

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2023

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on March 6, 2023. 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: Interim Town Administrator Edward A. Mello, Solicitor Peter Ruggiero, Finance Director Christina Collins, Public Works Director Michael Gray, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, 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 6:30 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor M. White read a statement regarding Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. (CMS). He reminded those in attendance that during Open Forum that the Town Council members are not allowed to comment on topics that are not on the agenda. He read the following statement. "The Town of Jamestown has no control over whether or not the Jamestown Ferry/CMS operates. We do have control of the public space they wish to use. Since we are unable to agree about use of that space, the town wishes to reserve it for full public/ADA access. CMS can certainly seek other spaces in Jamestown for their operation of a ferry."

President Beye reminded those in attendance when addressing the Town Council, to state their name and address at the podium. Be brief and respectful. Per open meeting laws, the Town Council can not engage in a dialogue regarding topics not on the agenda. She also stated there is a Harbor Commission meeting on Wednesday, and the topic is scheduled to be on the agenda. A public statement from the Town Council can be found on the Town website.

Nick Robertson, 109 Carr Lane, urged the Town Council to reengage with Bill Munger/CMS to resolve the ferry use of East Ferry. Entered into the record was a letter to the Town Council from Mr. Robertson regarding the Ferry Boat Discussion. He provided comments on the history of the marina and ferry operations at East Ferry. Ferry boat service has been part of the history and legacy of the island. Mr. Robertson was a ferry boat operator and shared a personal experience, that occurred in part to the ferry. He also strongly urged the Town Council to utilize a mediator to help negotiate a resolution.

Bill Munger, President of CMS made statements to the Town Council. He detailed a timeline of the negotiations with the Town over the use of East Ferry. He suggested the Town be careful on what is posted to the Town website. Councilor R. White agreed and suggested the same for CMS. Mr. Munger stated that no written communication was sent explaining the Town's rejection of the CMS proposed lease agreement. CMS had also submitted a shared use plan to the Harbor Commission in July 2022, which was also rejected. The one-year license agreement sent to CMS in December 2022 by the former Town Administrator Hainsworth was too restrictive and was rejected by CMS. Mr. Munger suggested the Town made the license agreement proposal because the area remains under lease to TPG. Councilor R. White asked if there was a copy of the lease between CMS and TPG.

Vice President Meagher made a point of clarification. Sometimes there is a need for clarification between a speaker and the Town Council.

Mr. Munger appealed to the Town Council to revisit the February 2023 CMS term sheet. The February 28th Town Council decision impacts the quality of life of many, access to the bay, and the ability to travel on the water. He requested that the Jamestown Newport Ferry lease request be placed on the March 20, 2023, agenda in public session for Jamestown citizen input.

Paul Sprague 11 Mast Street, addressed the Town Council and spoke in favor of the Jamestown Ferry. He founded the new-generation ferry service 30 years ago, eventually selling his interests to CMS. CMS should be allowed to use the float with a lease. CMS should be able to operate the ferry from the ADA-accessible float. He also concurred with Bill Munger and requested the topic be placed on the March 20th agenda in open session for public input; and no further discussion in Executive Sessions behind closed doors.

Marilyn Munger, owner of Conanicut Gift Shop spoke in support of the Jamestown Ferry. She expressed her disappointment. The ferries have brought thousands of visitors to the island over the years. Jamestown businesses rely on tourists and visitors that use the ferry. She urged the Town Council to consider this.

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
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

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

- A) Review, Discussion and/ or Action, and/ or Vote regarding a Resolution Authorizing Issuance Of Up To \$1,500,000 In Bonds And/ Or Notes For Repairs And Improvements Of The Water System Of The Town Of Jamestown And All Costs Incidental Thereto, Resolution 2023-03

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-03. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance Of Up To \$1,500,000 In Bonds And/ Or Notes For Repairs And Improvements Of The Water System Of The Town Of Jamestown And All Costs Incidental Thereto, Resolution 2023-03. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- B) Review, Discussion and, or Action, and or Vote regarding a Proclamation declaring April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the Town of Jamestown, Proclamation 2023-04
Councilor M. White read the Proclamation.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Proclamation declaring April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the Town of Jamestown, Proclamation 2023-04. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- C) Review, Discussion and or Action, and or Vote regarding a Resolution Relative to Establish a Jamestown Sustainable Resident Program, Resolution 2023-05

Vice President Meagher gave the historical background and benefits of this enabling Resolution to the residents of Jamestown. Vice President Meagher read the Resolution.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Resolution Relative to Establish a Jamestown Sustainable Resident Program, Resolution 2023-05. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and 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.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to open the Public Hearing. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

A) Public Hearings

- 1) Proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 70, Article II -Administration and Enforcement; Sections 25- Notice of violation; admission of truth and payment of fines at the police station; amounts. These Amendments are proposed to update and modernize the existing Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance. (duly advertised in the *Jamestown Press* on **February 23, 2023**); Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - a) Amended Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance

Discussion ensued.

Interim Director Edward A. Mello gave a brief overview of the amendment and the benefits of modernizing the existing Traffic and Vehicle amendments. These amendments and anticipated increases in fees collected will enable the Town to fund an electronic ticketing and payment program. The online program will enable consumers an easier way to pay most parking and traffic fines.

Raymond Bazzano, 10 Narragansett Avenue, he made reference to the appeal process and time to appeal. Are the collected traffic fines going into a segregated fund account?

Interim Director Edward A. Mello described the two levels of the appeal process: 1) Administrative appeal process to address tickets issued in error and/or 2) referred to traffic tribunal as set by State law. Very few parking and traffic fine appeals are referred to the traffic tribunal. Fines collected are placed into a segregated fund account.

Vice President Meagher explained that the appeal process was 14 days, and the amendment changes that time period to 30 days.

Bob Bowen, Stanchion Street, was it considered to have a graduated increase fine for repeat offenders?

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the amendments to Charter 70, Article II -Administration and Enforcement; Sections 25- Notice of violation; admission of truth and payment of fines at the police station; amounts. These Amendments are proposed to update and modernize the existing Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

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

B) Town Council Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board.

- 1) 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 **Transfer Application** has been received for **Class B-V – Victualer Liquor License**:

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) Request for the Town Council to Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote of approval to proceed to advertise for a Public Hearing on March 20, 2023, by the Town Council, with advertisements in the March 9th and 16th editions of the *Jamestown Press*.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve to proceed to advertise or a Public Hearing on March 20, 2023 for the Narragansett Café of the Class B-V Victualer liquor license transfer. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 2) Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, that the following license application has been received under said Act for a one-day license on March 16, 2023:

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 Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Out of the Box Studio/Gallery One-Day Class F (Non-Profit) liquor license scheduled for March 16, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 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 25, 2023:

CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)
Jamestown Historical Society (JHS)
92 Narragansett 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 Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Jamestown Historical Society One-Day Class F (Non-Profit) liquor license scheduled for May 25, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

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

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

C) 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: Out of the Box Studio/Gallery
Event: Looms & Libraries
Date: March 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: 11 Clinton Avenue

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Looms & Libraries One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for March 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., located at Out of the Box Studio/Gallery, 11 Clinton Avenue. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- b) Applicant: Jamestown Historical Society (JHS)
Event: JHS Museum Opening Reception
Date: May 25, 2023, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: 92 Narragansett Avenue

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the JHS Museum Opening Reception One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for May 25, 2023, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., located at the Jamestown Historical Society, 92 Narragansett Avenue. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- c) Applicant: Jamestown Historical Society (JHS)
Event: Windmill Day
Date: July 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Location: Jamestown Windmill, North Road

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Windmill Day One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for July 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., located at the Jamestown Windmill, North Road. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- d) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center
Event: Film Screening: No Time to Fail (rescheduled)
Date: March 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: 18 Valley Street

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Film Screening: No Time to Fail (rescheduled) One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for March 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., located at the Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- e) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center
Event: Exhibition Opening: A Hard Rain's a – Gonna Fall
Date: April 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: 18 Valley Street

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Exhibition Opening: A Hard Rain's a – Gonna Fall One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for April 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., located at the Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- f) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center
 Event: Summer Soiree
 Date: June 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 Location: 18 Valley Street

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Summer Soiree One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for June 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., located at the Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- g) Applicant: St. Matthew Church
 Event: Sunrise Easter Service
 Date: April 9, 2023, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.
 Location: East Ferry green (Veteran’s Square)

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Sunrise Easter Service One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for April 9, 2023, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m., located at the East Ferry green (Veteran’s Square). Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- h) Applicant: Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation (CISF)
 Event: Fairy House Scavenger Hunt
 Date: April 30, 2023, 12:00 noon. – 3:00 p.m.
 Location: CISF Tent, Fort Getty Park

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Fairy House Scavenger Hunt One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for April 30, 2023, 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m., located at the CISF Tent, Fort Getty. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- i) Applicant: Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation (CISF)
 Event: CISF Open House
 Date: June 17, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Location: CISF Tent, Fort Getty Park

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the CISF Open House One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for June 17, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., located at the CISF Tent, Fort Getty. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- j) Applicant: The Town of Jamestown
 Event: Jamestown 4th of July Fireworks
 Date: July 2, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.*
 (*rain date July 3, 2023)
 Location: East Ferry

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Jamestown 4th of July Fireworks One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for July 2, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (*rain date July 3, 2023), located at East Ferry. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- k) Applicant: Jamestown Ukraine Relief Project
 Event: Sunflower Family Festival
 Date: August 26, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
 (*rain date August 27, 2023)
 Location: Jamestown School grounds /Lawn Avenue

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Sunflower Family Festival One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for August 26, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., (*rain date August 27, 2023) located at the Jamestown School grounds/Lawn Avenue. 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 the Renewal Application that has 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

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Holiday License renewal application for All Ashore Cottage Outfitters, LLC, dba: All Ashore Cottage Outfitters, for the year December 1, 2022-November 30, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

VI. 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) Fort Getty Gatehouse Project

The DPW is well underway with the construction of the new gatehouse. The gatehouse is being constructed off-site and will be moved onto the new foundation in the coming weeks. Also, during this time will be the removal and demolition of the former gatehouse. The project is on target for the 2023 Ft. Getty season.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) No items at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Proposed dates for the (4) four Budget Work Sessions and eventual vote to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024) at the Financial Town Meeting:
 - 1) Town Council Budget Work Session: Operating Budget for FY 2023-2024, March 13th or 14th at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.; or an alternate date/time.
 - 2) Town Council Budget Work Session: Capital Improvement Programs, for FY 2023-2024, March 21st or 22nd at 5 p.m.; or an alternate date/time.
 - 3) Joint Town Council and School Department Budget Work Session and Hearing for FY 2023-2024, March 23rd at 5:00 p.m., or an alternate date/time.

- 4) Town Council Budget Work Session: Interim Town Administrator's proposed FY 2023-2024 Town, School, and Capital Budgets: March 27th, 29th, or 30th at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.; or an alternate date/time.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to schedule the following Budget Work Shop dates and times: March 14th at 5pm, potentially on March 21st at 5pm and March 23rd at 5pm. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

IX. 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

Discussion ensued.

Vice President Meagher made the request to schedule interviews at the next Town Council meeting on March 20, 2023.

- 2) Senior Services 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) Joyce Watson-O'Neil
 - ii) Deb Howard
- b) Approval of request to re-advertise committee vacancy(s).

Vice President Meagher made the request to schedule interviews at the next Town Council meeting on March 20, 2023 and approved the request to re-advertise the committee vacancy(s).

- 3) Zoning Board of Review, One (1) Alternate Member vacancy with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023:

- a) Letter of interest:
 - i) James (Jay) Sisson

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint James (Jay) Sisson as the Zoning Board of Review for the One-Year Alternate Member, with a term ending December 31, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to accept the items A) and B) on the Consent Agenda and to pull out for further discussion items C) and D). Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

President Beye made a clarifying statement for the record regarding item C) approval of the Compensation of Interim Town Administrator Mello. Interim Director Edward A. Mello would be compensated the same as the Town Administrator budget amount of \$123,000 only, and not collecting two salaries. He would no longer be receiving compensation as the Chief of Police even though he will be serving in both capacities for the time being.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to accept Consent Agenda item C) Approval of the Compensation of Interim Town Administrator Mello; proposed to be the same as the Town Administrator budget amount, of \$123,000.00; and request for a performance review to be held in 4 months. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye

Vice President Meagher asked a clarifying question in regard to the appointment of Steven Bois as the Harbormaster for the Town of Jamestown. Interim Director Edward A. Mello stated the ordinance indicates an Administrative action by the Town Administrator for a recommendation to the Town Council for approval. Steven Bois has served on the Harbor Commission, is a retired Navy Commander, worked at the Raytheon, very involved in the RAB Gould Island initiative, and brings a tremendous skill set to enhance the Harbor division. Several well-qualified individuals were interviewed for the position with the assistance of resident and former Jamestown Harbormaster Mark Campbell. Councilor R. White concurred with Vice President Meagher and Interim Director Edward A. Mello on recommendation of Steven Bois for the Harbormaster position.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to accept Consent Agenda item D) Approval of the Appointment of Steven Bois as the Harbormaster for the Town of Jamestown Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye

X. 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 6, 2023 (Executive Session)
 - 2) February 13, 2023 (Executive Session)

- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Affordable Housing Committee (January 10, 2023)
 - 2) Planning Commission (February 1, 2023)

- 3) Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (December 21, 2022)
 - 4) Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (January 25, 2023)
- C) Approval of the Compensation of Interim Town Administrator Mello; proposed to be the same as the Town Administrator budget amount, of \$123,000.00; and request for a performance review to be held in 4 months.
- D) Approval of the Appointment of Steven Bois as the Harbormaster for the Town of Jamestown
- 1) Memorandum from Interim Town Administrator Mello regarding Harbormaster Confirmation by Town Council.

Communications were acknowledged.

XI. 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 and STR/ADU stakeholders
From: Marian Falla
Dated: February 21, 2023
Re: Newport floats new ideas to tackle housing crisis
 - 2) Copy of Email to: Town Council and STR stakeholders
From: Marian Falla
Dated: February 24, 2023
Re: City of Newport launches online short-term rental map
 - 3) Copy of Email to: Town Council Vice President Meagher, Councilor R. White, and Town Planner Bryer
From: Denise Rounds
Dated: February 27, 2023
Re: Short-term Rental Working Group
- B) Proclamations and Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns:
- 1) Town of Charlestown, Resolution in Support of House Bill 2023- H5174 An Act Relating to Waters and Navigation Coast Resources Management Council
 - 2) Town of Charlestown, Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as Outlined in RIGL 16-7.2-6
 - 3) Town of Lincoln; Resolution 2023-1 In Support of Housing Development & Land Use.
 - 4) Town of North Kingstown, Resolution No. 22, a resolution to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management requesting a plan for

South Gould Island Public Recreation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

Attest:


Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk