

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 6, 2023
6:30 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on November 6, 2023. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Mary Meagher, Michael G. White, Randy White, and Erik Brine (via Zoom).

Also, in attendance: Town Administrator Edward A. Mello, Solicitor Peter Ruggiero, Finance Director Christina Collins, Public Works Director Michael Gray, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco, Harbor Division Executive Director Steven Bois 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 6:33 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

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

None.

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

- A) Nothing items at this time.

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 Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS

- A) **Town Council Sitting as the Alcohol 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. The following Applications for RENEWAL have been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, for the year December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024 (duly advertised in the Jamestown Press on October 12th and 19th), upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval and appropriate signatures. **Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:**
 - 1) Approval of Applications for Renewal of Class A (Package Store) Retail

Liquor License:

- a) Tunstall, LLC, dba: Grapes & Gourmet, 9 Ferry Wharf
- b) Varsha, Inc. dba: Jamestown Wine & Spirits, 30 Southwest Ave

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class A (Package Store) Retail Liquor License Renewal for Tunstall, LLC, dba: Grapes & Gourmet, Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, 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 Class A (Package Store) Retail Liquor License Renewal for Varsha, Inc. dba: Jamestown Wine & Spirits, Sunday 10 a.m – 6 p.m.; Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 2) Set the Class A (Package Store) Retail Liquor License Cap at Two

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to Set the Class A (Package Store) Retail Liquor License Cap at Two. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 3) Approval of application for Renewal of Class B Victualer Limited Liquor License:
 - a) Our Table, LLC, dba: Our Table, 53 Narragansett Avenue
 - b) VHBC, LLC, dba: Village Hearth Bakery & Café, 2 Watson Avenue

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class B Victualer Limited Liquor License renewal application for Our Table, LLC, dba: Our Table, Sunday through Saturday 4 p.m.- 10 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, 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 Class B Victualer Limited Liquor License renewal application for VHBC, LLC, dba: Village Hearth Bakery & Café as amended, Friday through Sunday, 12 p.m.-8 p.m., only serve Beer & Wine inside and outside on deck only. No beer and wine permitted on the patio per the Zoning Board of Review Special Use Permit. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 4) Set the Class B Victualer Limited Liquor License Cap at Two

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to Set the Class B Victualer Limited Liquor License Cap at Two. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 5) Approval of Application for Renewal of Class B Victualer Liquor Licenses:
 - a) Conanicut Restaurant Group II, LLC, dba: Beech, 13 Narragansett Avenue

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class B Victualer Liquor License for Conanicut Restaurant Group II, LLC, dba: Beech, Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Friday 4 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye

b) Epic Decade, LLC, dba: Curiosity & Co., 14 Narragansett Avenue
A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class B Victualer Liquor License for Epic Decade, LLC, dba: Curiosity & Co., Sunday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

c) Jamestown Locos, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café,
25 Narragansett Avenue

Discussion ensued. It was noted a change in hours was requested.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class B Victualer Liquor License for Jamestown Locos, LLC, dba: Narragansett Café, Sunday through Saturday, 11 a.m. through 1 a.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

d) Jamestown Marina Beverage Operations, LLC, dba: One Ferry Wharf, 3 East Ferry Wharf

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class B Victualer Liquor License for Jamestown Marina Beverage Operations, LLC, dba: One Ferry Wharf, Sunday through Thursday 7 a.m. – 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. – 12 a.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

e) New England Golf Course Management, Inc., dba: Jamestown Golf and Country Club, aka The Caddy Shack, 245 Conanicus Avenue

Discussion ensued. It was noted a reduction in hours was requested.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class B Victualer Liquor License for New England Golf Course Management, Inc., dba: Jamestown Golf and Country Club, aka The Caddy Shack, Sunday through Saturday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

f) Slice of Heaven, Inc., dba: Slice of Heaven, 32 Narragansett Avenue
A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class B Victualer Liquor License for Slice of Heaven, Inc., dba: Slice of Heaven, Wednesday through Sunday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

g) Tallulah's Taqueria, LLC, dba: Tallulah's Tacos,
35 Narragansett Avenue

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class B Victualer Liquor License for Tallulah's Taqueria, LLC, dba: Tallulah's Tacos, Sunday

through Saturday, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 6) Set the Class B Victualer Liquor License Cap at Seven

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to Set the Class B Victualer Liquor License Cap at Seven. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 7) Approval of Application for Renewal of Class BT Tavern Liquor License:
 - a) JB's On the Water, LLC, dba: JB's On the Water, 150 Conanicus Avenue

It was noted the reduction of hours 10 am – 11 pm

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class BT Tavern Liquor License renewal application for JB's On the Water, LLC, dba: JB's On the Water, Sunday through Saturday, 10 a.m.- 11 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 8) Set the Class BT Tavern Liquor License Cap at One

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to Set the Class BT Tavern Liquor License Cap at One. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 9) Approval of Application for Renewal of Class D Full Club Liquor License:
 - a) Conanicut Yacht Club, 40 Bay View Drive

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Class D Full Club Liquor License renewal application for Conanicut Yacht Club, Sunday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 a.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 10) Set the Class D Full Club Liquor License Cap at One

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor R. White to Set the Class D Full Club Liquor License Cap at One. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

The Town Council Adjourns from Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor R. White to adjourn from sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board. 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: Approval of Renewal Applications that have been received by the Town Council for Victualing, Holiday & Entertainment License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures:

- 1) Conanicut Restaurant Group II, LLC, dba: Beech

Discussion ensued. It was noted the change in days and times requested.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing, Holiday & Entertainment License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, renewal application for Conanicut Restaurant Group II, LLC, dba: Beech, note: Victualing Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Friday 4 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-11 p.m., and Entertainment Sunday through Saturday, 1 p.m.-8 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 2) Conanicut Yacht Club

It was noted a complaint had been received related to two disruptive events at Conanicut Yacht Club during the 2023 season. It will be emphasized the limitations of the license.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing, Holiday & Entertainment License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30 2024 renewal application for Conanicut Yacht Club, note: Victualing Sunday through Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 a.m.; and Entertainment Sunday through Saturday, 12 p.m.-10 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 3) Epic Decade LLC, dba: Curiosity & Co.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing, Holiday & Entertainment License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30 2024 renewal application for Epic Decade LLC, dba: Curiosity & Co., note: Victualing Sunday-Saturday 10 a.m.- 10 p.m.; Entertainment, Sunday– Saturday, 10 a.m. -10 p.m., inside only per Zoning Board of Review restrictions.

- 4) Jamestown Locos LLC, dba: Narragansett Café

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing, Holiday & Entertainment License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30 2024 renewal application for Jamestown Locos LLC, dba: Narragansett Café, note: Victualing Sunday-Saturday 11 a.m.- 1 a.m.; Entertainment, Thursday– Saturday, 3 p.m. -12:30 a.m., inside only. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 5) Jamestown Marina Beverage Operations, LLC, dba: One Ferry Wharf

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing, Holiday & Entertainment License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30 2024 renewal application for Jamestown Marina Beverage Operations, LLC, dba: One Ferry Wharf, note: Victualing Sunday-Thursday 7 a.m.- 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; Entertainment, Wednesday-Sunday, 12 p.m. -10 p.m.(outside), acoustic 3-piece (max) band; no amplification; 12 p.m.-11 p.m. (inside) background music via speakers inside only with doors

closed. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

6) JB's On the Water LLC, dba: JB's On the Water

Discussion ensued. Vice President Meagher noted a complaint from a neighbor regarding outside music. JB's On the Water is a commercial entity in a residential neighborhood.

John Brito does not have outdoor entertainment. The entertainment license is for the inside only.

Town Administrator Mello clarified limitations. Restrictions relate to entertainment outside i.e. weddings etc. the applicant is required to apply to have outdoor entertainment. The complaint referenced background music/speakers, which is permissible and monitored according to the noise ordinance.

