

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
for
TOWN, WATER AND SEWER MATTERS

Monday, May 6, 2024

A special meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 5:01 PM by Commission President Nancy A. Beye.

The following members were present:

Mary E. Meagher, Commission Vice-President
Michael G. White
Randall White

Commissioner Erik G. Brine arrived at 6:06 PM, but did not join the Commission Dais.

Also present were:

Edward Mello, Town Administrator
Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk
Michael Gray PE, Public Works Director
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Peter D. Ruggiero Esq., Town Solicitor (arrived at 6:48 PM)
Brenda Hanna, Stenographer
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

OPEN FORUM

Commission President Beye noted that this open forum would be for water and sewer matters only.

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

2) Non-scheduled request to address:

Marian Falla of 25 Green Lane briefly expressed her concerns regarding the build-out report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Water District Build-out Analysis prepared by Pare Corporation, as adopted at the April 10, 2024, Town Council Sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Special Meeting.

The Public Works Director stated that the final report was given to the Commission for their information only and that no action is required.

5) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote: on the application of Stephen Zimmiski and Suzanne Gagnon (Plat 7 Lot 94, 7 Seaview Avenue) for water line extension:

a) Application for water line extension received January 2, 2024.

b) Memorandum dated February 13, 2024 and revised on April 11, 2024 from Michael Gray, Public Works Director to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.

c) Wellworks, LLC report and estimated dated October 1, 2018.

- d) Letter dated May 1, 2024, from the applicants Stephen Zimmiski and Suzanne Gagnon to Public Works Director Michael Gray requesting a continuance of the original application if no decision can be rendered on May 6 by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Randall White, seconded by Commissioner Michael White to continue the application of Stephen Zimmiski and Suzanne Gagnon (Plat 7 Lot 94, 7 Seaview Avenue) for water line extension to the next meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Commission Vice-President Meagher, Aye; Commissioner Michael White, Aye; Commissioner Randall White, Aye.

Commission Vice-President Meagher suggested that the discussion be limited to 2 hours. Commissioner Randall White stated that if discussion was coming to a close at the end of the 2-hour mark, that the Commission should continue discussion. Commission consensus was to continue discussion at the end of the 2-hour mark, if the Commission was close to the end of discussion.

Commission Vice-President Meagher stated the following:

- She would like to commend all applicants and attorneys for their good behavior during the meetings.
- A lot of information was before the Commission at the last meeting on April 15th and at that time she was not able to digest all of the information and was not ready to make a decision.

Commission Vice-President Meagher asked for clarification on several items, as previously presented at the meeting on April 15th.

- 2) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and /or Vote on the application of Jeffrey and Deborah Saletin (Plat 7 Lot 135; 14 Seaview Avenue) for utility service connection (water) and as amended on March 29, 2024, to an application for a water line extension:
 - a) Application for utility service connection (water) received January 2, 2024.
 - b) Memorandum dated February 13, 2024 and revised on April 11, 2024, from Michael Gray, Public Works Director to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.
 - c) Memorandum dated February 16, 2024 from Robert F. Ferrari, PE to the Town of Jamestown.
 - d) Application for water line extension received March 29, 2024.

Attorney Christian Infantolino, representing Jeffrey and Deborah Saletin (Plat 7 Lot 135, 14 Seaview Avenue) proceeded to report on the basis for the water extension application and then asked Robert Ferrari of Northeast Water Solutions was present to clarify a few things.

Robert Ferrari, Northeast Water Solutions and registered professional engineer and licensed general contractor was sworn in by stenographer Brenda Hanna. The Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners accepted Mr. Ferrari as an expert in wastewater, water treatment, water supply development, and wells. Mr. Ferrari gave clarification on the water quality/quantity and also the recent change for the RIGL pertaining to the application of Jeffrey and Deborah Saletin (Plat 7 Lot 135; 14 Seaview Avenue). Attorney Infantolino stated that his client's water is very bad and that his client has proven that his situation fits RIGL 46-13-2.

Jeffrey Saletin, 14 Seaview Avenue, was sworn in by stenographer Brenda Hanna.

Mr. Saletin of 14 Seaview Avenue gave a timeline of his residence in Jamestown and also of his experience with building several structures in Jamestown. He stated that he currently lives elsewhere in the winter.

The Commission asked for clarification on a few items, as reported by Mr. Ferrari and Attorney Infantolino.

- 3) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and /or Vote: on the Letter dated 01/02/24 from Attorney Joelle C. Rocha and the application of Glenn and Marjorie Andreoni (Plat 7 Lot 34, 10 Seaview Avenue) for water line

extension:

- a) Letter dated January 2, 2024, from Attorney Joelle C. Rocha and the application for water line extension received on January 2, 2024.
- b) Memorandum dated February 13, 2024 and revised on April 11, 2024 from Michael Gray, Public Works Director to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.
- c) Letter dated February 19, 2024, from Attorney Joelle C. Rocha and an exhibit showing existing OWTS & Well

Glenn Andreoni of 10 Seaview Avenue, was sworn in by stenographer Brenda Hanna.

The Commission asked Mr. Andreoni for clarification on a few items, as previously reported.

- 4) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote: on the application of Paul Frechette (Plat 7 Lot 101, 19 Seaview Avenue) for utility service connection (water) and as amended on March 29, 2024, to an application for a water line extension:
 - a) Application for utility service connection (water) received January 2, 2024.
 - b) Memorandum dated February 13, 2024 and revised on April 11, 2024 from Michael Gray, Public Works Director to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.
 - c) Addendum (3 pages) submitted February 20, 2024 re: well.
 - d) Addendum (5 pages) submitted March 21, 2024 re: well.
 - e) Application for water line extension received April 1, 2024.

Attorney Christian Infantolino, representing Paul Frechette (Plat 7 Lot 101, 19 Seaview Avenue) proceeded to report on the basis for the water extension application and then asked Robert Ferrari, Northeast Water Solutions to clarify a few things.

The Commission asked for clarification on a several items, as reported by Mr. Ferrari and Attorney Infantolino.

A lengthy discussion ensued, pertaining to all of the applications for water extension. Commissioner Randall White gave a lengthy summary of the history of the rules and regulations, the recent change to the RIGL, the distribution system, the water supply and the rural water district and stated that when the Commission adjourned the meeting on April 15, 2024, the Commission suggested that the Public Works Director testify at an upcoming meeting.

Michael Gray PE, Public Works Director was sworn in by stenographer Brenda Hanna. Commissioner Randall White asked the Public Works Director for clarification on several items pertaining to the rules and regulations, the distribution system, the water supply and the rural district.

Attorney Christian Infantolino, representing Jeffrey and Deborah Saletin (Plat 7 Lot 135, 14 Seaview Avenue) and Paul Frechette (Plat 7 Lot 101, 19 Seaview Avenue) asked the Public Works Director for clarification on several items pertaining to the rules and regulations, the distribution system, the water supply and the rural district.

Attorney Joelle C. Rocha representing Glenn and Marjorie Andreoni (Plat 7 Lot 34, 10 Seaview Avenue) for water line extension, also asked the Public Works Director for clarification on several items pertaining to the rules and regulations, the distribution system, the water supply, the Safe Yield Study and the rural district and asked the Commission to approve the application of Glenn and Marjorie Andreoni (Plat 7 Lot 34, 10 Seaview Avenue) for a water line extension.

Attorney Christian Infantolino, representing Jeffrey and Deborah Saletin (Plat 7 Lot 135, 14 Seaview Avenue) and Paul Frechette (Plat 7 Lot 101, 19 Seaview Avenue) also asked the Commission to approve his clients' application for a water line extension.

The Town Solicitor stated that the Commission could close the public hearing this evening and make a decision or they

could continue the applications to the next water and sewer meeting on May 20, 2024. Brief discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Commission Vice-President Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Michael White to continue the applications Jeffrey and Deborah Saletin (Plat 7 Lot 135; 14 Seaview Avenue), Glenn and Marjorie Andreoni (Plat 7 Lot 34, 10 Seaview Avenue), Paul Frechette (Plat 7 Lot 101, 19 Seaview Avenue) and Stephen Zimmiski and Suzanne Gagnon (Plat 7 Lot 94, 7 Seaview Avenue) to the next water and sewer meeting on May 20, 2024. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Commission Vice-President Meagher, Aye; Commissioner Michael White, Aye; Commissioner Randall White, Aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commission Vice-President Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Michael White to adjourn the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners at 7:14 PM. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Commission Vice-President Meagher, Aye; Commissioner Michael White, Aye; Commissioner Randall White, Aye.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk