

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
October 15, 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  
Michael C. Gray, Public Works Director  
Edward A. Mello, Police Chief  
Lisa W. Bryer, Town Planner  
Andrew J. Wade, Parks and Recreation Director  
Peter D. Ruggiero, Town Solicitor  
Denise Jennings, Water Clerk  
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

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

President Trocki called the regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:41 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and Councilor Dickinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Dickinson to move Agenda Item IV. A) Presentations up in the agenda. President Trocki, Aye; Vice President White, Aye; Councilor Dickinson, Aye; Councilor Meagher, Aye; Councilor Mihaly, Aye.**

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

A) Presentations: Police Chief Edward A. Mello, Town Council President Kristine S. Trocki and Town Administrator Andrew E. Nota  
Town Administrator Nota acknowledged the Officers receiving awards this evening and thanked all those in attendance, noting the efforts of all involved demonstrates how the system is supposed to work, resulting in the protection of our residents and their property. Our officers need all the community support they can get. They are not looking for recognition, but on a daily basis they are deserving of recognition.

Police Chief Mello welcomed all in attendance stating he is proud of his officers on a daily basis, but there are occasions when special recognition is warranted. Chief Mello acknowledged the tragedies resulting from heroin related overdoses, including members the Jamestown community. Sergeant Joel Pinocci trained our JPD officers in the administration of Narcan, used to counteract drug overdoses. Lieutenant Angela Deneault is a member of the HOPE Initiative Task Force, which intervenes with suspected heroin addicts to get them into counseling and recovery.

- 1) Jamestown Police Department Life Saving Award
  - a) Sergeant Joel Pinocci, Jamestown Police Department
  - b) Officer Chad Specht, Jamestown Police Department

Chief Mello recounted the events of June 8, 2018 when Sergeant Pinocci and Officer Specht responded to a vehicle stopped on Route 138 and found an unresponsive subject. It was evident the man was the victim of a heroin overdose. The drug Narcan was administered, saving the man's life. The Life Saving Award was explained by Chief Mello.

President Trocki and Town Administrator Nota presented the awards as follows:

- Life Saving Award presented to Sergeant Joel Pinocci (Applause)
- Life Saving Award presented to Officer Chad Specht (Applause)

- 2) Jamestown Police Department Unit Citation
  - a) Detective Matthew Bohanan, Sutton, MA Police Department
  - b) Trooper Andrew Elsing and canine King, RI State Police
  - c) Lieutenant Michael Naylor, and Detective Steve Carey, Newport Police Department
  - d) Sergeant Karen Catlow, Jamestown Police Department
  - e) Officer Ronald Jacobson, Jamestown Police Department
  - f) Dispatcher Robert Rexter, Jamestown Police Department

Chief Mello recounted the events of July 30, 2018 when JPD received information that two career criminals suspected of multiple house break-ins in Rhode Island and Massachusetts were located in a vehicle in Jamestown. Through the cooperative efforts of Jamestown, Newport, North Kingstown, RI State Police, and Sutton, MA Police Departments, a coordinated response ensued leading to the arrest of the two suspects tied to more than a dozen break-ins. The Unit Citation Medal was explained by Chief Mello.

President Trocki and Town Administrator Nota presented the awards as follows:

- Unit Citation Medal presented to Detective Matthew Bohanan (Applause)
- Unit Citation Medal presented to Sergeant Catlow (Applause)
- Unit Citation Medal presented to Officer Ronald Jacobson (Applause)
- Unit Citation Medal presented to Dispatcher Robert Rexter (Applause)
- Unit Citation Medal presented to Trooper Andrew Elsing and canine King (Applause)

- Unit Citation Medal presented to Lieutenant Michael Naylor and Detective Steve Carey (Applause)

Chief Mello congratulated all award recipients, thanking them for their dedicated service.

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

The Town Council convened as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners at 7:01 p.m., and adjourned from sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners at 7:17 p.m. See Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

### **V. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS**

None.

### **VI. OPEN FORUM**

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

Charlotte Zarlengo of Seaside Drive commented on her 30 years as a Jamestown resident, water quality in the Jamestown Shores, the High Groundwater Ordinance, and protecting the 34 town-owned lots in the Shores as part of the Conanicut Island Land Trust Conservation Easement. Concern was expressed that variances are granted to Shores lots for development as house lots. Ms. Zarlengo requests the 34 town-owned lots be protected in perpetuity so that they are never developed.

Councilor Dickinson stated no decisions have been made regarding the 34 lots and two questions were being addressed:

- Is there potential for affordable housing lots
- Should there be management by the Conservation Commission or Land Trust in perpetuity

The Council thought it necessary to gather information on the aquifer and watershed and how it functions in order to make an informed decision and determined a Water Resources Protection Committee was needed to evaluate such issues and render advisory opinions.

Ms. Zarlengo noted residents of the Shores want their concerns to be heard so that the Shores lots are protected.

Sav Rebecchi of Sail Street noted his concern that we don't always have a full slate of candidates running for office. He expressed appreciation for this Council's six years of service, and thanked President Trocki, who is not seeking another term, for her leadership.

### **VII. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS**

A) Town Administrator's Report: Andrew E. Nota

Town Administrator Nota reported on the following:

1) Connect Greater Newport Economic Development Initiative

Mr. Nota reported on the Initiative and how it evolved as a county-wide collaborative to provide professional resources to local businesses. Goals include business retention, sustainability, and pooling of information for all area municipalities to help them continue operating. To achieve that a consulting firm was hired to provide research and other services. Two important issues discussed at the last meeting were workforce housing and broadband capacity. Their Facebook site was referenced for more information at [www.ConnectGreaterNewport.com](http://www.ConnectGreaterNewport.com).

2) East Ferry Project Update

Mr. Nota reported Cardi Corp. is working on sidewalks at East Ferry and the East Ferry Condo Association will begin their own sidewalk reconstruction, with both projects expected to be completed with a similar appearance next spring. Concrete work is underway, with repairs to the steel railing next spring.

3) Update of Water Division hire

Mr. Nota referenced Public Works Director's Gray's report during the Water and Sewer portion of the meeting on new Water Operator John Salafia.

4) Water Resources Protection Committee

Mr. Nota reported on the October 10<sup>th</sup> session with sub-committee members Jack Hubbard, Jim Turenne and Carol Nelson-Lee. Over the next few months the Conservation Commission will come back to the Council with a recommendation for a committee makeup and charge for the Water Resources Protection Committee. Discussion continued.

Carol Nelson Lee of Buoy Street stated she is glad to be part of the sub-committee. They are a data-driven committee and will share their findings with the Council.

Sav Rebecchi of Sail Street asked if the lots mentioned for protection are owned by the Town, and he was informed yes. Mr. Rebecchi stated it is his opinion that the probability of development of the lots is very low. It was his understanding that a sub-committee should have a member of the original committee on it, which is not the case with the Water Resources Protection Committee. He expressed concern that members of the Conservation Commission and Planning Commission also serve on the Conanicut Island Land Trust and hopes that will be taken into consideration.

Councilor Meagher commented such accountability issues come from the voters to the Council, and the charge for sub-committees must be prepared so as to protect the best interests of the Town and its citizens. Councilor Dickinson noted the Council will control the committee charge and it will meet the needs of Jamestowners. Councilor Meagher commented the issues of the membership vs. leadership role is different and should not preclude a person from being a member of the Water Resources Protection Committee or any sub-committee.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Update on recent Police activities, as requested by Councilor Blake A. Dickinson: Police Chief Edward A. Mello; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chief Mello updated the Council on the two events in recent weeks, with all seven (7) stolen vehicles returned to their owners. The 17-year old arrested by CT officials was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle. A second suspect arrested by CT officials will be extradited to RI and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, theft of the vehicle, possession of stolen property, and eluding a police officer. A third suspect taken into custody will be extradited to RI and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. We continue to receive reports on activity in the Hartford-Waterbury, CT area by the same group of criminals. Chief Mello noted they are working to identify at least two other suspects involved in the stolen vehicle incidents. Discussion continued. Council members expressed appreciation for the efforts of Chief Mello and the Police Department. The Town will support whatever is necessary to assist JPD.

- B) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times
- 1) Scheduling of public information session for Golf Course, Library and School Bonds, continued from October 1, 2018; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Town Administrator Nota announced the public information session is Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Library for review and explanation of the three Bonds for the Golf Course, Library and Schools. The session will be advertised with more information in the October 25<sup>th</sup> *Jamestown Press*. Additional information is available on the Town and School Department websites.

- 2) Town Council Meeting Schedule – November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote  
This will be the last official meeting of this Council.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Water supply concerns in the Jamestown Shores; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

This was addressed previously during the meeting. There were no additional comments.

## X. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS

- A) Appointments
- 1) Ad Hoc Committee for Public Art: Appointment of Ten (10) Members; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

President Trocki noted that seventeen (17) interviews were conducted. Council members commented all candidates had amazing resumes and backgrounds and it will be difficult to determine the ten (10) members. Discussion ensued of the Ad Hoc Committee makeup and

what expertise were desirable. The interviews were helpful in determining what qualities and skill sets would contribute to the makeup of the committee. Lengthy discussion ensued.

The majority of candidates had experience in evaluating art for public and private spaces. Council members noted this is a difficult decision, and they are not inclined to appoint a committee this evening. Discussion ensued of each Councilor choosing ten (10) candidates, bringing their recommendations to the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, and appointment of the top ten highest recommended candidates. Solicitor Ruggiero advised that no discussion of candidates between Council members should ensue between this and the next meeting. Town Administrator Nota commented Council may not want to make appointments the night before an election. Discussion ensued that voters and donors would prefer that a decision is made, it would be a disservice not to make a decision, interviewing candidates not interviewed, and whether it would be a better decision to wait until after the election.

Public comment.

Nancy Semco of Gondola Avenue suggested the portfolios and art produced by artist candidates be reviewed for appropriateness.

Council members determined appointments of the Ad Hoc Committee will be on the next meeting agenda for review, discussion and potential action.

## **XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilor Meagher with second by Councilor Mihaly 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) October 1, 2018 (interview session)
  - 2) October 1, 2018 (regular meeting)
  - 3) October 1, 2018 (executive session)
- B) Minutes of Town Boards/Commissions/Committees
  - 1) Jamestown Planning Commission (06/20/2018)
  - 2) Jamestown Planning Commission (07/18/2018)
  - 3) Jamestown Planning Commission (08/15/2018)
  - 4) Jamestown Planning Commission (09/05/2018)
- C) CRMC Notices
  - 1) Public Notice of Application of Timothy Lemmon for an Assent to construct and maintain a Hybrid shoreline protection facility consisting of a Riprap Toe protection and coir logs and plantings landward at North Main Road, Plat 3 Lot 566, West Passage of Narragansett Bay
  - 2) Public Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Aquidneck Island SAMP – Coastal Development Regulations, with public comment

- period ending 11/08/2018
- 3) Public Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Metro Bay SAMP – Urban Coastal Greenway, with comment period ending 11/08/2018
- D) Abatements/Addenda of Taxes  
 Total Abatements: \$43,247.30    Total Addenda: \$43,038.99
- 1) Motor Vehicle Abatements to 2018 Tax Roll
- | <u>Account/Abatement Amount</u> |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| a) 07-0850-74M                  | \$ 57.49  |
| b) 11-0183-00M                  | \$ 126.84 |
- 2) Real Estate/Tangible Abatements to 2018 Tax Roll
- | <u>Account/Abatement Amount</u> |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| a) 02-1620-00                   | \$ 9,956.78 |
| b) 03-0150-00                   | \$ 4,663.16 |
| c) 04-0343-25                   | \$ 4,246.97 |
| d) 05-0289-50                   | \$ 1,029.26 |
| e) 06-0168-60                   | \$13,680.36 |
| f) 13-2095-66                   | \$ 9,486.44 |
- 3) Addenda to 2018 Real Estate Tax Roll
- | <u>Account/Addenda Amount</u> |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| a) 02-0632-65                 | \$13,680.36 |
| b) 07-0590-65                 | \$ 9,486.44 |
| c) 07-0640-30                 | \$ 4,246.97 |
| d) 13-1396-45                 | \$ 4,813.16 |
| e) 13-1561-65                 | \$ 600.15   |
| f) 13-2095-66                 | \$ 9,956.78 |
- 4) Addenda to 2018 Motor Vehicle Tax Roll
- | <u>Account/Addenda Amount</u> |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| a) 01-0570-65M                | \$ 255.13 |
- E) One Day Event/Entertainment License Applications
- 1) Applicant: Jamestown Recreation Dept. and Police Dept.  
 Event: November Neon Night 5K Run/Walk  
 Date: November 3, 2018  
 Location: Fort Getty
- 2) Applicant: Tom Harris  
 Event: Jamestown Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony  
 Date: December 1, 2018  
 Location: East Ferry

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

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

The Communications, Petitions and Proclamations and Resolutions from other cities and towns consists of the following:

- A) Communications
  - 1) Email of Jamestown Arts Center Chair Dianne Grippi offering JAC advisory services and assistance to the Jamestown Ad Hoc Committee for Public Art
  - 2) Invitation of Codac Behavioral Healthcare to the “Celebration of 40 Years Serving Newport County” event on Thursday, October 25, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., The Young Building, Salve Regina University

### **XIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A) Liquor License Renewals Public Hearing (November 5)
- B) Victualing with Extended Hours License Renewal Public Hearing (November 5)
- C) Victualing/Holiday/Multi License Renewals (November 5)
- D) Review and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Jamestown and Friends of the Jamestown Seniors, Inc. re: Senior programs and Senior Center use (November 5)

Also added to the next Agenda:

- Appointment of the Ad Hoc Committee for Public Art

### **XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **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 8:21 p.m.

Attest:

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Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

Copies to: Town Council  
Town Administrator  
Finance Director  
Town Solicitor