

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023

I. TOWN COUNCIL INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

The Jamestown Town Council conducted interviews of applicants for the committee vacancies as follows:

Salvatore Savanstano and Robert Maccini were interviewed for the Zoning Board of Review Alternate member vacancy.

The interviews concluded at 6:24 p.m. at which time the Town Council took a short recess.

II. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on July 11, 2023. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Michael G. White, Randy White, and Erik Brine (via Zoom). Mary Meagher was absent.

Also, in attendance: Town Administrator Edward A. Mello, Solicitor Peter Ruggiero, Finance Director Christina Collins, Public Works Director Michael Gray, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, Senior Services Director Molly Rose, Water and Sewer Clerk Denise Jennings, Deputy Clerk Keith Ford and Town Clerk Roberta Fagan.

III. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Council President Beye called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- A) Public Hearing
 - 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote: Proposed Amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, 15 A Conservation.
- B) Approval of Minutes; Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) June 20, 2023(regular meeting)
- C) Open Forum – Water & Sewer Matters

Comments are not limited to items on this agenda. However, items not on this agenda will only be heard and not acted upon by the Town Council. Note: Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act and Department of the Attorney General Advisory Opinions relevant to this item on any public body meeting agenda specifically prohibit the Town Council from discussing, considering, or acting on any topic, statement, or question presented. The Town Council may, if warranted, refer

such matters to an appropriate committee, to another body or official, or post the matter for consideration at a properly-noticed, future meeting.

- 1) Scheduled request to address - none
 - 2) Non-scheduled request to address
- D) Report of Town Officials: Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote:
- 1) Pumping Report
 - 2) Town Project Reports
 - a) Town Wells
 - b) Water Treatment Plant
 - c) Transfer Pumping/Reservoir
 - d) Distribution System
 - e) Wastewater Treatment Facility
 - 3) Consumer Confidence Report for calendar year 2022
- E) Letters and Communication: Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote:
- 1) No items at this time.
- F) Unfinished Business: Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote:
- 1) No items at this time.
- G) New Business:
- 1) Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote: Proposed Water Budget FY2023-2024
 - 2) Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote: Proposed Sewer Budget FY2023-2024

The Town Council Adjourns from sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

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

V. OPEN FORUM

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- A) Scheduled request to address
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

Marian Falla, 75 Green Lane, questioned whether the Town Council would address parking issues related to Short-Term Rental host properties in the near future.

Town Administrator Mello stated that the Short-Term Rental (STR) parking restrictions were removed from the original draft ordinance. The 2024 STR season will help with tracking problem STR properties as well as any associated parking issues.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 1) No items at this time.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Town Council will review each license application and vote on it individually. All approvals for licenses and permits are subject to the resolution of debts, taxes and appropriate signatures as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance. Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or Take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Public Hearings
 - 1) Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 – Buildings and Buildings Regulation, Article V., Short Term Rentals, Sec. 14-80 thru 14-94-100. These Amendments are proposed based on comments received during Short-Term Rental Working Group sessions.

Discussion ensued.

Town Planner Lisa Bryer addressed the Town Council and summarized the proposed amendments to the STR Ordinance. The STR Working group, comprised of Town Staff, Town Council Liaisons Vice President Meagher and Councilor R. White, and STR hosts, met in December 2022 and April 2023 to discuss concerns. Of the 20 issues reviewed, most have been resolved. The meetings were collaborative, positive, and productive. She also commented data would be collected during the registration and inspection process, specifically, the number of parking spaces would be inventoried.

Councilor R. White commented on the progress between Town officials, Town Council members, and Working Group members. The meetings were very constructive and served the process in a progressive and positive way.

Ross Adams, 64 Wolcott Avenue, stated Town representatives were very sincere in listening to STR hosts' concerns. All had a common objective of preserving the rights of STR hosts while creating a mechanism to monitor STR properties. He also commented that it was a very collaborative process.

Councilor R. White asked if Jamestown STR hosts were experiencing the same phenomena as Cape Cod STR, with decreased occupancy.

Julie Girard, 41 Hamilton Avenue, commented that rentals are down but still strong. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, 23 Conanicus Avenue, agreed with Julie's statement.

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to continue the public hearing for the proposed amendments to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 – Buildings and Buildings Regulation, Article V., Short Term Rentals, Sec. 14-80 thru 14-94-100 until the next Town Council meeting. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 2) Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70– Article II Section 25-Notice of violation; admission of truth and payment of fines at police station; amounts, and Chapter 70-Article IV Section 87, Prohibited or Restricted Parking on Specified Streets. These Amendments are proposed to update and modernize the existing Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance

Jamestown Police Lt. Angela Denault reviewed the proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70 Article II Section 25 and Article IV, Section 87. Cleaning up the ordinance to remove contradicting language; and formally accepting historic parking signs that have not been supported by ordinance.

Connie Slick, 49 Narragansett Avenue, asked for assistance with vehicles parked illegally in front of her house and driveway.

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the amendments to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70– Article II Section 25-Notice of violation; admission of truth and payment of fines at police station; amounts, and Chapter 70-Article IV Section 87, Prohibited or Restricted Parking on Specified Streets. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to convene as the Town Council sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

B) Town Council Sitting as the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Board.

- 1) Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application has been received under said Act for a one-day license on July 13, 2023, and September 8, 2023:

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 CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the Jamestown Arts Center Class F (NON-PROFIT) One-day Liquor License for July 13, 2023 and September 8, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 2) Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application has been received under said Act for a one-day license on July 20, 2023 (rain date July 24, 27, 2023):

CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)

Jamestown Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 35
Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote for Approval of the CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce Class F (NON-PROFIT) One-day Liquor License for July 20, 2023 (rain date July 27, 2023). Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 3) Pursuant to RIGL §3-7-14, the following license application has been received under said Act for a one-day license on July 20, 2023:

CLASS F (NON-PROFIT)
Out of the Box Studio/Gallery
11 Clinton Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835

- a) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote for Approval of the CLASS F (NON-PROFIT) LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Out of the Box Studio/Gallery Class F (NON-PROFIT) One-day Liquor License for July 20, 2023, and September 8, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

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

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

C) Licenses and Permits

- 1) One-Day Event/Entertainment License: All One-Day Entertainment license application approvals are subject to any COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event; Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote for the following:

- a) Applicant: Jamestown Chamber of Commerce
Event: Annual Weenie Roast
Date(s): July 20, 2023, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Location: Dutch Harbor Marina

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for July 20, 2023 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at Dutch Harbor Marina. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- b) Applicant: Out of the Box Studio/Gallery
Event: Peripheral Visions
Date(s): July 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Location: 11 Clinton Avenue

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Out of the Box Studio/Gallery One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for July 20, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. located at 11 Clinton Avenue. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- c) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center (JAC)
Event: Gallery Night with classical guitarist
Date(s): July 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Location: JAC, 18 Valley Street

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Jamestown Arts Center One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for July 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- d) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center (JAC)
Event: Exhibit Opening: Coming and Going: New Work of Algernon Miller
Date(s): September 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Location: JAC, 18 Valley Street

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Jamestown Arts Center One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for September 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. located at 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- e) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center (JAC)
Event: Film Screening: "Revolution on Granite" Ukraine Skate Documentary
Date(s): August 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Location: JAC, 18 Valley Street

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Jamestown Arts Center One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for August 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. located at 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- f) Applicant: Jamestown Arts Center (JAC)
Event: Open Artist Studios
Date(s): August 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Location: JAC, 18 Valley Street*

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Jamestown Arts Center One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for August 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. located at 18 Valley Street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- g) Applicant: Tallulah's Taqueria
 Event: Family Meal
 Date(s): July 16, 2023, 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
 Location: Ft. Getty Pavilion

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Tallulah's Taqueria One-Day Event/Entertainment License scheduled for July 16, 2023, 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. located at the Ft. Getty Pavilion. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 2) One-Day Vendor/Peddler License: All One-Day Vendor/Peddler license application approvals are subject to any COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event; Review, Discussion, and/or Take Action and/or Vote for the following:

- a) Applicant: Amano, LLC dba: ~~A Manon~~ Amano Pizza and Gelato (sub-applicant of the Jamestown Historic Society)
 Event: Windmill Day
 Date(s): July 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Location: Jamestown Windmill, 278 North Road

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Amano, LLC dba: ~~A Manon~~ Amano Pizza and Gelato (sub-applicant of the Jamestown Historic Society) One-Day Vendor/Peddler License scheduled for July 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. located at Jamestown Windmill, 278 North Road. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

- b) Applicant: Pam's Grill, dba: Pams' Grill On The Go (sub-applicant of Jamestown Ukraine Relief Project)
 Event: Sunflower Family Festival
 Date(s): August 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Location: Lawn Avenue School

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the Pam's Grill, dba: Pams' Grill On The Go (sub-applicant of Jamestown Ukraine Relief Project) One-Day Vendor/Peddler License scheduled for August 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. located at Lawn Avenue School. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye.

VIII. 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 and will be Acted upon in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b)

- A) Town Administrator's Report: Edward A. Mello

- 1) 6 West Street (Grange) Senior Center update.

On Friday, June 26, the Solicitor and Town Administrator Mello met with legal counsel representing the Rhode Island State Grange (owner of 6 West Street). The Town requested to work toward a document that would reassign the lease to the State Grange to ensure the Town's ability to use the building while assessing the next steps for a senior facility.

2) Senior Center Facility programming update.

Senior Services Director Molly Rose and Town Administrator Mello met with former North Kingstown Senior Services Director Kathy Carland on June 30 to review programming needs. Director Rose will develop a document to be shared with Town Consultant Don Powers. The next step will include a public meeting to solicit public comment on programming needs.

3) 90 Carr Lane cell tower project update.

The project proposes a 160' monopole to be located at the corner of North Road and Carr Lane. This is a private development. The project has been reviewed by the Technical Review Committee and was reviewed by planning on June 21. The developer has agreed to provide accommodations for public safety equipment to be located on the pole. The process now moves to the Zoning Board. Town Planner Lisa Bryer and Town Administrator Mello have discussed options for public notice beyond what is required by Zoning.

4) Police Chief search process update.

Town Administrator Mello informed the Town Council of the Police Chief search process. The Selection Committee will host a Community Forum. This will be an opportunity for community members to meet the committee members and provide comments to be considered in their search for a new Police Chief. In addition, Town Staff will have the opportunity to meet with the Selection Committee in a confidential individual setting. Town Administrator Mello stressed the importance of transparency in the search for a new Police Chief. Interviews are anticipated to start the week of July 24th.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) No items at this time.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Jamestown Charter Review Committee final report and recommendations to the Town Council:
- 1) 2022-2023 Jamestown Charter Review Committee Final Report.
 - 2) Letter from Vice President Meagher to the Town Council.

Discussion ensued.

Councilor R. White read the letter from Vice President Meagher to the Town Council.

Charter Review Committee Chair James (Jim) Rugh reviewed the Final Report and the 11 recommendations. He also stated the Committee does not recommend disbanding at this time.

No action was taken.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Gould Island Ad Hoc Committee report from David Sommers; and recommendation to dissolve and request Town Council to assign charge to the Jamestown Harbor Commission and its Executive Director.

Gould Island Ad Hoc Committee Chair David Sommer read a statement to the Town Council. (attached) and summarized the reason for the request to dissolve the Committee. It was concluded the Jamestown Harbor Commission supervised by Executive Director Steven Bois was the

appropriate entity to advocate for Gould Island Public Recreation. David Sommers would continue to volunteer his services.

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with a second by Councilor M. White to approve the recommendation to dissolve the Gould Island Ad Hoc Committee and to assign the charge to the Jamestown Harbor Commission and its Executive Director Steven Bois. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

XI. ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or Take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Request to the Town Council for authorization to begin the appointment process for One (1) Board of Canvassers Republican Alternate Member, for the One (1) Six-year unexpired term ending March 2029, pursuant to RIGL § 17-8-1 and RIGL § 17-8-2; review discussion and/or potential action and/or vote:
 - 1) Memorandum of the request of Board of Canvassers Clerk Keith Ford to contact the Jamestown Republican Town Committee to solicit a list of qualified individuals for Town Council consideration to fill the Board of Canvassers Republican Alternate Member vacancy.
 - a) RIGL § 17-8-1 and RIGL § 17-8-2
 - b) Copy of email from Republican Alternate Linda Jamison

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to approve the request of Board of Canvassers Clerk Keith Ford to contact the Jamestown Republican Town Committee to solicit a list of qualified individuals for Town Council consideration to fill the Board of Canvassers Republican Alternate Member vacancy. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- B) Appointments, Vacancies and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:
 - 1) Harbor Management Commission, One (1) member, three-year term unexpired term ending 12/31/2026
 - a) Letter of resignation:
 - i) Michael Junge
 - b) Permission to advertise the vacancy.

Councilor R. White thanked Michael Junge for his 4 years of service and active member of the Harbor Management Commission.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to accept Michael Junge's resignation. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to order to advertise the vacancy of the Harbor Management Commission. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

- 2) Tree Preservation and Protection Committee, One (1) member vacancy with an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023:
 - a) Application of Interest for appointment:
 - i) Thomas Waddington

- 3) Zoning Board of Review, One (1) Alternate Member vacancy with an unexpired one-year term ending December 31, 2023
 - a) Application of interest:
 - i) Robert Maccini
 - ii) Salvatore Salvastano

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to appoint Robert Maccini as the Zoning Board of Review, Alternate Member with an unexpired one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to accept the Consent Agenda. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

An item on the Consent Agenda need not be removed for simple clarification or correction of typographical errors. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately for review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote. A Consent Agenda item or items may be removed by the Town Council for review, discussion and/or potential action and or vote.

- A) Adoption of Town Council Minutes
 - 1) June 20, 2023 (Regular Meeting)

- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Board of Canvassers (May 15, 2023)
 - 2) Board of Canvassers (June 28, 2023)
 - 3) Jamestown Planning Commission (May 17, 2023)
 - 4) Jamestown Planning Commission (June 21, 2023)
 - 5) Jamestown Zoning Board of Review May 23, 2023)

- C) Authorization of Employment Agreement/Contract between the Town of Jamestown and Edward A. Mello as Town Administrator for the Town of Jamestown.

- D) Request from Public Works Director Michael Gray to the Town Council to approve the New 44,000 GVW Dump Truck Bid to Tri-State Center for a total amount of \$196,227.
 - 1) Memorandum from Public Works Director Michael Gray to recommend the bid be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder, Tri-State Truck Center.

- E) Abutter Notifications: Notice is hereby given that the Jamestown Zoning Board of Review will hold a public hearing on July 25, 2023, at the Jamestown Town Hall 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island at 7:00 p.m. upon the following:
- 1) Application of Navigator Properties, LLC d/b/a Mariner Tower (Carr Homestead Foundation Inc. – Owner) whose property is located at 90 Carr Lane, Jamestown, RI 02835, and further identified as Tax Assessor’s Plat 4, Lot 17 for a Special Use Permit from Article 3, Section 82-301 and 82-305, and Article 6, Sections 82-600-602. Specifically, the Applicant seeks a Special Use Permit for a Transmission lines, towers or substations use pursuant to Sections 82-301 and 82-600-602; and (2) Special Use Permit for height exception in the RR-200 Zoning District pursuant to Section 82-305 to construct a 160’ above ground level (“AGL”) monopole that will structurally accommodate up to four (4) wireless telecommunications carriers including without limitation their associated antennas, radio communications equipment and cabling. The proposed 75’x75’ fence surrounding the proposed compound at the base of the tower will accommodate the carriers’ ground-based radio communications equipment. The proposed ground equipment will be located within the proposed fenced compound. The Facility will be constructed to accommodate the co-location of other wireless communications providers on the tower as well as associated radio communications equipment, backup power, and/or weatherproof cabinets to be located within the fence. By allowing wireless communications providers to fill a significant coverage gap in their respective networks, the Facility will assist them in providing adequate and reliable wireless communications services in and around the Town of Jamestown and to other parts of Rhode Island.
- F) Approval of Resolution 2023-14 Authorizing Issuance of Up to \$985,000 in Bonds for Highway Equipment.
- G) Approval of Resolution 2023-15 Authorizing Issuance Of Up To \$275,000 In Bonds For Police Station Building Improvements / Efficient Building Project And All Costs Incidental Thereto.

Communications were acknowledged.

XIII. 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: Bob Sutton
Dated: July 5, 2023
Re: State Grange/Conanicut Grant #21

- 2) Copy of Email to: Town Council
From: Marian Falla
Dated: June 16, 2023
Re: Middletown must regulate short-term rentals to build a stronger community news article.
- 3) Copy of Email to: Town Council
From: Malcolm Clarke/John Murphy
Dated: June 13, 2023
Re: Conanicus Avenue Traffic
- B) Proclamations and Resolutions From Other Rhode Island Cities And Towns:
 - 1) Resolution of the Town of Burrillville, Opposing Senate Bill 2023-137 and House Bill 2023- H 5201, Relating to Towns and Cities – Relief of Injured and Deceased Fire Fighters and Police Officers Presumption for Heart Disease and Hypertension.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White to move into Executive Session with a second by Councilor R. White. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 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 (Adverse Possession/Easement/Quiet Title), Cary v. Jamestown, NC File No. 2020-0375.

XV. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

It was announced that no votes were taken.

The Town Council reconvenes the regular meeting.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with a second by Councilor R. White to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; and Councilor R. White, Aye.

Attest:


 Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk

Gould Island Ad Hoc Committee Proposal to
Jamestown Town Council
July 11, 2023

I am here this evening on behalf of the Jamestown Ad Hoc Gould Island Committee to request the dissolution of the Committee.

On June 8, following the latest meeting of the Army Corps of Engineers Gould Island Restoration Advisory Board, the Ad Hoc Committee held its 4th meeting and resolved to recommend to the Council that the Committee be dissolved.

The background and rationale for the recommendation is as follows:

Army Corps of Engineers Superfund remediation work on Gould Island started 2017. The Jamestown Community RAB was set up in 2018.

In 2021, the Jamestown Ad Hoc Gould Island Committee was formed to advocate with Army Corps of Engineers and RI Federal Delegation for public recreation on Gould. Here's where we were in 2021 when that happened.

1. Jamestown position: Since Federal government messed up Gould, the Federal Government should clean it up first, Town/State would develop a plan for public use afterwards.
2. ACOE position: ACOE would clean up chemically, but could not make the Island physically safe unless additionally authorized & funded by Congress
3. Federal delegation position: Lead by Senator Read's office, the delegation was willing to consider finding funding, but they were not sure how best to do that.
4. Committee asked Council to request Feds to take lead in authorizing, funding ACOE to do the cleanup as an extension of their current deployment. This resulted Council Resolution October 2021 (attached).

Federal 2022 Response to Town Resolution:

1. Federal delegation did not agree with Town position that the Federal government should fund physical cleanup, regardless of future use, nor that the delegation should take the lead.
2. Feds pointed to RIDEM rather than ACOE to finish physical cleanup
 - a. BUT, they required a plan for public recreation, not just physical clean up, to consider finding funding
 - b. Plan needs to include costs, benefits statement, demonstrated public support

Gould Island Committee 2022 Actions resulting from the Federal position:

1. The Committee recognized the implications of a public recreation plan as prerequisite for Federal funding
 - a. First, the required benefits statement would need to be robust, which would necessitate full year recreation not just recreation outside the nesting season
 - b. Second, full year recreation would require compromise between wildlife and recreational use
2. The Committee developed the concept of dividing the State property physically rather than by time of year
 - a. Southern 16.9 acres for recreation, northern 22.5 acres for wildlife
 - b. An expanded request for Federal funding - request funding for full implementation of public recreation, not just physical cleanup to enable recreation
 - c. RIDEM and Jamestown would need to create a plan
3. The Committee prompted a meeting in July 2022 between Terry Gray, RIDEM Director, and Jamie Hainsworth/Lisa Bryer
 - a. Jamie requested RIDEM develop a plan and fund the plan development in FY2024 budget
 - b. Gray conceptually supportive but non-committal on any action
4. The Committee requested that the Council pass 2 new resolutions (attached).
 - a. One, a Resolution to formally request RIDEM
 - i. To create a Plan for public recreation on the southern 16.9 acres of Gould

- ii. To fund plan development in their FY2024 budget to be developed while ACOE is still active on Gould and available for advice and support
 - b. Two, a Resolution to other Bay Area municipalities requesting that they join Jamestown in advocating for public recreation on Gould and for RIDEM to develop a Plan for it in FY2024.
 - i. To begin to build broader public support for recreation on Gould
- 5. Responses to Council resolutions
 - a. RIDEM: It was too late for FY2024, will consider later
 - b. Bay Area municipalities: North Kingstown and Portsmouth passed resolution, others deferred or ignored. Principally due to inadequate Committee/Town follow-up

Gould Island Committee Current Position

- 1. Background:
 - a. Gould Island Committee does not have the resource required for an multi-pronged advocacy push for recreation on Gould.
 - b. But the Town still committed to public recreation on Gould and the Administrator wants to add Dutch to the agenda.
 - c. New Harbor Executive Director has been appointed.
 - d. Unsolicited conceptual proposal from RAMP and Shake A Leg to develop educational/summer camp facility on 5 acres of South Gould
- 2. Committee Proposal to Administrator Mello in May which was accepted:
 - a. Task the New Executive Director, with Harbor staff resources, to take on advocacy with RIDEM, Feds, ACOE, including both Gould and Dutch if confirmed by the Town Council
 - b. Task the Harbor Commission to take on “regulation and management” of the development of public recreation on Gould and Dutch, consistent with the Commission charge
 - c. Support a recommendation to the Town Council to dissolve the Ad Hoc Gould Island Committee, as no longer needed.
 - d. Support a new role for David Sommers, to assist in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director.

Gould Island Committee Proposal to the Town Council

- Dissolve the Ad Hoc Gould Island Committee
- Assign responsibility for Gould Island public recreation advocacy to Harbor Executive Director and Harbour Commission
- Accept David Sommers' offer of volunteer services in support Harbor Executive Director