

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 2018**

I. ROLL CALL

Town Council Members present:

Kristine S. Trocki, President
Michael G. White, Vice President
Blake A. Dickinson
Mary E. Meagher
Eugene B. Mihaly

Also in attendance:

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Edward A. Mello, Police Chief
Lisa W. Bryer, Town Planner
Michael C. Gray, Public Works Director
John A. Murphy, Town Moderator
Mary Lou Sanborn, Library Trustees Chair
Kenneth Duva, School Superintendent
Dorothy Strang, School Committee Member
Deborah Ruggiero, District 74 Representative
David H. Ferrara, Bond Counsel
Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Trocki called the regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and Councilor Dickinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None.

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

- A) Resolutions and Proclamations
 - 1) No. 2018-09: In Support of Early Voting; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Meagher to waive

reading of the Resolution. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

President Trocki gave a synopsis of the Resolution and its intent.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to adopt the Resolution. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- 2) No. 2018-10: Teacher Appreciation Week in Jamestown; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

President Trocki read the Proclamation.

A motion was made by Vice President White with second by Councilor Meagher to adopt the Proclamation. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

A) Public Hearing

- 1) 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program Application in the amount of \$218,980.18 in addition to housing development funds (amount TBD); duly advertised in the April 26, 2018 edition of the *Jamestown Press*; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
 - a) Approval of 2017 Priority List
 - b) Adoption of Authorizing Resolution
 - c) Approval of Regional Assignment to City of Newport

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to open the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

Town Planner Bryer explained the CDBG Application for program year 2017, including changes for this year. There is no funding cap for the current application (formerly \$200,000), which is for an annual competitive grant process for Federal money administered through the State. The application is limited to three public facility improvement applications and two public service applications. Newport is applying on our behalf for the Women's Resource Center as a regional agency. The Housing Development segment is a place holder so that an application can go forward when an available property with a purchase and sales agreement is found. The application was reviewed and endorsed by the Jamestown Planning Commission and Affordable Housing Committee on May 2, 2018, and will be submitted on May 17, 2018.

The 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application Priority List is as follows:

1. Public Facility: Funding to install a new high efficiency hot water system, and 11 new high efficiency HVAC systems at Bayside Apartments, an 11 unit Affordable Housing development located at 169 Conanicus Avenue.
Amount: \$102,000.00
2. Public Facility: Funding for the Jamestown Housing Authority to make renovations to the affordable housing development at 45 Pemberton Place including a new ADA ramp, new curbing, paving and entryway ramp.
Amount: \$ 66,417.18
3. Public Services: Provide funding for the Jamestown Housing Authority for a part time intern to provide assistance with social, educational and medical needs of their residents.
Amount: \$ 18,000.00
4. Public Services: Support for the Women's Resource Center to provide services for battered women and children.
Amount: \$ 4,000.00
5. Housing Development: Provide funding to acquire single family homes or other properties to then be resold to home buyers under CCHC's Land Trust program.
Amount: \$ 0 (TBD)
6. Administration
Amount: \$ 28,563.00

Council Comments.

Discussion ensued of the Administration funding to cover costs for the Planning Clerk's services and training for the Town Planner.

Public Comments.

Jerry Scott of Walcott Avenue commented on the Administration amount and asked where it goes. He was informed the Administration funding is not reflected in the Town budget. The Town receives reimbursement for approved expenses through the program.

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Meagher to approve the 2017 Priority List as outlined by the Community Development Block Grant. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to adopt the Authorizing Resolution. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to approve the regional assignment to the City of Newport. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

The Public Hearing was concluded at 7:21 p.m.

VI. OPEN FORUM

President Trocki read her prepared statement:

Next is Open Forum. Before Mr. Tighe speaks as the scheduled speaker under Open Forum, as the President of the Council, I would like to take this opportunity to quickly state my current position with respect to this issue. As you know, we received in our packet a lengthy petition with what appears to have roughly 750 signatures requesting that we unbundle the 3 bonds of the golf course, school and library for a total of 9.8 million dollars.

This Petition is exactly what the community should do when they feel passionate about an issue that may need to be re-examined. This is truly an example of the democratic process. As I hope all or most of you know, I very much believe in an open, democratic, transparent and respectful process when dealing with the community, regardless of whether you share my position or not. I have taken my role as Town Council President very seriously in what is now my 6th year. I want you to know that based on these signatures, I am willing to consider unbundling the bond. I am willing to do so because I believe that the goals of transparency and democracy are more important than any political position. That said, I am willing to admit when I am wrong, but I will not change my vote based on politics.

What I very much don't want is a community of folks who feel that they are not being heard or that their vote is somehow being diminished. This is very different from people thinking or being told that somehow the Town Council is being "Sneaky and Underhanded." This assertion is completely untrue and inappropriate. All decisions, including the decision to bundle the bond, were made in Open Public Meetings, with full transparency, and with a Council that is doing their very best every single meeting to do the right thing. Suggesting or acting otherwise, especially for political gain, is completely unacceptable to me.

Combining bonds is a routinely exercised practice by the State, as well as in plenty of cities and towns here in Rhode Island, particularly for wide sweeping infrastructure projects such as these. For those that vote in Jamestown, we have all voted for combined infrastructure bonds before - albeit on the State level. That said, I still very much believe in each of the three projects, whether they are bundled or independent. I believe that they all have merit on their own, but frankly they all need to be done, *regardless* of how the bonds are structured. Tonight is not about the substance of these projects, but rather about methodology and form. I want to be abundantly clear, that I, along with my 3 other Democratic Town Council Members, made this 4-1 decision based on what I believed was the smart and best decision for the entire community and only after I conferred with legal counsel, bond counsel, town administration and staff.

A bundled bond was the financially and fiscally sound thing to do because it was a cost saving measure. It frankly still is. However, what I have learned from our *specific community* here in Jamestown and with this Petition is that this may not be the right thing to do.

That is where I find myself right now and why I am willing to re-consider my position.

A) Scheduled request to address.

1) Thomas Tighe: Submission of Petition asking the Council to consider rescinding their vote on bundling the three Bond Issues

Thomas Tighe of West Street addressed the Council stating he doesn't like to give long speeches or short ones. When the Council made the decision to bundle the three bond issues, his rights, as well as some 767, plus another page and a half of signatures tonight, close to 800, concerned voters to choose how we would vote and the right to decide how to spend our tax dollars, was taken away from us by the Council. A petition was circulated and the perception by the people signing the petition was the Council bundling the issues because there was one issue that the Council didn't think would pass, and by bundling you were hoping it would pass on the back of the two others. That was the perception that people had when they signed the petition. We were given only one way to vote – either pass the bond or deny all three. Our way or the highway? That's what it sounds like, regardless of the Jamestown voters' right to choose what they wanted to vote for. Without a doubt the people who heard there was a petition asking the Council to separate the bond issue into three separate issues, came out looking for us. Their frustration was very clear – the Council, by their actions, had taken away the right to vote their conscience on the issue. He asks the Council to have respect for fellow Town people and rescind the April 2nd vote and separate the bond into three individual bonds, and let the people decide, and that is their right and we shouldn't forget. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak. (Applause)

President Trocki thanked him for his remarks.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to bring Item A) from Unfinished Business up in the agenda to right now. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

Councilor Meagher stated she has some things to say and read her prepared statement: First of all I want to welcome you all here. It is good to see you. I have been where you are now, with a petition in front of a town council, and I appreciate the effort you have made to bring it to us.

For the past few weeks, I've been having this inner debate with myself about what Tom just said, about the rights of individuals, which are at the very foundation of our country, and the responsibilities we all share, by living together, in community with each other. The community that is the United States of America and in this instance, the community that is Jamestown. I have been going back and forth with myself about what it means to live in a democracy, and about my responsibilities as a town councilor, and what I would say today if this petition came before us. If you've seen me walking my dog you may have witnessed me going back and forth about this with her too.

And then on Friday, I got my town council packet, and I saw all these signatures. I counted 29 sheets, of signatures, most of them double sided. And though you might not believe me when I tell you this, I just started to smile. Because this is democracy at its most direct, and it is right smack part of the tradition of the founding of this country. It is a very impressive list of signatures. It is impressive because it includes people from all parts of the island, all ages, and all walks of life. It includes many people I know, some I don't, a lot of people I call friends. People of all political persuasions and viewpoints, who probably have many different opinions about the issues posed in this referendum question. All of whom took the time to sign a petition, to tell me that I had made a mistake in my motion to bundle all three projects into one referendum question.

I think part of my inner debate was prompted by some of what has been written in letters and editorials, including what I wrote myself. There's been criticism of course but that is to be expected and frankly is welcome. Some of it's been caustic, some angry and reactionary, that comes with the territory. Some of it has been just inflammatory, borrowed from other political fights. No one sitting up here believes the citizens of this town are in any way deplorable or dimwits. And the characterizations offered by my colleague Councilor Dickinson are not just unfair but also untrue. Unfortunately that too comes with the territory that is politics.

This is not the time for me to make a speech about my wholehearted support for these projects. I will have time for that over the coming months. I will say today, to you who wonder what we were thinking, something that Mike White has said on more than one occasion: as elected officials in a representative democracy, it is our job to make decisions that we believe are in the best interest of the whole community. That's what I tried to do and what all 4 of us were trying to do when we voted for this bond question. When Kristine talks of the many meetings we have had, in reviewing and discussing these issues and these projects, she is trying to convey to you that we are trying to do our job. We have had many meetings. We have gathered information from a variety sources, including listening to citizens with different views. We have recommendations from the school, the library and town staff. All of this has informed us as we reviewed solutions. And I believe the decisions we made, supporting each and all of these projects, move this community forward, in a financially responsible way. I believe they not only resolve the specific problems of roofs and heating systems and an unsafe clubhouse but also benefit the whole community, by supporting our school system, our library, an improved clubhouse and new public space to serve our community's needs.

In making my motion to bundle these projects together, I was focused on the fact that the issues before us, the problems before us, are not going to go away because we wish they would. In making my decision I was focused on my responsibility as a town councilor. But what your petition makes clear to me, somebody who strives to solve problems, is that I had created one. This lively experiment, to borrow Roger Williams' phrase from our colonial charter, is still that. It is a constant calibration, a fragile balancing of the rights of individuals and the needs of the community in which those individuals live. The self-governance that the founders of this country fought for, was the right to determine just what

they would be responsible for.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of all those of you who sought these signatures to make that important point clear to me. And I appreciate the opportunity you have provided me today to recover my balance. And so madam president I'd like to make a motion:

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to unbundle these three projects and to put before the voters in November three referendum questions, each as separate questions. As I understand it, we will pass four Resolutions:

- **A Resolution Requesting the Withdrawal of Local Bond Act by the General Assembly (Schools, Golf Course and Library), which bundled the three projects;**

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Vice President White to waive the reading of the resolutions. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

Back to the original motion:

- **A Resolution Requesting Passage of the Local Bond Act by the General Assembly (Schools) to approve issuance of up to \$5,900,000 in bonds and notes to finance the costs of replacements, renovations and improvements at the Jamestown public schools;**
- **A Resolution Requesting Passage of the Local Bond Act by the General Assembly (Library) to approve issuance up to \$1,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance the costs of renovations, repairs and expansion and related equipment at the Jamestown Philomenian Library;**
- **A Resolution Requesting Passage of the Local Bond Act by the General Assembly (Golf Course) to approve issuance of up to \$2,900,000 in bonds and notes to finance the costs of new construction, demolition, renovations and/or improvements to the Jamestown Golf Course and facilities at 245 Conanicus Avenue.**

Discussion. Councilor Mihaly referenced the *Jamestown Press* article and stated his reasons for combining the three projects into one bond question, noting other combined bond questions for municipalities and the State. He congratulated the citizens for expressing their feelings, and he is delighted to have his vote reflect what this community wants and feels.

Councilor Dickinson commented he understands the sensitivity of the comments he made in print. When he voted against the issue for a combined referenda question, he did so as a personal public statement based on his understanding of the feeling in town. He appreciates the direction the Council is going. He supports pushing any project to the voter, whether

he agrees with it or not, as they will tell us how they feel. Everyone has their opinion, they have expressed it, and he hopes the Town can move forward. (Applause)

Councilor White commented he was very impressed by the petition and noted he was quoted by Councilor Meagher. He had no intention of taking any voters' rights away. All three are wonderful bond issues and they are all needed and necessary and were put in one bundle for that reason. If not done now, they may cost us more in the future. He thanks people for their time and energy. This is democracy.

Public Comment.

Richard Murphy of North Main Road commented he was charmed by the Council's speeches of democracy and the importance of having a vote. However, he doesn't like the November ballot idea as we have an FTM where these issues should be dealt with.

Back to the vote on the motion. **President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

B) Non-scheduled request to address.

Peter Coble of Narragansett Avenue stated he is passionate about the golf course and noted the two options for the golf course – one for \$2.1 million for one floor and one for \$2.9 million with a second floor. He asked the Council to give the voters the opportunity to vote on the options, as we don't need two stories.

Joseph Andrade of Lawn Avenue asked if the golf course clubhouse is not sound, is that only for use of the second floor? Could the second floor be removed and put a roof on and then be safe?

Public Works Director Gray noted the Buildings and Facilities Committee report and the structural engineer's determination the second floor could not support public assembly and could not exceed 25 people. It could possibly support a one-story building, but the estimate provided to repair and renovate was \$2 million. In addition there are problems with the foundation and too many unknowns, making renovation unadvisable. Mr. Andrade asked if there are detailed reports to support the decision, and he was informed yes and the reports were available through the Town Administrator's Office.

Linda Jamison of Ocean Avenue asked about the current rates for A, AA, and AAA bonds. Bond Counsel David Ferrara noted the difference is approximately ½ point between AA and AAA for a 20 year bond. Ms. Jamison commented on the Town's high reserve and what it should be for AA and AAA. It was explained the lack of diversity in the Town's tax base means the reserve needs to be larger to be eligible for the AAA bond. Discussion ensued. Ms. Jamison was directed to contact the Town Administrator for more information.

Derek Blackman of Lincoln Street stated he is speaking on behalf of the golf course committee. This has been a long discussion and it is refreshing to see it moving to a separate vote. He proceeded to review the history of the project, commenting on a 2011 report that

the clubhouse floors could be reinforced for a one floor structure for \$600,000 that would last 25 years, and a reinforced two story building for \$1.2 million with a lifespan of 25 years. What is proposed is a \$2.9 million community center imposed on a golf club.

President Trocki addressed misinformation that has been circulated, including the 60% use of the clubhouse for community, non-golf activities. The prime objective has always been the golf course operation. The three infrastructure projects were combined as they all needed to be done, and delaying the projects will result in increased costs. All three projects are needed, and she believes they will all pass and should pass. There will be public information sessions in the coming months to provide correct information on costs, what they mean, and what will be achieved. Citizens need to attend the sessions to get the right information for an informed vote.

Alma Davenport of Clinton Avenue requests the Council address the issue of an all-day referenda instead of the FTM on an agenda, as people are unable to attend the FTM who would like to vote on referenda questions. President Trocki noted this issue was vetted previously at a public session and the determination was to leave the FTM the way it is, as expressed by the voters, and it will go forward this year. The Warrant language will be approved later in the agenda, and Moderator Murphy made revisions and clarifications to the FTM packet with updated language for the Moderator's rules.

Carol Crafts of North Main Road noted in the past issues were addressed at the FTM, and bond issues bundled or not should be voted at an FTM so that people can address their concerns in open discussion so all members of the community can come and speak to the issues.

Councilor Meagher noted she is a fan of the FTM where people can have the discussion and change minds, and she believes it is the most direct form of democracy. We heard Linda Jamison who felt it should be on November ballot to reach the most people and let them choose. Discussion ensued of having a meeting where views can be expressed openly. President Trocki noted this has been her goal since she was elected to the Council in 2012.

Councilor Dickinson commented on the FTM and began this process in 2008. Our neighbors don't always feel comfortable speaking and voting at the FTM, letting others know their vote, and have difficulty attending the FTM and staying for the whole meeting.

Ray Ianetta of Maple Avenue asked for clarification of the original bond to purchase the golf course and whether there was a restriction that the facility could only be used as a golf course and could only be used for other purposes if the golf course operation was terminated. He hopes that information would be part of the public forum discussion.

John Doty of Union Street stated the people want to have a choice whether the golf course should be a one or two story building. The biggest problem is the lack of maintenance in this town. President Trocki noted this is not the case now as Town Administrator Nota is committed to proper maintenance. Discussion ensued.

Mary Lou Sanborn of Bayview Drive asked for clarification of the recommendation by the Charter Review Committee to consider an all-day referenda for voting on the town budget. Councilor Meagher clarified the recommendation of the CRC was to have a public discussion that included all-day referenda and FTM options. A public session was held and Minutes of that session are available.

VII. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- A) Town Administrator's Report: Andrew E. Nota
1) 2018 Farmer's Market

Mr. Nota reported the Recreation Department is working with the organizers of the Farmers Market to relocate to the Community Center to promote the village commercial district and to determine if this location is more accessible. The Farmer's Market runs Monday, June 11th through Monday, September 3rd, 4-7 p.m.

Councilor Meagher commented on the event and potential parking issues. Organizer Alex Kent proposed the Recreation Center location in an effort to increase participation and promote local business. The Farmer's Market at the Grange (October to April) was noted.

- 2) East Ferry Project update

Mr. Nota reported Phase 1 is completed. The remaining work has been rescheduled for the fall so that the area is accessible for the summer season. Completion of the sidewalk, parking area reconstruction, signage, and landscaping will be completed during November.

- 3) Coyote Management update

Chief Mello provided an update for the Council, noting increased coyote sightings in town. RIDEM issued a statewide notice on coyotes, as many communities have similar experiences. Two coyotes were dispatched, one at the golf course by a police officer and one at an adjacent property by a resident. The local notice to reduce the coyote food source and protect domestic pets continues. Signage will be installed at public access points outlining proper behavior regarding coyotes, and RIDEM adopted the Jamestown signs for use at State parks. The No-Feed ordinance is being enforced with violators cited and fined and proceeding to District Court. The large coyote seen in the Narragansett Avenue area was noted. Citizens were urged to report coyote sightings to the Police Department and continue to be proactive. Chief Mello and the JPD were thanked for their efforts.

- 4) 2018 National League of Cities – Risk Information Sharing Consortium

Mr. Nota reported he will be attending the Consortium May 9-11 on behalf of The Trust and will provide an update upon his return.

- 5) Dedication in Memory of William Kitts

Mr. Nota referenced the Community invitation to the dedication at the Melrose School at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 11th with a tree planting in memory of Will, a beloved School

Department employee and community member.

6) 2018 RIDEM Recreation Grant

Mr. Nota congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on their \$90,000 RI Open Space and Recreation Grant Program award for restoration work and restrooms at Taylor Point. The Town will provide a 20% in kind match of eligible project expenses, with the State reimbursing 80% of eligible project expenses. Parks and Recreation Director Wade, Taylor Point Project Member Dennis Webster, and Town staff were noted for their efforts to secure grants.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Award of Bid: Water Quality Basin Construction for Phase II of the North Main Road Improvement Project to Cobble Hill Landscape & Construction, Inc. as follows:

Water Quality Basin BMP-5	\$12,700
Water Quality Basin BMP-6	\$12,700
Loam and Hydroseed Water Quality Basins BMP-5 & BMP-6	\$12,600
Planting of 200 shrubs BMP-5 & BMP-6	\$ <u>1,500</u>
Total Bid Price	\$39,500

as recommended by Public Works Director Michael C. Gray; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to approve the bid. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Mihaly to move up Item D) under New Business. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- D) Resignation of School Committee Member Dorothy S. Strang, effective May 17, 2018; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Council members noted the Council's appreciation for Dorothy, regret that she is leaving us, and referenced her outstanding service and support for our schools. They are grateful she is returning to Chicago to join her family.

Dorothy Strang of Riptide Street stated her resignation is effective May 17th. She would like pay tribute to the Town of Jamestown. She is returning to the Hyde Park section of Chicago where she lived for 35 years. The many lessons learned in this fine democratic community will form how she reengages with the city community of Hyde Park. She thanks Jamestown for the last 10 years. (Applause)

President Trocki noted the next two highest vote getters (write-in candidates) from the 2016 election do not wish to fulfill the School Committee term of Ms. Strang. It is therefore

under the purview of the Town Council to appoint a new member, per Town Charter. Discussion ensued of the process to advertise the School Committee vacancy and conduct interviews.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Mihaly to advertise for this position as we do other positions. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

Discussion ensued of the need to fill the vacancy in June if possible.

- E) Award of Bid: Supply of Drainage Materials for Phase II of the North Road Improvement Project as follows:
 - 1) Precast Drainage Structures to Scituate Precast for a Total Bid Price of \$24,147.50, as recommended by Public Works Director Michael C. Gray; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A motion was made by Councilor Mihaly with second by Councilor Meagher to approve the bid. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- 2) Precast Concrete Pipe to Scituate Concrete Pipe Corporation for a Total Bid Price of \$54,719.75, as recommended by Public Works Director Michael C. Gray; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to approve the bid. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- 3) Ductile Iron Pipe to Warwick Winwater Works for a Total Bid Price of \$22,310.00, as recommended by Public Works Director Michael C. Gray; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A motion was made by Vice President White with second by Councilor Meagher to approve the bid. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- 4) Drainage Covers and Grates to Warwick Winwater Works for a Total Bid Price of \$9,454.00, as recommended by Public Works Director Michael C. Gray; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A motion was made by Vice President White with second by Councilor Mihaly to approve the bid. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor

Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

- F) 2018 Financial Town Meeting Warrant: Approval of language; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
Finance Director Collins reviewed the four Town Warrants:
1. Sewer Line Frontage Tax Rate
 2. Borrowing in Anticipation of Taxes
 3. Disposition of Collected Back Taxes
 4. Setting the Tax Rate

The deadline for submission of any Resolution to amend the proposed budget by \$10,000 or more is 20 days prior to the FTM (May 15).

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor Meagher to approve the Warrant language for the FTM. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

Moderator John Murphy asked if the word “Warning” was correct on the Warrant, and he was informed it is correct. Moderator Murphy asked the Council to reopen Open Forum.

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to reopen Open Forum. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

Moderator Murphy noted the comments made by John Doty regarding the Town’s maintenance history and stated Town infrastructure is in better shape than it’s ever been and maintenance is good. He recently visited the Transfer Station and the place is wonderful. He commended Mike Gray and Public Works for what they have done.

X. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS

- A) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
- 1) Jamestown Traffic Committee (One vacancy with an unexpired three-year term ending date of December 31, 2018)
 - a) Letter of resignation
 - i) Melissa Mastrostefano

The vacancy will be advertised, a thank you will be sent to Ms. Mastrostefano for her services, and a new appointment will be on a future agenda.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to approve and accept the Consent Agenda. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

The Consent Agenda approved consists of the following:

- A) Adoption of Town Council Minutes
 - 1) April 16, 2018 (regular meeting)
 - 2) April 16, 2018 (executive session)
- B) Minutes of Town Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Jamestown Planning Commission (01/03/2018)
 - 2) Jamestown Planning Commission (01/17/2018)
 - 3) Jamestown Planning Commission (02/07/2018)
 - 4) Jamestown Planning Commission (02/21/2018)
 - 5) Jamestown Planning Commission (03/07/2018)
 - 6) Zoning Board of Review (02/27/2018)
- C) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes
 - Total Abatements: \$11,450.56 Total Addenda: \$11,600.56
 - 1) Real Estate Abatements to 2017 Tax Roll
 - Account/Abatement Amount**
 - b) 06-0465-00 \$3,746.40
 - c) 19-1196-00 \$3,898.19
 - d) 20-0127-01 \$3,805.97
 - 2) Real Estate Addenda to 2017 Tax Roll
 - Account/Abatement Amount**
 - e) 01-0471-18 \$3,955.97
 - f) 13-2283-00 \$3,746.40
 - g) 18-0006-10 \$3,898.19
- D) Abutter Notifications: Notice is hereby given that the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review will hold a Public Hearing on May 22, 2018 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI at 7:00 p.m. upon the following:
 - 1) Application of Andrea Colognese et Doriana Cerella, whose property is located at 2 Watson Ave., and further identified as Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 774 for a Special Use Permit from Article 6, Section 82-601, Special use permits authorized by this ordinance to serve beer & wine indoors & on the deck, subject to all conditions previously imposed by the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review, and to put on evidence of why we believe allowing customers to enjoy beer & wine on the deck meets the standards for a special use permit. Said property is located in a CL zone and contains 7,000 sq. ft.
 - 2) Application of Michael Cabral (David & Janice Martin, owner), whose property is located at Garboard St. & Stanchion Ave., and further identified as Assessor's Plat 15, Lot 268 for a special use permit from Article 3, Section 82-314C, High Groundwater Sub-district "A" Article 6, Section 82-600, & 602 A & B, Special Use Permit to construct a single family dwelling with detached garage. Install OWTS and well. Said property is located in a R40 zone and

contains 14,400 sq. ft.

Application of Michael Cabral (David & Janice Martin, owner), whose property is located at Backstay St. & Stanchion Ave., and further identified as Assessor's Plat 15, Lot 278 for a special use permit from Article 3, Section 82-314C, High Groundwater Sub-district "A" Article 6, Section 82-600, & 602 A & B, Special Use Permit to construct a single family dwelling with detached garage. Install OWTS and well. Said property is located in a R40 zone and contains 14,400 sq. ft.

- E) CRMC Notices
 - 1) May 2018 Calendar
 - 2) Public Notice of application for Assent (1018-03-038) to construct and maintain a residential boating facility filed by Ronald E. and Mary G. Long for the property described as Plat 2 Lot 86, East Sore Road, East Passage of Narragansett Bay
- F) Private Investigator License Renewal Application
 - 1) Santino Campo, Jr. dba: Santino Campo, Jr.
Address: 9 Lawn Avenue

XII. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS

None.

XIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- A) Planning Department/Planning Commission/Affordable Housing Committee Reports (May)
- B) Final report on the Fire Station Rehabilitation Project (May)
- C) Friends of the Jamestown Rights of Way Report (May)
- D) Cell Tower development in the north end (May)

Council members requested the following agenda topics appear on the next or a future agenda:

- Councilor Meagher requests Fort Getty on the next agenda
- Councilor Dickinson noted the private sector is willing to pay for eradication of coyotes and a proposal will come to the Town in the near future

Town Administrator Nota reported on other upcoming topics:

- Veterans Exemptions (no Ethics Commission decision)
- Preliminary Water and Sewer Budget and Water Rate Study
- Proclamation for Eagle Scout Josh Nehrona
- Proclamation for Graduates Week
- National Grid Street Lighting Program and consolidation of services with other communities
- Bed and Breakfast establishments and Short Term Rentals

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (5) Real Estate (Fort Wetherill Boat Owners Association lease extension); review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote in executive session and/or open session

A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Vice President White to enter into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (5) Real Estate at 8:53 p.m. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) Subsection (5) Real Estate the following vote was taken: President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

The Town Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:01 p.m. President Trocki announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Vice President White to seal the Minutes of Executive Session. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Dickinson with second by Councilor Meagher to adjourn. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.

The Jamestown Town Council adjourned the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council
 Town Administrator
 Finance Director
 Town Solicitor