 1) Memorandum from Parks and Recreation Director Ray DeFalco to the Town Council.

- F) Ratification of Administrative Event Approvals: JAC talk with Jean-Marc Superville Sovak and Peter Fay- March 30, 2023. Previously approved event rescheduled due to inclement weather.

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) Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns:
- 1) Town of Warren Resolutions:
 - a) Resolution in Support of Validating and Ratifying an amendment to the Home Rule Charter.
 - b) Resolution in Support of Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns 2023 Legislative Priorities.
 - c) Resolution in Support of Housing Development & Land Use.
 - d) Resolution in Support of Enabling Legislation for a Tax Amnesty Program for Motor Vehicles and Tangible Taxes.
 - e) Resolution in Support of Periodic Review of the BWRSD Enabling Legislation.
 - 2) Town of Tiverton, Resolution in Support of Housing Development & Land Use.
 - 3) Town of Hopkinton; Resolution in Support of H 6119 An Act Relating to Human Services – Medical Assistance.
 - 4) Town of Burrillville, Resolution in Support of Environmental, Social, and Governance Investing.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c), Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website and at the Town Hall and the Jamestown Clubhouse Library. Notice is also posted at the Jamestown Police Station and on the Internet at www.jamestownri.gov.

ALL NOTE: If communications assistance is needed or other accommodations to ensure equal participation, please call 1-800-745-5555, or contact the Town Clerk at 401-423-9800, via facsimile to 401-423-7230, or email to rfagan@jamestownri.net not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Posted on the RI Secretary of State website on March 29, 2023.