

Town Council Meeting Minutes July 19, 2021

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on July 19, 2021. This meeting was held pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-05, executed by Governor Gina Raimondo and was teleconferenced via Zoom. The public access code to participate by phone was 1 (301) -715- 8592 or 1(312) - 626- 6799 or 1(833)-548-0276 Meeting ID 979 1669 2338. To participate by computer or mobile app: <https://zoom.us/j/97916692338>. Town Council Members present were as follows: Nancy A. Beye, Erik G. Brine, Mary Meagher, Michael G. White and Randy White. Also present Town Administrator Jamie A. Hainsworth, Finance Director Christina D. Collins, Town Solicitor Peter D. Ruggiero, Chief of Police Edward A. Mello, Town Planner Lisa Bryer, and Michael Gray Public Works Director.

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Beye called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:31 p.m. held via Zoom, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

See Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

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) Approval of Minutes; review, discussion and/or action and/or vote
 - 1) June 21, 2021 (regular meeting)

- B) 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 prohibits 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

- C) Report of Town Officials:
 - 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) Finance Director's Report: Comparison of Budget to Actuals as of June 30, 2021

- D) New Business
 - 1) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote regarding the Application of Our Table, LLC/Marla Romash (applicant) and Gino DiFante (owner) of 53 Narragansett Avenue, Plat 9 Lot 207 (a portion of the first floor), for Utility Service Expansion/Change of Use.
- E) The Town Council Adjourns from sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor R. White to open the Public Hearing. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

Vice President Meagher recused herself from IV. Public Hearings, Licenses and Permits, Agenda item A)

IV. 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 Hearing: Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote on the proposed Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70 Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV. Stopping, Standing and Parking Sec. 70-94 Designation of Residential Parking Streets. Petition by more than 51% of Union Street households to designate Union Street as a resident only overnight parking street. Through a public hearing, the Town Council may designate a street within a residential parking district as a residential parking street, provided a petition in a form suitable to the town clerk has been filed that has been signed by residents representing at least fifty-one (51) percent of the resident households with an address of the specific street within the residential parking district. Union Street designated as a resident only overnight parking street.

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with second by Councilor M. White to approve the application to designate Union Street as a resident only overnight parking street. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Recused; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

Rebecca Drzal of 14 Union Street inquired to the time frame of the enforcement of the ordinance.

Chief Mello stated temporary signs could be posted in the next few days, a 3 - 4 day warning process of the change and then begin ticketing immediately.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Councilor Brine to adjourn from the Public Hearing. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Recused; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

Vice President Meagher rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor M. White with second by Vice President Meagher to convene as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

B) Town Council Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board

Notice is hereby given by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town as provided under Title 3, Chapters 1-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended.

- 1) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote for Renewal of Approval of Requests for Temporary Seasonal Expansion of Existing Liquor License Applications in accordance to R.I.G.L 3-5-17, for service and consumption areas valid with Special Event Application of the Chamber of Commerce for Dine Out Event in response to COVID- 19; with proposed Extension to August 17, 2021 unless revoked earlier:
 - a) KALI LLC dba: J22 Tap & Table, 22 Narragansett Ave.
 - b) Jamestown Beer Holdings LLC dba: The Generals Crossing, 34 Narragansett Avenue
 - c) Jamestown Locals LLC dba: Narragansett Café, 25 Narragansett Avenue
 - d) Johnny Angels Clam Shack LLC dba: Angels Kitchen, 23B Narragansett Avenue

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Special Event Application of the Chamber of Commerce for Dine Out Event; with proposed Extension to August 17, 2021 for J22 Tap & Table, The Generals Crossing, Narragansett Café and Angels Kitchen. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- 2) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote for Renewal of Approval of KALI LLC dba: J22 Tap & Table for Temporary Seasonal Expansion of Existing Liquor License Applications in accordance to R.I.G.L 3-5-17, for service and consumption areas to include property contingent on lease agreement with REGNUM LLC, located at 20 Narragansett Avenue; with proposed Extension to August 17, 2021 unless revoked earlier.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Temporary Seasonal Expansion of Existing Liquor License Application for service and consumption area to include property contingent on lease agreement with REGNUM LLC, located at 20 Narragansett Avenue; with a proposed Extension to August 17, 2021 unless revoked earlier. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

