

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Jamestown Town Hall
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
5:30 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Mary Meagher, E. Edward Ross, Mary G. Glackin, and Erik Brine (arrived at 5:42 p.m.)

Also, in attendance: Town Administrator Edward A. Mello, Solicitor Peter Ruggiero, Finance Director Christina Collins, Chief Jamie Campbell, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, and Town Clerk Roberta Fagan.

II. TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

A) Review and Discussion:

Town Administrator Mello gave a brief overview of the ongoing/future Town projects with an anticipated timeline for completion.

Vice President Brine asked for clarification of the completion dates.

1) Town Council Rules and Procedures

Councilor Meagher stated she appreciated the red-line amendments to the Rules and Procedures.

The Town Council discussed whether the sign-in sheet procedure for the Open Forum needed to be added to the Rules and Procedures.

No additional amendments to the Town Council Rules and Procedures.

2) Town Council Agenda Preamble

No additional amendments to the Town Council Agenda Preamble.

3) Town Council Goals and Objectives

Vice President Brine reviewed each Town Council member's goals and objectives from the January 2nd Special meeting.

President Beye's goals/priorities

- Addressing water sustainability- prioritize initiatives to safeguard critical water resources, staffing the water treatment plant, and mitigating coastal erosion.
- Housing solutions: balance the needs of the growing population with thoughtful policies on STRs, ADUs, and workforce housing.
- Community engagement: strengthen communications between council and residents ensuring transparency, inclusivity, and trust in the Town Council decision-making process
- Senior Resident needs: advocating for enhanced services resources and support systems for our senior population recognizing their vital contributions and unique challenges. Over half of the Jamestown population is considered a senior citizen.

Vice President Brine's goals/priorities

- Infrastructure investment – awesome assets such as Mackerel Cove and Fort Getty that the Town should prioritize.

- Find a path to generational investment in Jamestown. How can Jamestown make the appropriate investments and maintain assets such as Bike Path, Eldred Field, Parks & Recreation Center, Fort Getty, Jamestown Schools, and Mackerel Cove?
- Organization infrastructure: Right-sizing Town staff departments
- Communications: utilizing social media, a better website and better ways to respond to residents' needs.
- Opportunities for financial resources outside of taxes such as parking revenue.

Councilor Glackin's goals/priorities

- Harbor/Boating: Completing the Harbor Management Plan, boat ramp(s) improvements, consider a public dinghy dock, and dinghy entrance at Mackerel Cove.
- Water issues: alternate water source strategies such as a rain barrel program; better communication on island-wide water ban and enforcement.
- Green Plan: windmill on the water tower, high efficiency in Town buildings, compost service, wildflower/pollinator project along the bike path and/or in open spaces
- Tax issues: Homestead exemption definition and understanding of a tax exemption.
- Heads Beach improvements: More shade options such, improved boat ramp, swim platform
- Bike Path completed: ensure improvements at Great Creek and Mackerel Cove (state roadways) include a safe route included in the plans.
- East Ferry Landing improvements such as a gazebo/bandstand, and/or covered seating at the ferry landing.
- Town Council community engagement events such as a civics project with the School.
- Golf Course: feedback has been received on the management of the golf course.

A discussion ensued regarding the Jamestown Golf Course. The history, existing lease, and options for both the tenant and the Town were discussed.

Councilor Meagher's goals/priorities:

- Water Resources feasibility study, sustainable solutions
- Generational investment: COVID inflation impacts and State 4% levy cap
- Town Staffing
- Facilities/Infrastructure
- Senior Services, Senior Center, Senior Housing/Assisted Living Facility
- Affordable Housing
- School Facilities
- Reorganizing tax structure
- Fort Getty improvements
- Zoning legislation- potential effects on the Town of Jamestown
- Short-Term Rental Ordinance- the need for amendments
- Coastal resiliency/Emergency preparedness

Councilor Ross's goals/priorities

- Water resource issues and solutions for sustainability
- Investment: Town staff and resources relate to how we interact with the State.
- Normalize the dialogue with the Narragansetts and the American Indians, and figure out a pathway forward
- Suicide prevention/support services

- Fort Getty improvements: great asset with deferred maintenance that needs to be addressed.
- Bike Path
- Fort Getty
- Solar Array
- Senior Center
- Safe Route to Schools (path between the two Jamestown Schools)
- Energy efficiency improvements to all Town building
- South Pond dam
- Hull Cove Trail Project
- Old Ferry Landing/East Ferry
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Water line improvements on North Road/Narragansett Avenue
- Water meter replacement project
- Comprehensive Plan
- Emergency Operations Plan
- Employee Handbook
- West Ferry bulkhead repair project
- Drinking Water Grant study
- Waste Water Resource Plan project
- Road Paving
- Harbor Management Plan
- Drainage issues on Town roads

Discussion about the state levy rules and requirements to qualify for an emergency.

The top 3-5 priorities:

1. Water sustainability and resiliency
2. Facility(s) investment (Eldred Field, Senior Center, dinghy dock, bike path)
3. Ft. Getty improvements/master plan
4. Town Staff and services offered
5. Housing (ADU/STR/Affordable Housing)

Councilor Ross recused from Town Council Interviews regarding applicant Ourida Mosefai/Library Board of Trustees.

III. TOWN COUNCIL INTERVIEW SCHEDULE: The Jamestown Town Council met to conduct interviews of applicants for the committee vacancies as follows:

TIME	NAME	COMMITTEE
6:10	Ourida Mosefai	Library Board of Trustees
6:20	Bob Laman	Harbor Management Commission

IV. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on January 21, 2025. Town Council President Beye called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:27 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A) ~~Presentations:~~

- 1) ~~Senator Dawn Euer and Representative Alex Finkelman: 2025 General Assembly Legislative Priorities.~~

Postponed to a future meeting.

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

See Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

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

A) Resolutions and Proclamations:

- 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Resolution 2025-01 of the Water and Sewer Commission Relative to Request Certain Amendments to Chapter 15 of Title 46 of the General Laws.

A) Open Forum – Water & Sewer Matters

- 1) Scheduled request to address – None.
- 2) Non-scheduled request to address.

B) Report of Town Officials: Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:

- 1) Town Administrator Report
 - a) Update on staffing at the Water Treatment Plant
 - b) Update on the status of the RI Infrastructure Bank Grant

C) Letters and Communication:

- 1) Email from Marian Falla, regarding the 1999 Reverse Osmosis System evaluation.

D) Unfinished/New Business:

- 1) No items at this time.

E) Consent Agenda

- 1) Adoption of Minutes:
 - a) December 16, 2024 (regular meeting)
- 2) Finance Director's Report: Water and Sewer Comparison Budget to Actuals as of December 31, 2024.

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

VII. OPEN FORUM

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

Bob Plain, Calvert Place, expressed his gratitude to the Town Public Works Department for their hard work, in repairing a water main break that occurred in his neighborhood, in freezing conditions. By morning the water service was restored and he is grateful for their incredible skills and professionalism.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to convene as the Town Council sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board and to open the public hearing. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS

- A) **Town Council Sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board**
Notice is hereby given by the Town Council of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town:
 - 1) Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application (F-24-12) has been received under said Act for a one-day license on January 31, 2025:
CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)
Jamestown Arts Center
18 Valley Street
Jamestown, RI 02835
 - a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote for Approval of the one-day CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE (Number 1 of 12 licenses per calendar year issued per RIGL§3-7-14)

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to approve the Jamestown Arts Center One-Day Class F Liquor License (F-24-12) scheduled for January 31, 2025, taking place at 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

- 2) Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application (F1-25-1) has been received under said Act for a one-day license on January 25, 2025:
CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)
Jamestown Arts Center
18 Valley Street
Jamestown, RI 02835
 - a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote for Approval of the one-day CLASS F1 (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE (Number 2 of 12 licenses per calendar year issued per RIGL§3-7-14)

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to approve the Jamestown Arts Center One-Day Class F1 Liquor License (F1-25-1) scheduled for January 25,

2025, taking place at 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

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

IX. 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) Town Council Chambers Listening Device(s)

The Town Clerk, through the posting of all meetings, notifies the public that accommodations for hearing assistance are available upon request. The Council Chambers is equipped with hearing devices that can be provided to the public. We have recently upgraded this equipment to utilize Bluetooth technology. These devices remain available to the public upon notice and request to the Town Clerk.

2) Senior Center update

The staff has worked to develop a third budget option to include a major repair of essential components of the building including structural flooring issues, lighting, electrical, fire alarm, kitchen appliances, and HVAC. This option also includes creating office space and private meeting space.

3) Town Projects Update

Town Administrator Mello prepared a project status report as a basic oversight of current projects under the responsibility of the Town Staff.

4) Tax Abatement Program impact report

At the direction of the Town Council, the staff has developed a report showing the impacts of three potential tax abatement initiatives: an increase to the current credits offered to the veteran-related categories; an increase to the credit offered to the income-based senior category, and a new abatement applied to resident-owned (homestead) residential properties. (unfinished business).

5) Legislative Priorities 2025

Town Administrator Mello has been working with the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns to develop a defined list of priorities that all 39 cities and towns support. For the Town Council consideration, a template resolution is provided in support of the group priorities. (new business)

6) Newport Mental Health programs for Jamestown residents

Chief Campbell and Town Administrator Mello met with the leadership of Newport Mental Health (NMH) to discuss the services that could be made available to Jamestown residents. NMH, located in Middletown, is responsible for providing community mental health services to Jamestown. Areas discussed:

Availability of services- Through a recently established 24/7 service (one of only ten in the United States to be recently funded through grant programs) provides mobile mental health professionals to be available by phone or in person (at home available) for individuals and families in Jamestown. These initial services are the beginning place of wrap-around follow-up services. The expected response time of the "team" is less than one hour.

Staff Training- Town staff are working to develop a training program in partnership with Newport Mental Health, focusing on recognizing needs and outlining resources and referral options. The training will include Town employees from all departments, including police, fire personnel, senior services, the recreation department, public works, and members of the Coast Team.

*Marketing-*Newport Mental Health is reaffirming its commitment to further promote its services to Jamestown residents. Town staff have requested a particular focus on young adults, children, and their families.

Town staff will continue working to develop these strategies in collaboration with partners such as the Jamestown Fire Department Coast Team and Newport Mental Health.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Town Staff recommendations on the future development of 6 West Street/Jamestown Senior Center:
- 1) Option #1 – Major renovation of the existing building, cost an estimated \$4.7 million.
 - 2) Option #2- The complete demolition and rebuild at 6 West Street, cost an estimated \$6.1 million.
 - 3) Option #3- The proposed project involves major repairs, including addressing structural flooring issues, and updating lighting, electrical systems, fire alarms, kitchen appliances, and HVAC. Additionally, the plan includes the creation of office space and private meeting areas. If approved and funded, this project would be managed by Town staff. The Senior Advisory Committee recently discussed this option and has indicated that it is their preferred choice. The estimated cost for this project is \$995,000, while we currently have \$110,000 available in capital funds.

Town Administrator Mello provided a brief overview and timeline of the Town's acquisition of 6 West Street. Public Works Director Michael Gray developed a draft budget for Option #3, which includes minimum improvements to make the service and staffing areas more hospitable.

Since late summer 2023, a small working group of staff members and representatives from the Friends of Jamestown Seniors and the Senior Advisory Committee have been meeting to discuss options for an improved senior center facility. This group included BJ Whitehouse (Senior Advisory Committee), Fred Pease, and now Fernando Pereira (Friends of Jamestown Seniors), Public Works Director Mike Gray, Senior Services Director Molly Rose, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, and Town Administrator Mello.

The Town has worked with Union Studios to conduct a special needs assessment, as well as assessments of the 11 Knowles Court and 6 West Street properties. The Town Council has previously been presented with these findings and reports.

The group met on February 13, 2024, to discuss the two properties to make a recommendation to the Town Council.

Examining the report prepared by Union Studios revealed that either property would meet the spatial needs and that either property would require a substantial investment in order to meet the current needs of a well-programmed and functional space for senior services.

After much discussion, the group reached a unanimous consensus to recommend the 6 West Street property. Considerations included:

- Additional square footage in the existing footprint of the building
- Parking-although this site offered no off-street parking; it offers parking on nearby streets and parking lots which are not impacted seasonally.
- This site is established and known as the Senior Center.

As authorized by the Town Council, Town staff requested and have now received professional cost estimates for the West Street property. Option one: the major renovation of the existing building. The cost estimate for this option is reported to be \$4.7 million. Option two: complete demolition and rebuild on the essentially the same footprint. The cost estimate is reported to \$6.1 million.

Town staff have developed a third budget option that includes major repairs to essential components of the building, such as structural flooring, lighting, electrical systems, fire alarms, kitchen appliances, and HVAC. This option also proposes the creation of office space and private meeting rooms. If approved and funded, the project would be managed by Town staff. This option was recently discussed by the Senior Advisory Committee, who indicated that it is their preferred choice. The estimated cost of this option is \$995,000, with the Town currently having \$110,000 in available capital funds.

Councilor Meagher stated she would like to see a floor plan of the proposed improvements.

Vice President Brine would rather see more investment in 6 West Street rather than a \$1 million band aide.

The Town Council discussed other potential town-owned assets for the future location of the Senior Center.

Senior Service Director Molly Rose explained the pros and cons of 6 West Street and the Golf Course function room.

Town Administrator Mello stated the golf course would meet the senior service center needs but would it be worth disrupting services? Molly would need to be consulted on that.

Joy Watson O'Neill, member of the Senior-Service Advisory Committee, asked if the Town Council chose Option #3, would Union Studios need to develop another plan?

Paul Sprague, 11 Mast Street, stated the Lawn Avenue School option should be explored. 6 West Street could potentially be used for Affordable Housing. He urged the Town Council to look at the big picture.

Bob Plain, Calvert Street, stated it would be irresponsible to invest more money into 6 West Street. He referenced the Portsmouth Senior Center as a model to follow.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Town Staff Tax Abatement Program recommendations.
- 1) Proposed increase to the veteran-related categories
 - 2) Proposed increase to the income-eligible senior category
 - 3) Proposed new resident-owned residential property abatement

Town Administrator Mello made a presentation on the potential impacts of the proposed tax abatements. (see attached).

At the direction of the Town Council, the staff developed a report showing the impacts of three potential tax abatement initiatives: an increase to the current credits offered to the veteran related categories; an increase to the credit offered to the income based senior category and a new abatement applied to resident-owned residential properties (homestead).

The findings of each category are attached. I have also included the impact of the credits issued to the various categories of fire department members which is scheduled to increase for the 2025 Tax bill.

Based upon our findings, if all abatements were instituted, the current tax rate of \$7.1741/per thousand would increase to \$8.1614/per thousand. Using the 2021 property values, the owner of a home at the median value of \$718,600 would realize a net savings of \$837.53. The “break-even” home value is \$1,566,000.

In addition to the impact of the abatement/credits that would increase the tax rate if so instituted, the staff has recommendations in a variety of areas related to the homestead abatement:

Automatic adjustments related to the CPI: Staff has concerns about an automatic adjustment attached to an undetermined and potentially volatile rate that could ultimately lead to a frequent fluctuation in the property tax rate beyond other factors such as those related to budget increases and property revaluation.

Automatic adjustments related to the median home value: Staff has concerns about an automatic adjustment attached to an undetermined and potentially volatile value that could ultimately lead to a frequent fluctuation in the property tax rate beyond other factors such as those related to budget increases and property revaluation. In 2108, there was an increased value of 16% and in 2021 the increase was 26% in value.

Instead, the staff recommends that any homestead abatement be determined following a revaluation year (occurs every three years) and be set to be effective for the following tax year and the next two years. i.e. We are currently in a revaluation process for the property values as of December 31, 2024. This process will not be complete until April of 2025. Use this data to develop a median residential-type home value to set any abatement to be applied for the 2026 tax bill and the following two years.

Residency and occupancy requirements: The attached report used the simple threshold of residential property types which are owned by a registered voter. Any proposed ordinance would need to define the criteria including occupancy to receive resident status along with the required documentation. Other uses of the property i.e. short-term rental should be considered. Properties in a trust, estate or LLC would need to be addressed. The ordinance would need to specify the frequency at which residents must certify.

Prorated properties: A number of properties are mixed use; i.e. commercial and residential or multi-family. The ordinance would need clarification on any prorated formula to be applied to these properties.

Software cost: Current tax credits/abatements are performed by a manual paper process and remain relatively manageable. Any proposed changes as suggested would likely require additional software that would allow the applicants to submit electronically. This would also allow the staff to review the application more efficiently. Based upon recent expansion to electronically filing in other areas of the Town permitting, I would estimate the initial software cost to be \$65,000-75,000. There would be an expected annual cost of the software in the range of \$15,000-20,000.

Staffing cost: The currently offered tax credits/abatements applications are managed and reviewed by the staff along with their other related responsibilities. Any such expansion of credits/abatement and the review process will result in the need of additional staffing.

Paul Sprague, 11 Mast Street, how does a senior qualify? Is it based on income and/or assets? On paper, a Homestead exemption looks good, but someone else will have to pay higher taxes to fill in the gap. And how much is it going to cost to implement the abatements?

Richard Smith, 1258 North Main Road, asked clarifying questions about the proposed Homestead exemption, specifically for qualifying property owners who 1) offer long-term rentals and 2) senior age qualification. Would the Town be opening itself up to potential lawsuits? Is the proposed Homestead exemption what the Town of Jamestown needs?

Councilor Glackin stated long-term rentals and affordable housing should be incentivized. Residency requirements still need to be defined.

Vice President Brine suggested removing the proposed Homestead Exemption from consideration.

Currently, abatements are stacked, allowing for a resident to qualify for multiple abatements.

Solicitor David Petrarca explained the process: 1) Enabling Town Ordinance would need to be drafted 2) Public Hearing and Town Council Approval, and then 4) sending to the Rhode Island General Assembly for approval.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to draft an enabling ordinance for the proposed veterans, disabled persons, and elderly exemptions. Vote:

President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

The Town Council agreed to schedule a work session to further consider a Homestead exemption.

- C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the recommendation of Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco:
- 1) Approval of the proposed 2025 Fort Getty Pavilion Rental Rates.
 - 2) Approval of the proposed 2025 Fort Getty Park fees.
 - 3) Approval of the proposed 2025 Mackerel Cove Day Pass Rate increase.

Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco made a presentation to the Town Council on the proposed 2025 Fort Getty Pavilion Rental Rates, Fort Getty Park Fees and Mackerel Cove Day Pass Rate increase.

Fort Getty Pavilion's current fee structure includes 19 separate rental rates. After a review of comparable facilities, Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco recommend streamlining the pavilion's pricing by consolidating off-peak rates with peak rates, combining non-profit rates with resident rates, and making rate increases that would go into effect for new events in the 2026 season.

Proposed Changes

Eliminating Off-Peak Rental Rates

- The pavilion is used primarily in the summer, with only a few weeks in spring and fall. Despite labeling some rentals as "off-peak,". Consolidating to a single rate for the entire rental season will make the fee schedule clearer and reduce administrative overhead.

Combining Non-Profit and Resident Rates

Of the 6 existing non-profit rates only the 2 mentioned differ from the current resident rate.

- Off-peak weekday rental: \$600 (non-profit) vs. \$500 (resident). \$100 difference
- Friday & Sunday peak rental: \$800 (non-profit) vs. \$750 (resident) a \$50 difference.

Rate Increases

After reviewing several other similar venues in the area, I found a few differences in the provided amenities that impacted the proposed rate changes. (See list of amenity comparison chart below)

- The pavilion is an outdoor venue, enclosed partially by canvas and vinyl curtains.
- There is no dedicated catering prep area.
- Seating consists of picnic tables, unlike other venues that supply tables and chairs (or rent them).

These limitations affect renters' experiences but also lower our operating overhead relative to an indoor facility. While we cannot precisely assign a dollar amount to each amenity difference, these factors justify an overall lower rate for rental than facilities that offer these additional conveniences.

Most 2025 events are already confirmed with 2024 rates. To honor those commitments, Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco proposed the changes take effect starting in the 2026 season.

Proposed New Rates (Effective for 2026 Season)

Facility	Type	Description	2024 Rate	2025 - Proposed Rate	Increase
Pavilion	Resident / Non-Profit	Weekday Rental M-Th	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$100.00
Pavilion	Resident / Non-Profit	Friday & Sunday Rental	\$750.00	\$900.00	\$150.00
Pavilion	Resident / Non-Profit	Saturday	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$200.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Weekday Rental M-Th	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$200.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$300.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Saturday	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00
Pavilion	Private Org.	Large Scale Public Event for Profit	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00

Below is the price comparison breakdown for other similar event venues

Location	Town/City	Resident / Non-Resident	Mon - Thurs	Friday & Sunday	Saturday	Capacity
Kinney Bungalow	Narragansett	Non-Resident	\$1,500.00	\$2,850.00	\$3,500.00	150
Kinney Bungalow	Narragansett	Resident	\$950.00	\$1,950.00	\$2,400.00	150
The Towers	Narragansett	Non-resident	\$1,900.00	\$3,040.00	\$4,350.00	160
The Towers	Narragansett	resident	\$1,520.00	\$2,432.00	\$3,480.00	160
The Overlook at Meehan	North Providence	Non-Resident	\$900.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	120
The Overlook at Meehan	North Providence	Resident	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00	120
Pavilion	Jamestown	Non-Resident	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	250
Pavilion	Jamestown	Resident / Non-Profit	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	250

<p>Amenities (Included in rental fee)</p> <p>Kinney Bungalow - Narragansett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On site parking • Tables and chairs • Staff attendant • Setup support • Indoor • Bathrooms • Catering prep areas • Electrical / Water 	<p>The Towers - Narragansett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water View • Casino Courtyard use • Bathrooms • Indoors • Catering prep areas • Bride dressing room • Electrical / Water
<p>Overlook at Meehan – North Providence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables and chairs • Fireplace • Indoors • Bathrooms • Water view • On site parking • Electrical / Water 	<p>Rembijas Pavilion - Jamestown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water view • Picnic tables • Bathrooms • On site parking • Outdoors with curtains • Electrical / Water

CY24 Pavilion - Operating Expenses		
Total operating expenses		\$ 18,770.00
Expenses		Revenue
Staff		\$ 8,700.00
Water		\$ 870.00
Septic Removal		\$ 4,000.00
Electric		\$ 2,000.00
Off Season Maintenance		\$ 500.00
Parks Maintenance - Bathrooms		\$ 1,300.00
Trash Removal		\$ 1,400.00
Rental Fees	\$ 47,150.00	
Balance (income minus expenses)	\$ 28,380.00	

2024 Events:

61 events were scheduled

4 cancellations

5 events where fees were waived by the town

24 resident events

21 non-resident events

7 town department events

Below is the current Pavilion fee schedule

Pavilion	Resident	Off-Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Resident	Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental Off Peak	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental Peak	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Resident	Saturday Off Peak	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Resident	Saturday Peak	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Off-Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental Off Peak	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Friday & Sunday Rental Peak	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Saturday Off Peak	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Resident	Saturday Peak	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Off-Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Peak Weekday Rental M-Th	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Friday & Sunday Rental Off Peak	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Friday & Sunday Rental Peak	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Saturday Off Peak	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Non-Profit	Saturday Peak	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Pavilion	Private Org.	Large Scale Public Event for Profit	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00

<i>Calendar Year 2024 YTD Expenses</i>		<i>Calendar Year 2023 YTD Expenses</i>	
Payroll	\$62,655.00	Payroll	\$63,495.00
Gas	\$1,566.00	Gas	\$1,274.73
Electricity	\$23,955.00	Electricity	\$25,403.00
Clerical Staff	\$12,000.00	Clerical Staff	\$12,000.00
Parks Maintenance Staff	\$18,200.00	Parks Maintenance Staff	\$18,200.00
Water	\$13,085.00	Water	\$13,949.00
Electric Repairs	\$3,900.00	Electric Repairs	\$2,291.00
Trash Removal	\$7,600.00	Trash Removal	\$8,380.00
Hallman Septic	\$9,710.00	Hallman Septic	\$11,575.00
Ice	\$3,557.40	Ice	\$4,276.00
Total Expenses	\$156,228.40	Total Expenses	\$160,843.73
<i>Calendar Year 2024 Revenue</i>		<i>Calendar Year 2023 Revenue</i>	
RV Reservations	\$480,640.00	RV Reservations	\$451,380.00
Tent Reservations	\$51,735.00	Tent Reservations	\$59,435.00
Fort Getty Seasonal Boat	\$17,675.00	Fort Getty Seasonal Boat	\$17,950.00
Waitlist	\$900.00	Waitlist	\$1,525.00
Daily Parking	\$27,640.00	Daily Parking	\$26,460.00
Non-Resident Pass	\$8,125.00	Non-Resident Pass	\$9,500.00
Fort Getty Dump Station	\$200.00	Fort Getty Dump Station	\$300.00
Ice	\$5,807.00	Ice	\$6,361.00
Total Revenue	\$592,722.00	Total Revenue	\$572,911.00
Net Revenue	\$436,493.60	Net Revenue	\$412,067.27

Fort Getty

Season Dates

Start Date:

- Friday, May 16th, 2025

End Date:

- Tent Sites, Transient RV and Park Closing Date – Monday, September 8th, 2025 (115 Days)
- Seasonal RV Season close - Monday, September 22rd, 2025 (129 Days)

Proposed Seasonal RV Rates:

Non-Residents: \$6250.00

Jamestown Residents: \$5,750.00

Proposed Transient RV Rates: \$70.00 per night

Proposed Tent Site Rates: \$35.00 per night

Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco proposed no changes to the Fort Getty Park fees for 2025 due to the following considerations:

1. **Recent Increase:** In 2024, the park experienced a 13% fee increase. Without introducing extra amenities or making facility improvements.
2. **Upcoming Construction:** This summer, the park will undergo construction projects, including the development of a new bathroom building and a new sailing school (to break ground in September). These projects are likely to affect the overall experience for park patrons.

Policy Change: We have moved away from providing picnic tables for seasonal and transient RV campers, which also impacts the park's offerings.

Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco proposed a change to the Mackerel Cove day pass rate from \$15.00 to \$20.00. This is an increase of \$5.00 per day over the 2024 rate. Parks and Recreation Director DeFalco stated an anticipated additional \$12,000 in revenue next season.

Revenue	# 2024 - sold	Cost	2024
Day Parking	2,297	\$15.00	\$ 34,455.00

Sav Rebecchi asked if there has been any consideration of reinstating the 7 campsites that were eliminated in 2024.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to approve the recommended 2025 Fort Getty Pavilion Rental Rates, Fort Getty Park Fees and Mackerel Cove Day Pass Rate increase. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

- D) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Proposed revision of Town Council Agenda preamble and Town Council rules.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to approve the Town Council Agenda preamble and Town Council rules as amended. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

- E) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Town Council Liaison positions; review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote
 - 1) Affordable Housing Liaison

A motion was made by Vice President Brine with a second by Councilor Ross to appoint Councilor Meagher as the Affordable Housing Liaison. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

- 2) Conservation Commission Liaison

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Councilor Ross to appoint Councilor Glackin as the Conservation Commission Liaison. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye

3) Housing Authority Liaison

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to appoint Councilor Ross as the Housing Authority Liaison. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye

4) Library Board of Trustees Liaison

A motion was made by Vice President Brine with a second by Councilor Ross to appoint Councilor Meagher as the Library Board of Trustees Liaison. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

5) Jamestown School Committee Liaison

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by President Beye to appoint Councilor Ross as the Jamestown School Committee Liaison. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye

6) Jamestown Harbor Management Commission Liaison

A motion was made by President Beye with a second by Vice President Brine to appoint Councilor Glackin as the Jamestown Harbor Management Commission Liaison. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: At the request of the Affordable Housing Committee, consideration of the Budget Request and suggested Funding Mechanisms for Affordable Housing:

1) Memorandum to the Town Council from the Affordable Housing Committee with recommendations to increase funding to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Affordable Housing Committee Chair Bob Plain addressed the Town Council regarding the recommendations to increase funding to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Excerpts from the memorandum:

“The lack of local affordable housing and fast-evaporating economic diversity in Jamestown is an emergency situation for our community.

As an island, affordable housing and economic diversity are critical resiliency and sustainability issues for Jamestown. Our ability to maintain volunteer fire and EMS services is in danger because of our lack of housing diversity and affordability. If something were to happen to the bridges, we would not be able to educate our children, police our streets, or even plow our snow. Lack of economic diversity threatens our sense of community and generational connectedness. Our dearth of diverse housing options particularly impacts young families including fire department volunteers, elderly, and local service workers.

As such, the Affordable Housing Committee strongly believes the time is right to make an important investment in preserving economic diversity in Jamestown. This Town Council and others have helped by making annual investments of \$100,000, on average, into our Affordable

Housing Trust Fund each year. This started in 2005 with \$10,000 and has been as high as \$100,000 recently. The need has become so severe that Jamestown must now take bold action. We urge the Town Council to increase the annual investment to not less than \$225,000. The median “sold” price for a market rate home in Jamestown over the last year is \$890,000 (Realtor.com), or almost four times the requested amount, while the median listing price over the last year is 2 million. \$225,000 is not enough to build even one unit of affordable housing, even if we already own the land. The Affordable Housing Committee believes this is the bare minimum funding if Jamestown is to make progress on its efforts to staunch the loss of economic diversity in the community and to make progress toward the state mandate of 10% of its housing stock being affordable, both of which are goals listed in the town Comprehensive Plan, supported by the residents of Jamestown. The Trust Funding is used to leverage state and federal grants, for pre-development and closing costs, and other related housing acquisition costs. It could also be used to help build workforce housing for town employees or to create a housing component for a new senior center, as other communities such as Portsmouth, are doing.

We offer the following as justification for the annual budget request to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This yearly allocation should be relative to the amount the Town keeps from its share of the state Real Estate Conveyance Tax. This establishes a logical relationship between the activity that is driving the loss of economic diversity, escalating real estate prices, and the public policy solution; affordable housing. The average of the last three years real estate transfer tax revenue to the Town of Jamestown is \$340,953. \$225,000 equals 65% of the three-year average. We think this is a sustainable and reasonable policy model to follow.

For years, the state of Rhode Island has invested approximately 40% of its share of the Conveyance Tax towards affordable housing programs through Rhode Island Housing. As of 2022 there is a new, overlapping real estate transfer tax on properties selling for more than \$800,000. All of this money goes to the state, and will directly fund new affordable housing projects on a statewide competitive grant basis. Unfortunately, given Jamestown’s affluence, the town has not been competitive with other more urban and in-need communities with lower average incomes for grant state funds. For this reason, Jamestown needs to make more of a commitment to our own community. The Housing Land Trust funds provide readily available seed money to make future projects happen.

Because Jamestown has a strong state real estate market and therefore transfer tax, we think this is a very cost-effective long-term strategy. This funding will ensure that we are able to keep our longtime residents, ensuring generational continuity and guarantee that Jamestown remains the best place to live in Rhode Island long into the future.

No action taken.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Legislative Priorities 2025 draft resolution.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to draft the 2025 Legislative Priorities Resolution. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

President Beye recused from agenda XII) A) 1) Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee appointment and left the dais at 8:54 p.m.

XII. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, AND EXPIRING TERMS

A) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote, duly advertised in the October 3rd and 10th editions of the Jamestown Press:

- 1) Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee, One (1) member vacancy; with a three-year term ending 12/31/2027:
 - a) Interested Applicant(s):
 - i) Linda Warner- 2 terms and seeking reappointment
 - i. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.
 - ii) Richard J. Smith, Jr.
 - i. Application received October 24, 2024.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025
 - iii) Andrew Wade
 - i. Application received October 11, 2024.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Councilor Glackin to appoint Linda Warner to the Beavertail State Park Advisory Committee with a three-year term ending 12/31/2027. Vote: Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

President Beye rejoined the meeting and returned to the dais at 8:56 p.m.

- 2) Juvenile Hearing Board, Two (2) full-member vacancy(s); with a three-year term ending 12/31/2027; and Two (2) alternate member vacancy(s) with a two-year unexpired term ending 12/21/2026:
 - a) Interested Applicant(s):
 - i) Nancy Ventrone, alternate seeking full member appointment.
 - ii) Marianne Kirby
 - i. Application received November 25, 2024.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.
 - iii) Laura Clarke
 - i. Application received November 26, 2024.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.
 - iv) Sandra Reynolds
 - i. Application received December 3, 2024.
 - iii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Councilor Glackin to appoint Marianne Kirby and Laura Clarke as full member(s) to the Juvenile Hearing Board with a three-year term ending December 31, 2027; and to appoint Nancy Ventrone and Sandra Reynolds as alternate members to the Juvenile Hearing Board with a two-year unexpired term ending 12/21/2026. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

Councilor Glackin recused from agenda item 3) Harbor Management Commission appointment and left the dais at 8:58 p.m.

- 3) Harbor Management Commission, Three (3) member vacancy(s); with a three-year term ending 12/31/2027:
 - a) Interested Applicant(s):
 - i) Wayne Banks, 3 terms, seeking reappointment.
 - i. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.
 - ii) Jim Archibald, completed unexpired term, seeking reappointment.
 - i. Letter of recommendation for reappointment from Chair Wayne Banks.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.
 - iii) Robert Laman, completed unexpired term, seeking reappointment.
 - i. Letter of recommendation for reappointment from Chair Wayne Banks.
 - ii. Interview scheduled for January 21, 2025.
 - iv) Andrew Williams
 - i. Application received October 11, 2024.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.
 - v) Paul Sprague
 - i. Applications received November 29, 2021, and October 2, 2023.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 10, 2022.
 - iii. Confirmed continued interest on November 26, 2024.
 - iv. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.
 - vi) Nicholas Insana
 - i. Application received October 11, 2024.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to appoint Robert Laman, Jim Archibald and Paul Sprague to the Harbor Management Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; and Councilor Ross, Aye.

Councilor Glackin rejoined the meeting and returned to dais at 9:09 p.m.

Councilor Ross recused from agenda item 4) Library Board of Trustees appointment and left the dais at 9:09 p.m.

- 4) Library Board of Trustees, Two (2) member vacancy, with a three-year term ending 12/31/2027:
 - a) Interested Applicant(s):
 - i) Eugene Mihaly, 2 term(s), seeking reappointment.
 - i. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.

- ii) Marla Romash, 1 term, seeking reappointment.
 - i. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.
- iii) Ourida Mostefai
 - i. Application received October 11, 2024.
 - ii. Interview scheduled for January 21, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to appoint Eugene Mihaly and Marla Romash to the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

Councilor Ross rejoined the meeting and returned to the dais at 9:11 p.m.

- 5) Planning Commission, One (1) member vacancy, with a four-year term ending December 31, 2028;(***staggered terms in compliance with RIGL 45-22-3(a)**):
 - b) Letter of Interest
 - i) Nicholas Insana
 - i. Application received October 11, 2024.
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to appoint Nicholas Insana to the Planning Commission with a four-year term ending December 31, 2028. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

- 6) Zoning Board of Review, One (1) alternate member*, one year-term ending 12/31/2025:
 - c) Letter of Interest
 - i) Nicholas Insana
 - i. Application received October 11, 2024
 - ii. Interviewed on January 13, 2025.

No action was taken.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to accept the Consent Agenda, as amended. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Town Council
 - 1) January 2, 2025 (Special Meeting)
 - 2) ~~January 6, 2025 (Regular Meeting)~~
 - 3) January 13, 2025 (Special Meeting)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) 250th Commission (December 11, 2024)
 - 2) 250th Commission (January 8, 2025)
 - 3) Harbor Management Commission (November 13, 2024)
 - 4) Harbor Management Commission (December 11, 2024)

- 5) Tree Preservation and Protection Commission (November 20, 2024)
 - 6) Tree Preservation and Protection Commission (2025 Meeting Dates)
- C) Finance Director’s Report: Comparison Budget to Actuals as of December 31, 2024.

D) Tax Assessor’s Abatements and Addenda of Taxes

ABATEMENT/ADDENDA TO THE TAX ROLL			
ACCT	TAX YEAR	ACCOUNT INFORMATION	AMOUNT
16-0494-02	2024	REMOVED EXEMPTION- SOLD	\$ 125.00
01-0008-34	2024	NOW TAX EXEMPT	-\$ 566.71
TOTAL ABATEMENTS TO TAX ROLL			-\$ 566.71
TOTAL ADDENDA TO TAX ROLL			\$ 125.00

- E) At the recommendation of Town Planner Lisa Bryer approval of the Final Plan-2025 Jamestown Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- F) Trash Collector License 2025 Renewal Application(s):
- 1) Island Rubbish Service, Inc. dba: Island Rubbish, 8 Swinburne Street, Jamestown, RI 02835
- G) Approval of the Peddler and Holiday 2024 Renewal License Application:
- 1) A.B. Munroe Dairy Inc., 151 Brow Street, East Providence, RI 02914.
- H) Ratification of the Administratively approved 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: Jamestown Arts Center (JAC) (ENT-24-44)
 Event: JAC Jack Frost Winter Fundraiser
 Date: January 25, 2025
 Location: 18 Valley Street
 - 2) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center (JAC) (ENT-24-43)
 Event: The Sun Opening Reception
 Date: January 31, 2025
 Location: 18 Valley Street

Communications were acknowledged.

XIV. 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 letter to: Town Council
 From: Joan C. Goldstein, Executive Director
 Jamestown Chamber of Commerce.
 Dated: January 5, 2025
 Re: 2025-26 Request for continued funding

- 2) Copy of reports to: Town Council and Town Administrator
From: Meg Myles/Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation
Dated: January 7, 2025
Re: 2024 CISF Annual Report(s)
 - 3) Copy of reports to: Town Council and Town Administrator
From: Ross Williams/Jamestown Historical Society
Dated: January 1, 2025
Re: 2024/2025 Conanicut Battery Report(s)
 - 4) Copy of email to: Town Council and Town Administrator
From: Jamestown School Committee
Dated: January 15, 2025
Re: Invitation to School Committee Budget Workshops
- B) Proclamations And Resolutions From Other Rhode Island Cities And Towns
- 1) Resolution of the Charlestown Town Council: In Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as Outline in RIGL §16-7.2-6

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher to move into Executive Session with a second by Councilor Ross. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council may seek to enter into Executive Session for review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote on the following:

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote in Executive Session and/or open session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a) Subsection (2) Pending or Potential Litigation. (Potential litigation regarding AP 8-210).
- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote in Executive Session and/or open session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (5) the acquisition and/or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public. (Potential lease of publicly held property AP 9-152).

A motion was made by Vice President Brine to seal the minutes and adjourn from Executive Session with a second by Councilor E. Ross. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

It was announced that one vote was taken.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to direct the Town Solicitor and Town staff to appeal the recent decision of the Rhode Island Building Codes Standards Committee which overturned the Building Officials Stop Work Order which was issued to the property located at 121 Conanicus Avenue, and to engage the services of Desisto Law to assist in the appeal. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

It was announced no other votes were taken in Executive Session.

The Town Council reconvenes the regular meeting.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with a second by Vice President Brine to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Brine, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor E. Ross, Aye; and Councilor M. Glackin, Aye.

Attest:


Roberta J. Fagan, CMC, Town Clerk

Category	Ordinance	# of properties	Cu	Credit	Total Credit	Proposed Credit	Total Credit
Gold Star Parent	66-46	0	\$ 0	300	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Veteran	66-47	242	\$ 242	250	\$ 60,500	\$ 500	\$ 121,000
Widow/widower of veteran	66-47	64	\$ 64	250	\$ 16,000	\$ 500	\$ 32,000
100% Disabled Veteran	66-47	14	\$ 14	500	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 14,000
Widow/widower of 100% disabled veteran	66-47	2	\$ 2	500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Veteran specially adapted housing	66-47	0	\$ 0	500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Prisoner of War	66-47	0	\$ 0	500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Visually Impaired	66-48	5	\$ 5	125	\$ 625	\$ 125	\$ 625
SUB-TOTAL					\$ 85,125		\$ 168,625
SUB-TOTAL IMPACT ON TAX RATE		decrease in tax revenue of \$83,500				\$ 7,1987	
Totally Disabled Persons		0					
income based max \$10,000							
SUB-TOTAL							\$ -
SUB-TOTAL IMPACT ON TAX RATE	\$ -						
Elderly/Variable		17			\$ 30,102.0	25% estimated	\$ 37,627
SUB-TOTAL					\$ 30,102.0		\$ 37,627
SUB-TOTAL IMPACT ON TAX RATE		decrease in tax revenue of \$7,525				\$ 7,1763	
Fire Department 1-9 years	66-88	18	\$ 18	500	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 18,000
Fire Department 10-19 years	66-88	18	\$ 18	750	\$ 13,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 27,000
Fire Department 20 years or more	66-88	8	\$ 8	1,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 16,000
Fire Department Life Member 7/1/23 or later	66-88	5	\$ 5	1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000
Fire Department Life Member 6/30/23 or earlier	66-88	15	\$ 15	850	\$ 12,750	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,000
SUB-TOTAL		64			\$ 48,250		\$ 86,000
SUB-TOTAL IMPACT ON TAX RATE		decrease in tax revenue \$37,750				\$ 7,1852	
Non-commercial properties		2928					
Resident owned non-commercial properties		1831	n/a			\$ 1,547	\$ 2,832,557
SUB-TOTAL							
SUB-TOTAL IMPACT ON TAX RATE		decrease in tax revenue of \$			\$ 2,832,557	\$ 8,1128	\$ 2,832,557
TOTAL					\$ 2,961,332		\$ 3,124,809
TOTAL IMPACT ON TAX RATE						\$ 8,1614	

* current tax rate \$7.1741
** median assessed home value \$718,600
as of 12/31/2021

Tax Rate Comparison

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Actual Reduction/Inc. in Tax Bill</u>
\$718,600.00	\$718,600.00	
\$7.17	\$8.16	
\$5,155.31	\$5,864.78	
\$0.00	\$1,547.00	
\$5,155.31	\$4,317.78	-\$837.53
\$850,000.00	\$850,000.00	
\$7.17	\$8.16	
\$6,097.99	\$6,937.19	
\$0.00	\$1,547.00	
\$6,097.99	\$5,390.19	-\$707.80
\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	
\$7.17	\$8.16	
\$7,174.10	\$8,161.40	
\$0.00	\$1,547.00	
\$7,174.10	\$6,614.40	-\$559.70
\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00	
\$7.17	\$8.16	
\$8,967.63	\$10,201.75	
\$0.00	\$1,547.00	
\$8,967.63	\$8,654.75	-\$312.88
\$1,566,000.00	\$1,566,000.00	
\$7.17	\$8.16	
\$11,234.64	\$12,780.75	
\$0.00	\$1,547.00	
\$11,234.64	\$11,233.75	-\$0.89
\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	
\$7.17	\$8.16	
\$14,348.20	\$16,322.80	
\$0.00	\$1,547.00	
\$14,348.20	\$14,775.80	\$427.60
\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	
\$7.17	\$8.16	
\$21,522.30	\$24,484.20	
\$0.00	\$1,547.00	
\$21,522.30	\$22,937.20	\$1,414.90

Loss of revenue/assessment

Veterans

Loss of revenue	\$83,500.00
Assessment	\$11,639,090.62

FD 50%

Loss of revenue	\$37,750.00
Assessment	\$5,261,984.08

Elderly

Loss of revenue	\$7,525.00
Assessment	\$1,048,912.06

Homestead

Loss of revenue	\$2,832,557.00
Assessment	\$394,830,989.25

Total Loss of Assessment	\$412,780,976.01
Total Loss of Revenue	\$2,961,332.00