

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 20, 2023
6:30 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on November 20, 2023. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Mary Meagher, Michael G. White, Randy White, and Erik Brine

Also, in attendance: Town Administrator Edward A. Mello, Solicitor Peter Ruggiero, Finance Director Christina Collins, Chief Jamie Campbell, Public Works Director Michael Gray, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, Parks & Recreation Director Ray DeFalco, Water and Sewer Clerk Denise Jennings, 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 6:34 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to convene as the Town Council Sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

III. TOWN COUNCIL SITTING AS THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

- A) Approval of Minutes; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) October 16, 2023 (regular meeting)

- B) Open Forum – Water & Sewer Matters
 - 1) Scheduled request to address - none
 - 2) Non-scheduled request to address

- C) Report of Town Officials: Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) Pumping Report
 - 2) Town Project Reports
 - a) Town Wells
 - b) Water Treatment Plant
 - c) Transfer Pumping/Reservoir
 - d) Distribution System
 - e) Wastewater Treatment Facility

- D) Letters and Communication: Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) No items at this time.

- 2)
- E) Unfinished Business:
 - 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Continued from October 16, 2023, Water Supply System Management Plan-5 Year Update (October 2023)
- F) New Business:
 - 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Application of Looking Upwards, Inc. (Bridges, Inc.) of 2 Hammett Court, Plat 9, Lot 183-2 for Utility Service Expansion/Change of Use.
 - 2) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Permission to begin the process of updating the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.
 - 3) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Permission to (1) draft a Resolution to Rhode Island General Assembly in support of an amendment to RIGL§46-15-2 limiting its application only within the legal boundaries of limited water districts such as in the Town of Jamestown; and (2) permission to request other municipalities join the Town of Jamestown in sending resolutions to Rhode Island State General Assembly in support of Jamestown's requested amendment to RIGL§46-15-2.
 - 4) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the recommendation of Public Works Director Gray approval of the Scope of Engineering Services for Wastewater Facilities Improvements to Weston & Sampson Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00 as detailed in their proposal dated November 6, 2023.

The Town Council Adjourns from sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to adjourn from sitting as the Board of Water And Sewer Commissioners. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

IV. OPEN FORUM

- A) Scheduled request to address: None.
- B) Non-scheduled request to address: None.

Carl Bednarczyk, 51 Capstan Street, stated his opposition to the proposed 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Sloop Street and North Road. Enforcement of current stop sign intersections is ongoing in addition to the speeding issue.

Carol Craft, 865 North Road, read a letter she wrote to the Town Council in opposition to the proposed 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Sloop Street and North Road. She emphasized the need to inform, enforce, and educate bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists on the rules of the road.

Ron Ratcliff, 23 Ship Street, urged the Town Council to postpone the decision regarding the 3-way stop sign. He cited Federal and State criteria necessary for installation of a new 3-way stop sign, and stated the Town's plan does not meet that criteria.

Steve Froberg, 937 North Road, stated his opposition to the proposed 3-way stop sign. He resides across from the intersection and stated it would be counterproductive and increase exhaust emission to install a 3-way stop sign. An "eye test" proves it is not necessary; not many vehicles travel down Sloop Street.

Jeff Boal, 994 Fort Getty Road. Jamestown has a roadway sign challenge and problem. Between the Helm Street exit and Fort Getty Road, there are 137 road signs. Adding more cautionary road signs may reduce the effectiveness of the signs.

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

- A) No items at this time.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS

- A) Public Hearings
 - 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, regarding Chapter 70 Section 52 – Traffic and Vehicles. These Amendments are proposed to update and modernize the existing Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance in conformance with 70-51 Stop and Yield Intersections, as advertised in the November 9th edition of the Jamestown Press.
 - a) Memorandum and presentation by Chief Campbell regarding the proposed three-way stop at the intersection of Sloop Street and North Main Road
 - b) Communications received in opposition to the proposed three-way stop sign:
 - i) Nicholas Steinbach
 - ii) Rebecca Miller
 - iii) Linda and John Chapman
 - iv) Craig Crawford
 - v) James Rugh

Town Administrator Mello stated he was the one who proposed the crosswalk and three-way stop sign at Sloop Street/North Road. It was in anticipation of the next phase of the bike bath, connecting the path from the reservoir heading north to America Way, and potentially to West Reach. At this time the bike path terminates at the Sloop Street/North Road intersection, and the proposed crosswalk three-way stop was to allow for safe passage across the road; creating a safer intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

Chief Campbell made a presentation to the Town Council. (attached). He reiterated safety is the main objective. Chief Campbell, Lt. Deneault, and Public Works Director Mike Gray met at the intersection of Sloop Road and North Main Road to discuss additional safety measures for the proposed bike path intersection at this location. After the meeting, it was his recommendation to install two additional stop signs in both directions on North Main Road at the intersection of Sloop Road. In addition, a clearly marked and painted pedestrian crosswalk traveling from the intersection of Sloop Road across both lanes of travel on North Road and connecting to the newly

paved bike path that travels parallel to North Road. Due to the amount of vehicular traffic and the speeds on this roadway, it is recommended that the town explore the idea of installing two illuminated Pedestrian crosswalk signals to be placed at both ends of the crosswalk. These signs will enable pedestrians and cyclists to push a button on a pole which will illuminate the signs and act as a warning system for drivers that pedestrian/bicyclist traffic is preparing to cross the roadway. The signs, RRFB PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SYSTEMS (example) are also equipped to run on solar power.

A lengthy discussion ensued. President Beye would like to take a measured approach to additional safety measures, suggesting starting with illuminated crosswalk signs and monitoring speeding motor vehicles.

Education is important, Chief Campbell commented, but it is concerning to have just a crosswalk. As a community policing town, collaboration with citizens to address community issues and needs is essential. Based on Mr. Bednarczyk's letter and noted problem intersections, Chief Campbell informed the entire Jamestown Police Department and instructed increased enforcement of the rules of the road.

Councilor M. White commented there are a lot of signs in Jamestown but he may be in favor of the proposed stop signs and crosswalk. He lived on Sloop Street previously and routinely exercised in the area. It has been his observation that vehicles travel very fast on North Road.

Councilor Brine asked if Chief Campbell could verify Mr. Ratcliff's data points regarding Federal and State requirements.

Councilor R. White would be in favor of a measured approach, also. He asked for clarification on the types of light-up pedestrian signs. Are there options on the devices that flash red to require a vehicle to stop?

Vice President Meagher suggested an appropriate/minimum first step would be a crosswalk. She also suggested a crosswalk at Frigate Street is necessary as well.

Karen Portens, 154 Columbia Lane, asked if the Bike Path Committee has been involved in this issue.

Awareness and education, especially in the Jamestown school zones, should be addressed, stated Mrs. Ratcliff.

Karen Johnson, Davitt Avenue, supports the Chief's recommendation. She witnessed a bicyclist being struck by a vehicle in Nantucket. Protect and prevent avoidable accidents.

John Hamill, Columbia Lane, a member of the Bike Path Committee, stated the terminus of the bike path is hazardous.

David Minus, Lawn Avenue, volunteers to cut the grass at Godena Farm. The crosswalk and signs at the Town playground prove sufficient. The Bike Path Committee should have addressed this issue already.

Paul Sprague, Mast Street, stated 45 seconds is a lot of time for a vehicle to stop, and we should be educating our children to look both ways.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor Brine to install a crosswalk with an illuminated crosswalk sign.

Councilor R. White countered the motion to paint the crosswalk only.

Town Administrator Mello made clarifying statements. The Town would be required to install stationary warning signs approaching the crosswalks. There are several measured approach alternatives, and not as aggressive as the referenced lights in Newport. The bike path improvements are ongoing, including signage and warning signs on the bike path.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher to amend the motion, with a second by Councilor M. White to paint a crosswalk with the necessary required signage at the intersection of Sloop Street and North Road.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to accept the main motion as amended. 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 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.

- B) Town Council Sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board
 - 1) Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application has been received under said Act for a one-day license on December 1, 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 M. White to approve the Out of the Box Studio & Gallery one-day CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) Liquor License scheduled for December 1, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

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

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

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

1) Senior Center feasibility study draft summary.

A "final" draft of the feasibility study performed by Union Studios has been received. Town staff, a representative from the Senior Advisory Committee, and the Friends of Jamestown Seniors will review. Once there is consensus on the content, it will be brought forward to the Council, with a suggested workshop before the December 4th Town Council meeting.

2) Conanicus Avenue Seawall repair/construction update.

Approximately 80' of the seawall running along Conanicus Avenue at East Ferry was damaged during a storm event last year. This property is owned and maintained by the RI Department of Transportation. RIDOT has notified Town staff that repair/construction is set to begin this week and is expected to be completed by January 31, 2024.

3) North Road Bike Path/town roads paving update.

The Department of Public Works and Lynch Construction continues the work on the bike path on North Road. As previously indicated this phase will terminate at the intersection with Sloop Street. During the 2024 paving season, the feasibility of completing the next phase of the bike path continuing north will be assessed. Additional paving is currently underway in the Reise Road, Penny Road, and Bay Terrace neighborhoods.

4) Harbor Budget and Harbor Rates (agenda item).

The adoption of the FY24/25 Harbor Division Budget as proposed by the Harbor Commission is on the agenda for Council consideration. The budget includes capital project funding as well as a proposed rate increase of 10% for all user groups. The last rate increase for users occurred in 2018. A comparison of other communities is included for reference. (new business)

5) Harbor Division Rule Book (agenda item).

The Executive Director and Harbor Management Commission continue to update various rules regarding waterfront activities. Rules, as proposed by the Harbor Management Commission, include revisions to the use of out hauls and beach permits. (consent agenda)

6) Ft. Getty Pier Use/Upweller agreement (agenda item).

The Harbor Management Commission considered the request of Tony and Joe Pinheiro. They recommended an additional one-year agreement under the same conditions as previously applied. Staff would need to determine appropriate insurance coverage as required by the Trust and amend it as necessary. (new business)

7) Town of Jamestown Facility(s) Tour.

In the past, the Town Council has been offered the opportunity for a tour of all Town-owned facilities. Town staff are prepared to schedule a tour at the Council's convenience.

8) 91 Carr Lane update.

On November 1, the Newport Superior Court issued a decision to uphold the Planning Board's

approval of the Carr Lane project as proposed along with Church Community Housing(CCH). Absent any further appeal, the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024. The project will include two (2) three (3) bedroom affordable housing units. The Council is asked to consider a request to CCH to provide a home buyers program offered locally to focus on current residents, Town staff, and volunteers.

9) Short -Term Rental Registration status update.

The online registration portal is live. To date, fifty (50) applications have been received. Town staff continue with processing the applications and conducting the building and fire inspections.

10) Beavertail Lighthouse Ceremony postponed.

GSA and RIDEM had previously scheduled a ceremony to recognize the transfer of the Beavertail Lighthouse and property from the US Government to RIDEM. The event has again been postponed to an undetermined future date. GSA and RIDEM indicate that this will not interfere with the property transfer nor the development of a lease from RIDEM to the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association and the Town.

11) Ferry Dock/Operations 2023 (agenda item).

The current use agreement between the Town and CMS/Jamestown Newport Ferry will expire on December 31, 2023. Included in the Council's meeting packets are: the Town Administrator summary report; the report of Executive Director Steven Bois; the current use agreement document; and the proposed schedule from CMS for the 2023 season (new business).

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) 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 with revised 2024 Fort Getty Season Rates and Season Dates.

Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco gave a brief overview of the revised 2024 Fort Getty Season Rates and Season Dates.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor Brine to approve the 2024 Fort Getty Season Rates and Season Dates as presented. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the recommendation of the Harbor Management Commission, approval of the Sunset Oyster Farms request for a one-year lease for a floating upweller vessel to be operated at Fort Getty Pier.

1) Copy of the 2022 Sunset Oyster Farms floating upweller located at Fort Getty approval letter; and request from Joseph and Tony Pinheiro to renew the one-year lease.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to provisionally approve the Sunset Oyster Farms request for a one-year lease for a floating upweller vessel to be operated at Fort Getty Pier, based on the Interlocal Trust's liability requirements. 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 move item D) up on the agenda. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

D) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Approval of the FY2024-2025 Harbor Management Division Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Budget, and 2024 Mooring Rates, unanimously approved by the Harbor Management Commission on November 8, 2023:

- 1) FY2024-2025 Harbor Management Division Proposed Operating Budget
- 2) FY2024-2025 Harbor Management Division Proposed Capital Improvement Budget
- 3) 2024 Proposed Mooring Rates

Executive Director Bois noted there has been no rate increase on record in quite a while. It was considered in 2019, but not acted on.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve as presented: 1) FY2024-2025 Harbor Management Division Proposed Operating Budget; 2) FY2024-2025 Harbor Management Division Proposed Capital Improvement Budget; and 3) 2024 Proposed Mooring Rates. 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: At the recommendation of the Harbor Management Commission, approval of the Harbor Management Rule Book
- 1) Memorandum from Harbor Executive Director Bois to Town Administrator Mello with amendments and additions to the Harbor Management Rule Book.

Executive Director Bois reviewed the steps for amending the Harbor Management Rule Book.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to approve, at the recommendation of the Harbor Management Commission, the Harbor Management Rule Book. 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: At the recommendation of the Harbor Management Executive Director, approval of the annual license Agreement between the Town of Jamestown and Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. DBA Jamestown Newport Ferry
- 1) Memorandum from Town Administrator Mello and memorandum from Harbor Executive Director Bois regarding the 2023 ferry and charter service operations at East Ferry.

Executive Director Bois reviewed the 2023 observations and potential shared use of the concrete floating dock, noting there would be no interference with the CMS/Jamestown Newport Ferry schedule.

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Vice President Meagher to instruct Town staff to work with CMS/Jamestown Newport Ferry to develop a use agreement. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

X. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS

- A) Ordinances: Discussion and Possible Action to Order to Advertise in the Jamestown Press; Notice of a Public Hearing to take place on December 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. for Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Code of Ordinances.

Discussion ensued regarding potential dates for the Public Hearing. There was a question about whether additional amendments needed to be incorporated into the Zoning Code of Ordinances.

No action was taken. The item will be placed on a future agenda.

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

- 1) Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee, One (1) member vacancy; with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026, duly advertised in the October 5th and 12th editions of the Jamestown Press:
- a) Letter of resignation (reached term limit):
 - i) Kathleen Schweitzer (not seeking reappointment)
 - b) Interested Applicant(s):
 - i) Gordon Rapkin
 - i. Application received November 6, 2023

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to schedule interviews. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 2) Conservation Commission, Two (2) member(s) vacancy; with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026, duly advertised in the October 5th and 12th editions of the Jamestown Press; and Two (2) member vacancy(s), with an unexpired three-year term ending 12/31/2024 and 12/31/2025, permission to order to advertise vacancy(s):
- a) Request for reappointment:
 - i) Barbara Lundy
 - ii) Susan Shim Gorelick
 - b) Unexpired term vacancy(s):
 - i) Robert Shein, unexpired term ending 12/31/2024
 - ii) Anne Kuhn-Hines, unexpired term ending 12/31/2025
 - c) Permission to order to advertise vacancy(s):
 - i) One (1) unexpired three-year term ending 12/31/2024
 - ii) One (1) unexpired three-year term ending 12/31/2025

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor R. White to appoint Barbara Lundy and Susan Shim Gorelick to the Conservation Commission with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026. 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 Brine to approve the order to advertise one vacancy on the Conservation Commission with a three-year term ending 12/31/2024. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

Harbor Management Commission, Two (2) member(s) vacancy, with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026 duly advertised in the October 5th and 12th editions of the Jamestown Press; and One (1) member vacancy, with an unexpired three-year term ending 12/31/2024:

- a) Request for reappointment:
 - i) Jessica McCarthy
 - ii) Mark Campbell

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor R. White to appoint Jessica McCarthy and Mark Campbell to the Harbor Management Commission with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- b) Permission to order to advertise the One (1) member vacancy, with an unexpired three-year term ending 12/31/2024; and/or Appointment of previously interviewed applicant(s) for the One (1) member vacancy, with an unexpired three-year term ending 12/31/2024:
 - i) Paul Sprague
 - i. Application(s) received November 29, 2021 and October 2, 2023.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 10, 2022.
 - iii. Opted-in to keep an application on file for one year.
 - ii) Kristopher Matthews
 - i. Application received March 30, 2023.
 - ii. Interviewed on May 15, 2023.
 - iii. Opted-in to keep an application on file for one year.
 - iii) James (Jim) Archibald
 - i. Application received September 15, 2023
 - ii. Interviewed October 16, 2023
 - iii. Opted-in to keep an application on file for one year

- iv) Karl Seelig
 - i. Application received September 27, 2023
 - ii. Interviewed on October 16, 2023
 - iii. Opted-in to keep an application on file for one year

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint James Archibald to the Harbor Management Commission with an unexpired three-year term ending 12/31/2024. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 3) Jamestown Housing Authority, One (1) Resident Commissioner vacancy, with a five-year term ending 12/31/2028, duly advertised in the October 5th and 12th editions of the Jamestown Press:
 - a) Results of the November 16, 2023 open election*:
 - i) Gerry Precious (seeking reappointment)

*According to RIGL 45-26-4 (a) (2) a public housing resident commissioner shall be appointed by the appointing authority from a list of nominees chosen in open election by the occupants of public housing.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint Gerry Precious with a five-year term ending 12/31/2028. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 4) Juvenile Hearing Board, Two (2) full member(s) vacancy, with a three-year term(s) ending 12/31/2026, and One (1) alternate member vacancy, with a two-year term ending 12/31/2025; duly advertised in the October 5th and 12th editions of the Jamestown Press:
 - b) Request for reappointment:
 - i) Gary P. Cournoyer
 - ii) Jill Harrison
 - iii) Barbara Szepatowski*

*requesting full membership

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint Gary P. Cournoyer and Jill Harrison with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

The Town Council acknowledged Barbara Szepatowski's letter requesting full membership.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to order to advertise the One (1) alternate member vacancy, with a two-year term ending 12/31/2025. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 5) Library Board of Trustees, Three (3) member(s) vacancy, with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026; duly advertised in the October 5th and 12th editions of the Jamestown Press
 - c) Letter of resignation:
 - i) Robert Flath (not seeking reappointment)
 - a) Request for reappointment:
 - i) Devi Ross
 - ii) Christopher Walsh
 - b) Interested applicant(s):
 - i) Gordon Rapkin
 - i. Application received November 6, 2023
 - ii) Holly Turton
 - i. Application received November 15, 2023

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint Devi Ross and Christopher Walsh to the Library Board of Trustees with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

Interview Holly and Gordon at the December 4th Town Council meeting.

- 6) Tree Committee, Two (2) member(s) vacancy, with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026; duly advertised in the October 5th and 12th editions of the Jamestown Press:
 - a) Request for reappointment:
 - i) Darcy Margratten
 - ii) Thomas Waddington
 - b) Interested applicant(s):
 - i) Gordon Rapkin
 - i. Application received November 6, 2023

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint Darcy Magratten and Thomas Waddington to the Tree Protection and Preservation Committee with a three-year term ending 12/31/2026. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 7) Zoning Board of Review, One (1) full member vacancy, with a five-year term ending 12/31/2028, and three (3) alternate member(s) vacancy, with a one year-term ending 12/31/2024; duly advertised in the October 5th and 12th editions of the Jamestown Press:
 - a) Request for reappointment:
 - i) Terrance Livingston
 - ii) Robert Maccini
 - iii) John Shekarchi
 - iv) James Sisson
 - b) Interested applicant(s):
 - i) Gordon Rapkin
 - i. Application received November 6, 2023

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to appoint Terrance Livingston as a full member to the Zoning Board of Review with a five-year term ending 12/31/2028; and John Shekarchi as 1st alternate; James Sisson as 2nd alternate; and Robert Maccini as 3rd alternate with one-year term(s) ending December 31, 2024. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; and 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 Consent Agenda. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

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) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Affordable Housing Committee Attendance (2023)
 - 2) Board of Canvassers (September 1, 2023)
 - 3) Board of Canvassers (September 5, 2023)
 - 4) Board of Canvassers (September 15, 2023)
 - 5) Board of Canvassers (October 17, 2023)
 - 6) Board of Canvassers (November 1, 2023)
 - 7) Conservation Commission Attendance (2022-23)
 - 8) Harbor Management Commission Attendance (2023)
 - 9) Harbor Management Commission (October 3, 2023)
 - 10) Harbor Management Commission (October 11, 2023)
 - 11) Juvenile Hearing Board Attendance (2023)
 - 12) Planning Commission Attendance (2023)
 - 13) Planning Commission (October 18, 2023)
 - 14) Zoning Board of Review Attendance (2023)

- B) Tax Assessor’s Abatements and Addenda of Taxes

ADDENDA TO THE 2023 TAX ROLL		
02-1034-00	SW/ISDS CHANGE	\$ 20.00
02-1034-00	C/O ISSUED 10/26/2023	\$ 586.07
TOTAL ADDENDA/GRAND TOTAL TO TAX ROLL		\$ 606.07

- C) At the recommendation of Public Works Director Michael Gray authorization to approve awarding the East Ferry Sidewalk Improvements Project bid to New England Building and Bridge for an amount not to exceed \$246,635.00.
- D) At the recommendation of Tax Assessor Christine Brochu authorization to approve awarding the Statistical Revaluation of Property Values as of December 31, 2024 contract to Catalis for an amount not to exceed \$72,900.00

- E) One-Day Event/Entertainment Applications:
- 1) Applicant: Out of the Box Gallery & Studio
 Event: Sip & Paint
 Date: December 1, 2023
 Location: 11 Clinton Avenue

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 Clerk Roberta Fagan
 From: Deirdra Hayes, RI Department of Transportation
 Dated: November 14, 2023
 Re: Conanicus Seawall Repairs
 - 2) Copy of Letter to: Town Council
 From: Johnathan J. Lucido, Amanda Lucido, Susan Little, Allen Sexton, Phillip Tickner, John Russo, Cathy Russo, Kevin Evans, Cathy Page-Evans, and John Gouvin
 Dated: November 14, 2023
 Re: Town Council’s vote regarding the tree located on the Steamboat Street Right of Way.
 - 3) Copy of Letter to: RI State Representative Alex Finkelman
 From: Taxpayers Association of Jamestown
 Dated: November 12, 2023
 Re: RI Energy Rate Increase
 - 4) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown School Committee
 From: Taxpayers Association of Jamestown
 Dated: November 12, 2023
 Re: 2024-2025 Proposed School Budget

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with a second by Councilor M. White to adjourn at 9:27 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



MEMORANDUM

From the desk of Chief James P. Campbell

DATE: 10/16/23

TO: Town Administrator Edward Mello

FROM: Chief James P. Campbell

SUBJECT: Bike Path Safety Measures Sloop Road @ North Main Road

On 10/10/23 Lt. Deneault and I met with Public Works Director, Mike Gray, at the intersection of Sloop Road and North Main Road to discuss additional safety measures for the proposed bike path intersection at this location. My recommendation after the meeting, is to install two additional stops signs in both directions on North Main Road at the intersection of Sloop Road. In addition, a clearly marked and painted pedestrian crosswalk traveling from the intersection of Sloop Road across both lanes of travel on North Road and connecting to the newly paved bike path that travels parallel to North Road. Due to the amount of vehicular traffic and the speeds on this roadway, I am recommending that the town explore the idea of installing two illuminated Pedestrian crosswalk signals to be placed at both ends of the crosswalk. These signs will enable pedestrians and cyclists to push a button on a pole which will illuminate the signs and act as a warning system for drivers that pedestrian/bicyclist traffic is preparing to cross the roadway. The signs, **RRFB PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SYSTEMS** (example) are also equipped to run on solar power.

Chief Campbell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JC", written over the typed name "Chief Campbell".



SAFETY

Sloop Street @ North Main Road

Bicycle/Pedestrian Bike Path
Cross walk/Signage Proposal

Chief Jamie Campbell

&

Director Michael Gray

**Sloop Street &
North Main Road
Current Intersection**



Increased SAFETY Signage Proposal

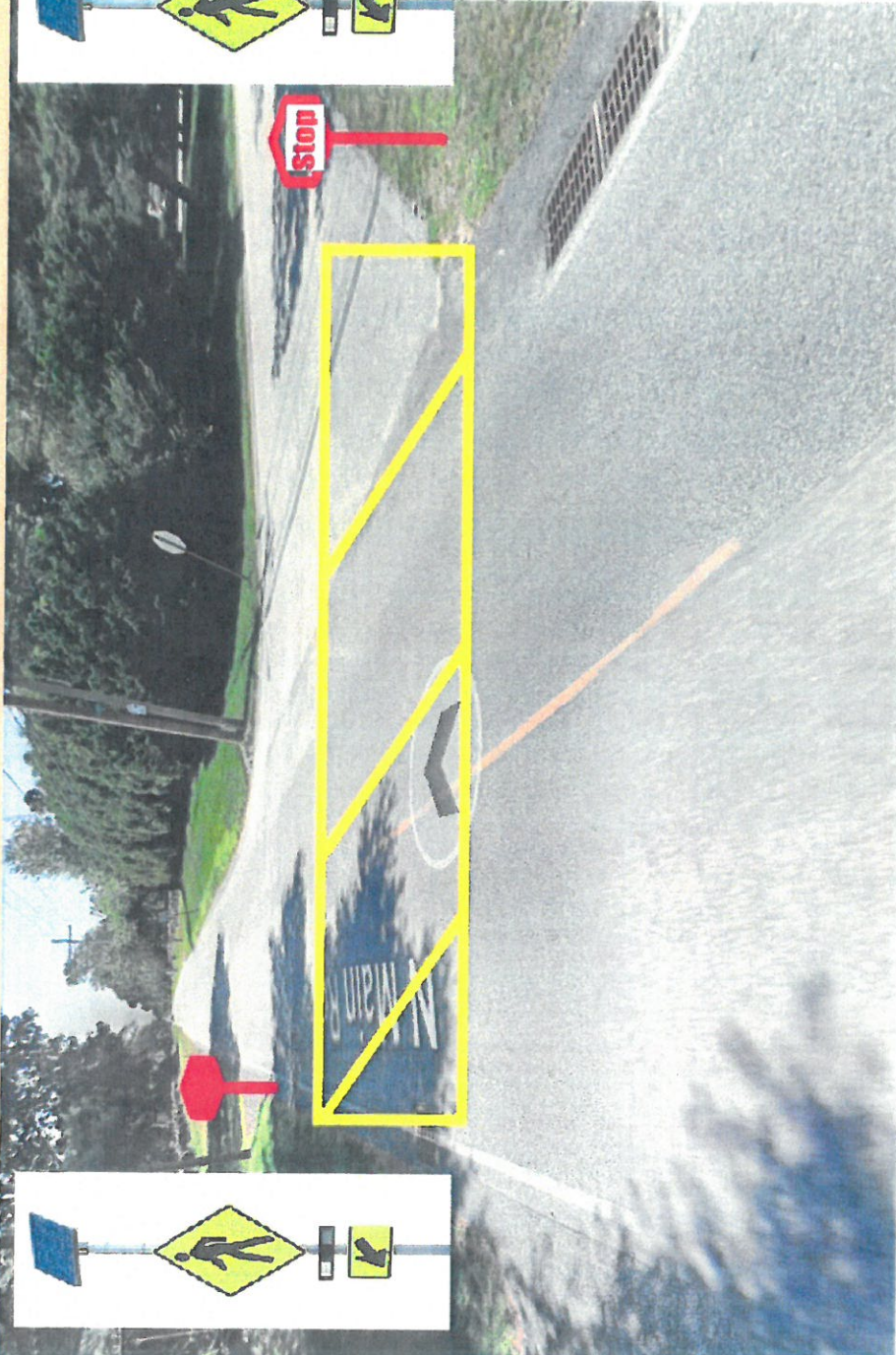
N.Main @ Sloop Intersection

2 Additional Stop Signs on North Main Road – Facing Northerly and Southerly
Direction @ Sloop Street

2 double sided Illuminated Pedestrian Crosswalk Signs- Facing Northerly/Southerly
Direction N. Main@ Sloop

White Painted Crosswalk Connecting Sloop Street to Bike Path on North Main
Road

Addition of Early Warning signs in both directions well in advance of Sloop/N.
Main Intersection



N. Main Road (southerly
Direction) Intersection with
Sloop Street

***Proposed Crosswalk & Early
Warning Pedestrian Illumination***

Newly Painted Cross Walk

-Connecting Sloop Street to Bike Path

**- Installation of 2 Pedestrian Early
Warning Signs**

**-Installation of Stop Sign Both
Directions on N.Main Road**

Stop Signs Purpose

-Safety

-Provide another layer of Protection

-Help Assign Right of Way

-Not a Traffic Calming Device

-Drivers Chance Assess Surroundings



**Illuminated Crosswalk Signs
(Solar Panel)**

Push Button Activated
Double Sided- Alerts Drivers in
Both directions with a single
push of button

**Purpose- Increase Driver
Awareness at Crosswalks**



Traffic Study Analysis North Main Road

OVERVIEW

North Rd @ Sloop St

November 7-11, 2023

Both directions

Average Vehicles Per Day Approx 1,900

Average Speed of Vehicles 30mph

Jamestown Police Department

250 Conanicus Ave
Jamestown, RI 02836
(401) 423-1212

Date Printed: 14-Nov-23

North Rd
Sloop St

COMBINED

Report for 11/7/2023 12:05:26 PM to 11/11/2023 6:59:58 PM

SPEED STATISTICS - 15 to 70+ by 5 MPH

Speed in MPH	1-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71-75	76-999
Count	123	1193	1437	1409	2854	1962	547	9	12	0	0	0	0	0
Percent	1.3	12.3	14.8	14.5	30.3	20.2	5.6	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Over Speed	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	999
Count	9613	8420	6983	5574	2620	658	111	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percent	98.7	86.5	71.7	57.3	26.9	6.8	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Percentile	5%	10%	15%	45%	50%	55%	85%	90%	95%
Speed	18	19	21	31	32	33	38	39	41

Average 30
(Mean)

Pace Speed 29-38

Number in 5089

Pace

Percent in 52.3

Pace

Purpose For Adding Signage At Sloop/N. Main Street

- Increase Safety for Pedestrians/Cyclists Utilizing Bike Path and Motor Vehicle Operators At Intersection

DATA EXAMPLES

- Pedestrians Struck by Cars @ 40mph Face a staggering 90% Fatality Rate

- Pedestrians Struck by Cars at 20mph the Fatality Rate drops to 10%

- Discuss Reaction Perception Time – Vehicles Velocity Rate at 40mph is 59FPS (EXAMPLE)

- The average human beings Reaction/Perception time to an unexpected event is 1.6 seconds

- In this case the average operator will travel approx. 94 FEET, before they realize Pedestrian/Cyclist is in the ROADWAY

- Enforcement/ Unrealistic -24 hours a day

-Regardless of Speed Limits- Motorists travel at the speeds they are most comfortable with

Officer “ Did you realize you were speeding?”

Motorist “ I had no idea I was traveling that fast?”

**SAFETY of those in our COMMUNITY
is OUR TOP PRIORITY**

Increase Signage and Increase Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety on Bike Path

Prevent Accidents



Increase Signage