Mr. Brito explained that hotel guests also play music on the balcony(s) outside of their rooms; and/or music being played at the pool by hotel guests. Mr. Brito monitors the speaker sound and strives to be a "good neighbor". When he is asked to turn down the music he does so.

Last year the Town Council decided not to limit JB's outdoor speakers any differently than a residence, Councilor Brine commented.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing, Holiday & Entertainment License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30 2024 renewal application for JB's On the Water LLC, dba: JB's On the Water, note: Victualing Sunday-Saturday 10 a.m.- 11 p.m.; Entertainment, Sunday- Saturday, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., inside only. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

7) Tallulah's Taqueria LLC, dba: Tallulah's Tacos

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing, Holiday & Entertainment License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30 2024 renewal application for Tallulah's Taqueria LLC, dba: Tallulah's Tacos, note: Victualing Sunday-Saturday 11 a.m.- 9 p.m.; Entertainment, Friday through Sunday, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m., mall acoustic only. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and 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 Victualing and Holiday License with Extended Hours for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures:

1) Cumberland Farms #1108

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing and Holiday License with Extended Hours renewal application for Cumberland Farms #1108. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- D) 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, 2023- November 30, 2024, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures:

1) A and J LLC, dba: East Ferry Deli

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for A and J LLC, dba: East Ferry Deli. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

2) Ace's Pizza, Inc.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for Ace's Pizza, Inc. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

3) Dutch Harbor Beverage, LLC, dba: Scuttlebutt

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for Dutch Harbor Beverage, LLC, dba: Scuttlebutt. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

4) McQuade's Market

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024 for McQuade's Market. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

5) New England Golf Course Management Inc., dba: Jamestown Golf and Country Club aka The Caddy Shack

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for New England Golf Course Management Inc., dba: Jamestown Golf and Country Club aka The Caddy Shack. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

6) Our Table LLC dba: Our Table

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024 for Our Table LLC dba: Our Table. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

7) Slice of Heaven, Inc., dba: Slice of Heaven

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024 for Slice of Heaven, Inc., dba: Slice of Heaven. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

8) The Wicked Whisk

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024 for The Wicked Whisk. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

9) Tunstall LLC, dba: Grapes & Gourmet

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024 for Tunstall LLC, dba: Grapes & Gourmet. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

10) Varsha, Inc., dba: Jamestown Wine & Spirits

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024 for Varsha, Inc., dba: Jamestown Wine & Spirits. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

11) VHBC LLC, dba: Village Hearth Bakery & Café

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Victualing & Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for VHBC LLC, dba: Village Hearth Bakery & Café. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

At 7:02 p.m. Vice President Meagher recused from agenda item E.)Approval of Renewal Holiday Licenses received by the Town Council.

E) 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, 2023- November 30, 2024, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures:

1) Conanicut Marine Services, Inc., dba: Conanicut Gift Shop

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for Conanicut Marine Services, Inc., dba: Conanicut Gift Shop. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

2) Hodgkiss Farm

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for Hodgkiss Farm. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

3) Jamestown Hardware

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for Jamestown Hardware. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

4) Milos Nails Spa

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for Milos Nails Spa. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

5) TPG Marinas Conanicut LLC, dba: Conanicut Marina

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024 for TPG Marinas Conanicut LLC, dba: Conanicut Marina. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

6) Urban Flowers LLC, dba: The Secret Garden

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Renewal Holiday License for the year December 1, 2023- November 30, 2024, for Urban Flowers LLC, dba: The Secret Garden. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

At 7:03 Vice President Meagher returned to the meeting and the dais.

- F) 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, 2023- November 30, 2024, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures.:

1) Live & Learn, Inc., 123 B Narragansett Avenue

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Victualing License renewal application for Live & Learn, Inc., Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

VI. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS

A) Town Administrator's Report: Edward A. Mello

1) Short-Term Rental Registration update.

Town Staff has continued inspections of short-term rentals (STR). To date, more than fifty-(50) inspections have been completed. The online STR registration portal was launched on Wednesday, November 1st. All known property owners have been notified. The online registration has also been advertised in the Jamestown Press. The Clerk will then advertise the completed applications and schedule hearings for the Town Council to consider during December.

2) Ferry Dock/Operations 2023 status report.

The current use agreement between the Town and CMS/Jamestown Newport Ferry is set to expire on December 31, 2023. Town Administrator Mello prepared a report as a supplement to Harbor Division Executive Director Steven Bois' report.

3) RIDOT Paving Grant request.

Town Administrator Mello requested approval to fully execute the grant agreement with RIDOT that will provide \$294,792 in state funding to local road paving projects. The Town will contribute an additional \$598,520 to the program during the 2024 paving season. This will include \$348,520

from FY 23 and FY 24 capital funds and an anticipated amount of \$250,000 in the FY 25 budget. An estimated 4.5 road miles will be reclaimed or over-laid. (consent agenda)

4) Town Policy approval request.

Town Administrator Mello requested approval of two (2) Town policies: 110.02 Community Bulletin Boards; and 200.02 I-9 Verification Application. (consent agenda)

5) Municipal Resilience Program Grant application.

Through the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, the Town has made an application for a grant in the amount of approximately \$1 million to complete the construction/repair of the dike at the South Pond that services the drinking water system

6) North Road Easement approval request.

Town Administrator Mello requested approval to execute a construction easement with Laurie Casey of 756 North Road. This easement will allow the construction of the bike path onto this property and avoid a 200-year-old tree that would otherwise obstruct the path. (consent agenda)

7) Holiday Lighting on East Ferry and Narragansett Avenue.

Town staff plan to work with the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and TPG as partners to enhance holiday decorating throughout East Ferry and Narragansett Avenue including the installation of decorative lighting on a limited number of lampposts throughout East Ferry.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) No items at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request from Parks and Recreation Director Ray DeFalco, Town Council support of the RIDEM Green Space Grant for Community Playground Enhancement Project:

- 1) Memorandum from Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco regarding a Proposal and RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Green Space Grant Opportunity for additions and enhancements to the Community Playground.

Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco gave a brief overview of the RIDEM Green Space Grant for the Community Playground Enhancement Project proposal. The enhancements proposed could include a family restroom, interactive musical playground equipment, new fencing, a digital bulletin board promoting community events, ADA-compliant picnic tables, improved ADA accessibility, security cameras, as well as landscaping between the playground and library.

Vice President Meagher stated the proposed enhancements sounded great, particularly the dedicated bathroom as well as the landscaping which would provide a natural buffer between the playground and the library. She commended Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco for his research and pursuit of the RIDEM Green Space Grant to improve/enhance the Community Playground.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve and grant support for the RIDEM Green Space Grant for the Community Playground Enhancement Project. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approval of Parks & Recreation Director DeFalco recommendation for the 2024 Fort Getty Season Rates and Season Dates.
 - 1) Memorandum from Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco regarding the proposed 2024 Fort Getty Season Rates and Season Dates.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The Town Council asked Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco to increase rates for both residential and non-residential seasonal campsites; refine the number of days for seasonal camping and present at the next Town Council meeting.

- C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote regarding scheduling Special Meeting:
 - 1) Request to schedule a Joint Meeting on December 18, 2023, at 6:00 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 Vice President Meagher to approve the request to schedule a Joint Meeting on December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. between Jamestown Town Council and the Jamestown School Department as per RIGL §16-2-21. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

IX. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS

- D) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) Harbor Management Commission, One (1) member, unexpired three-year term ending 12/31/2024:
 - a) Letter of resignation
 - i) Eric Lexow

The Town Council accepted Eric Lexow’s resignation with regret and extended their thanks for his years of service to the Harbor Management Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding the known pool of applicants for the Harbor Commission. It was decided to re-advertise the vacancy and put the item on a future agenda for consideration.

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.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Adoption of Town Council Meeting Minutes
 - 1) October 2, 2023 (Regular meeting)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Bike Path Committee (September 13, 2023)
 - 2) Bike Path Committee/Town Council (October 10, 2023)
 - 3) Harbor Commission (September 13, 2023)
 - 4) Planning Commission (September 20, 2023)
 - 5) Police Pension Administration Committee (May 26, 2021)
 - 6) Police Pension Administration Committee (June 9, 2022)
 - 7) Police Pension Administration Committee (October 12, 2023)

8) Zoning Board of Review (August 22, 2023)

C) Tax Assessor's Abatements and Addenda of Taxes

REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS/ADDENDA TO THE 2023 TAX ROLL		
02-0017-00	C/O ISSUED 7/19/2023	\$2260.40
12-0934-75	C/O ISSUED 5/18/2023	\$1,369.11
19-0220-75	HOUSE COMPLETE 10/31/2023	\$ 366.35
TOTAL ADDENDA TO TAX ROLL		\$3,995.86
GRAND TOTAL		\$3,995.86

- D) Approval of recommendation from Town Planner Lisa Bryer to award the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administrative Services contract to Church Community Housing Corporation for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028; and permission to authorize Town Administrator Mello to sign on behalf of the Town of Jamestown the contractual Agreement between the Town of Jamestown and Church Community Housing Corporation, pending full review by Solicitor Ruggiero.
- 1) Memorandum from Town Planner Lisa Bryer regarding awarding of bid for CDBG Administrative Services.
- E) Approval of recommendation from the Jamestown Bike Path Committee and Town Planner Lisa Bryer to award the bid for the Jamestown Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) to Beta Group, in an amount not to exceed \$33,500.
- 1) Memorandum from Town Planner Lisa Bryer regarding the request for Award of Bid for the Jamestown Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and Jamestown Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Consultant Matrix.
- F) Approval of the Town of Jamestown Policies: 100.02 Community Bulletin Boards and 200.02 I-9 Verification.
- G) Approval of request to authorize Town Administrator Mello to fully execute the RIDOT Grant Agreement which will provide \$294,792 in state funding to local road paving projects; and approval of the request to utilize Town of Jamestown capital funds in the amount of \$598,520 (current FY23/24 \$348,520 and future FY25 \$250,000).
- H) Approval of request to authorize Town Administrator Mello to execute a Temporary Construction and Use Easement Agreement between the Town of Jamestown and Laurie J. Casey for the construction of a portion of the shared use path.
- I) Coastal Resource Management Council Public Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend its Management Procedures. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Department of Administration in Conference Room A; One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.
- J) Ratification of Administrative Approvals:
- 1) One-Day Event/Entertainment: Jamestown Arts Center, November,

- American Symphony, November 2, 2023.
- 2) One-Day Vendor Peddler/Sub-applicant: Supa Dupa Food Truck, October 31, 2023, at 20 Clinton Avenue.

K) One-Day Event/Entertainment Applications

- 1) Applicant: Conanicut Island Art Association
Event: 48th Annual Holiday Art Fair
Date: December 2, 2023
Location: Lawn Avenue School
- 2) Applicant: Conanicut Marine Services, Inc
Event: Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit Jamestown Children
Date: December 2, 2023 (Rain Dates Dec. 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th)
Location: 1 Ferry Wharf/20 Narragansett Avenue
- 3) Applicant: St. Mark Church Christmas Bazaar
Event: Christmas Bazaar
Date: December 2, 2023
Location: 60 Narragansett Avenue
- 4) Applicant: Central Baptist Church
Event: Christmas Fair
Date: December 2, 2023
Location: 99 Narragansett Avenue
- 5) Applicant: Jessica McCarthy
Event: Storm Girls Ice Hockey Fundraiser
Date: December 14, 2023
Location: Jamestown Recreation Center

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
From: Marian Falla
Dated: September 3, 2023
Re: Newport This Week article dated October 12, 2023: Short-Term Rental Owners, Neighbors, Face Off at Council Meeting
- 2) Copy of letter to: Town Council
From: Alma Davenport
Dated: October 26, 2023
Re: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Section 82-1207

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

Attest:


Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk