



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Jamestown Town Hall**  
**Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers**  
**93 Narragansett Avenue**  
**Monday, November 4, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON ONLY.**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED:** To view the meeting with no interaction:  
<https://jamestownri.gov/how-do-i/watch-live-streamed-town-meetings>

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

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

*Attachments for items on this meeting agenda are available to the public on the Town website at:*  
<https://jamestownri.gov/town-government/town-council/town-council-meetings-minutes/2024meetings-minutes>

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**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: None at this time.
- B) Non-scheduled request to address.

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

- A) Resolutions and Proclamations
  - 1) Resolution 2024-22 Honoring Town Council Members Michael G. White and Randall White
  - 2) Resolution 2024-23 Honoring Town of Jamestown School Committee member Sally F. Schott
  - 3) Resolution 2024-24 Honoring Town of Jamestown School Committee member Agnes C. Filkins.

**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) Public Hearing: Town Council Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board Notice is hereby given by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town as provided under Title 3, Chapters 1-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended, that the following has been received: for a NEW CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE has been received, for the period November 4, 2024, to November 30, 2024, as advertised in the October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> editions of the Jamestown Press and noticed to abutters as follows:

**CLASS BV**

The Whitebread Company, LLC  
dba: Standards  
40 Narragansett Avenue  
Jamestown, RI 02835

- 1) Zoning Board of Review decision dated October 22, 2024
- 2) Approval of the of the CLASS BV Liquor License, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures for the period of November 4, 2024-November 30, 2024; Review, Discussion, and or Action and or Vote.

- B) **REQUEST** that the applications listed below will be in order for hearing at a meeting of said Licensing Board on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and advertised in the November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> editions of the *Jamestown Press*. **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 **RENEWAL** application has been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, for the year December 2, 2024, to November 30, 2025; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote:

**CLASS BV**

The Whitebread Company, LLC  
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- C) **REQUEST** that the applications listed below will be in order for hearing at a meeting of said Licensing Board on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and advertised in the November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> editions of the *Jamestown Press*. **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 **NEW** application has been received by the Town Council for licenses under said Act, for the year December 2, 2024, to November 30, 2025; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote:

**FROM: CLASS BV- Limited**

Our Table LLC.  
dba: Our Table  
53 Narragansett Avenue  
Jamestown, RI 02835

**TO: CLASS BV**

Our Table LLC.  
dba: Our Table  
53 Narragansett Avenue  
Jamestown, RI 02835

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

- D) Licenses and Permits: Approval of Application that has been received by the Town Council for a VICTUALING license, upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures for the year November 4, 2024-November 30, 2024; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
- 1) The Whitebread Company, LLC dba: Standards, 40 Narragansett Avenue.

**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) Town Administrator's Report: Edward A. Mello
- 1) Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) disaster reimbursement funds.
  - 2) Discover Newport new Executive Director search.
  - 3) Jamestown Newport Ferry Agreement (consent agenda)

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of the Councilor Brine/Tax Relief Ad Hoc Committee member consideration of proposed credits, exemptions, and or abatements as detailed in the updated summary report dated October 24, 2024:
  - 1) Update the current Veteran Exemption, tying the exemption to an index, such as the Consumer Price Index, (<https://www.bls.gov/cpi/>) to ensure that credits increase annually commensurate with the general rise in costs. Each veteran may only qualify to be in one category, however, two married veterans may each qualify if a property is jointly owned.
  - 2) Proposed amendment(s) to the current Senior and Disability Based Exemptions, to increase the higher percentage of poverty level to commensurately increase the income level caps.
  - 3) New Town Employee Exemption – Qualifying and eligible current Full-Time Town Employee(s) Tax Credit of \$1000 annually of Jamestown primary residence home property tax bill.
  - 4) New Homestead Primary Resident Exemption (abatement) equal to 30% of the current assessed median value of a home in Jamestown, Rhode Island, for qualifying, eligible property owners.
  - 5) New Homestead Long-Term Rental Exemption (abatement) equal to 20% of the currently assessed median value of a home in Jamestown, Rhode Island, for qualifying, eligible property owners.
  - 6) New Tax Stabilization Program enabling qualifying, eligible fixed-income residents to defer taxes that are more than 5% of their current income.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A) No items at this time.

**IX. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS**

- A) No items at this time.

**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) October 21, 2024 (Regular Meeting and Executive Session)

- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
  - 1) Bike Path Committee Attendance 2024
  - 2) Bike Path Committee (July 30, 2024)
  - 3) Jamestown Housing Authority, (September 18, 2024)
  - 4) Planning Commission (October 2, 2024)
  - 5) Zoning Board of Review (August 27, 2024)

C) Tax Assessor’s Abatements and Addenda of Taxes

ABATEMENT/ADDENDA TO THE TAX ROLL			
ACCT	TAX YEAR	ACCOUNT INFORMATION	AMOUNT
02-0896-93	2024	UPDATED PROPERTY INFORMATION	-\$ 140.61
<b>TOTAL ABATEMENTS TO TAX ROLL</b>			<b>-\$ 140.61</b>

- D) Approval of the Ferry Terminal User Agreement between the Town of Jamestown and Conanicut Marine Services and the Jamestown Newport Ferry, Inc., subject to final review by Solicitor Peter Ruggiero.
- E) Ratification of the Administratively approved One-Day Vendor/Peddler/MFE license issued to South County Barbeque LLC, October 31, 2024, located at 20 Clinton Avenue.
- F) One-Day Event/Entertainment License Applications: All One-Day Event/Entertainment license application approvals are subject to any COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event:
  - 1) Applicant: Conanicut Island Art Association  
 Event: Holiday Art Fair (ENT-24-32)  
 Date: December 7, 2024  
 Location: Jamestown School Gym, 55 Lawn Avenue
  - 2) Applicant: Jamestown Parks & Recreation Department  
 Event: Jamestown Tree Lighting Ceremony (ENT-24-33)  
 Date: December 7, 2024  
 Location: East Ferry
  - 3) Applicant: Conanicut Marine Services, Inc.  
 Event: Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit Jamestown (ENT-24-35)  
 Date: December 7, 2024  
 Location: 1 East Ferry to 20 Narragansett Avenue

- G) Ratification of the Administratively approved Short-Term Rental application(s) for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, duly advertised in the October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> editions of the Jamestown Press; upon resolution of debts, taxes, State approval, and appropriate signatures:

1)	STR-68	Ray Conover	52 Lawn Avenue
2)	STR-108	John Slyman	25 Bay Street
3)	STR-115	Jeffrey Szala	83 Spindrift Street
4)	STR-83	Charles Lonaeus	3 Standish Road
5)	STR-90	Valeiya Gavrylenko	91 Hamilton Avenue
6)	STR-3	Elaine Buchanan	12 Friendship Street (A&B)
7)	STR-100	Maureen Gladding	21 North Road
8)	STR-91	Jeffrey Gravidahl	28 Newport Street
9)	STR-116	William Hutchinson	4 Ft. Wetherill Road
10)	STR-75	Marie Broadley	30 Seaview Avenue
11)	STR-76	Frederic Presbrey	17 Avenue B
12)	STR-127	Antonia Mendes	73 Conanicus Ave, Unit 5
13)	STR-112	Daniel Rubino	32 Prudence Road
14)	STR-101	Vladimir Vezikov	25 Lincoln Street
15)	STR-9	John Deresky	318 Seaside Drive
16)	STR-145	Jeanne Spinosa	74 Southwest Avenue
17)	STR-114	Loretta Robin	951 Ft. Getty Road
18)	STR-73	Genevieve Dupre	75 North Road (And 73)
19)	STR-70	Lauren Frankenbach	47 Clinton Avenue
20)	STR-113	Lisa Stokes	231 Beavertail Road
21)	STR-133	Anne Gallagher	10 Washington Street
22)	STR-130	Christina Ardente	76 Battery Lane
23)	STR-88	Charlie Neagoy	24 Cole Street
24)	STR-87	Charlie Neagoy	56 Coronado Street

## 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) No items at this time.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

*Posted on the RI Secretary of State website on October 31, 2024.*