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

- C) Entertainment License Application: All entertainment license application approvals are subject to any and all COVID-19 protocols in affect at the time of license approval; Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote on the following:
- 1) Applicant: Tallulah's Taqueria, LLC dba: Tallulah's Taqueria
Address: 35 Narragansett Avenue, Unit D

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve acoustic entertainment for Tullulah's Taqueria on Fridays and Saturdays, beginning on July 23, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The entertainment license would be reviewed at the August 16, 2021 Town Council meeting. Vote: President Beye, Nay; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Nay

- 2) Applicant: Nine Corp. dba: Marina Café
Address: 3 East Ferry Wharf

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Indoor Entertainment License for Nine Corp. dba: Marina Grill on the dates submitted by the applicant, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Amplification allowed, but not to be streamed through outdoor speakers. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Outdoor Entertainment License for Nine Corp. dba: Marina Grill on the dates submitted by the applicant, limited to the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with NO amplification allowed. This license will be reviewed at the August 16, 2021 Town Council meeting. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- D) Event/Entertainment License Application: All event/entertainment license application approvals are subject to any and all COVID-19 protocols in affect at the time of the event; Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote on the following:
- 1) Applicant: Clean Ocean Access
Event: Ben Tuff Swim
Date: July 31, 2021
Location: Block Island/Beavertail Lighthouse/East Ferry/Veterans' Memorial Square
 - a) Memorandum of Clean Ocean Access Executive Director Dave McLaughlin explaining Ben Tuff's non-stop swim to raise awareness and funds to advance the work of Clean Ocean Access

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Event Application for Clean Ocean Access use of East Ferry/Veterans' Memorial Square on July 31, 2021. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- 2) Applicant: Jamestown Striper Club
Event: Annual Kids Fishing Derby
Date: August 7, 2021
Location: North Reservoir
 - a) Letter of Request from Jamestown Striper Club President Fred W. Brown for approval of the application

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor R. White to approve the Event Application for the Jamestown Striper Club's Annual Kids Fishing Derby to be held on August 7, 2021. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- 3) Applicant: William W. Smith, III
Event: 2021 Jamestown Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemoration
Date: August 7, 2021
Location: Veterans' Memorial Square
 - a) Letter of Marcia A. Lindsay and William W. Smith, III requesting waiver of liability insurance

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Event Application for the 2021 Jamestown Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemoration to be held on August 7, 2021 at Veterans' Memorial Square and waive the requirement of liability insurance. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- 4) Applicant: Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority
Event: Citizens Pell Bridge Run
Date: October 17, 2021
Location: East Shore Road/Freebody Drive/Newport Pell Bridge

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Councilor M. White to approve the Event Application for the Citizens Pell Bridge Run to be held on October 17, 2021. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

**V. 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: Jamie A. Hainsworth
- 1) Gould Island Cleanup Status
 - 2) Ocean Testing for Bacteria
 - 3) Open Meetings Act (OMA) and the Governor's Executive Order
 - 4) Appointment of an Alternative Administrative Officer to advise the Planning Commission on Comprehensive Planning Review of 91 Carr Lane (Consent Agenda Item)
 - 5) Opioid Court proceedings with Perdue Pharma, LLC (Consent Agenda Item)

Town Administrator reported on the following::

- The Army Corp of Engineers & Contractors have planned a cleanup for Gould Island this fall.
- Mackerel Cove Beach was closed on June 22 due to high levels of bacteria. Test results the following day were below the allowable limit and the beach was able to be reopened. Clean Ocean Access tests the bacteria levels in the ocean around Jamestown every Thursday. Their results had been showing high bacterial levels. It came to the attention of Clean Ocean access, the test kits they were using were for fresh water, not salt water, since then the test results have been coming back normal.
- Under the Open Meetings Act (OMA) all meetings scheduled after July 23rd, will require the governing body to meet in person and the public be allowed in the meeting room.
- An Alternative Administrative Officer is recommended, with the Town Council's approval, to advise the Planning Commission on the Comprehensive Planning review of 91 Carr Lane.
- Town Administrator Hainsworth asks the Town Council to ratify his vote of approval for a proposed settlement in the Purdue Pharma LLC opioid addiction case.
- Jamestown is the highest vaccinated community in the State. (over 80%)
- There have been 2 positive COVID-19 cases in Jamestown this past week.
- The RI Health Department has put (us) on alert of the increase of hospitalizations due to the Delta variant of COVID-19. Recommendations are for unvaccinated people to wear a mask. There is not a mandate as of yet but vaccinated or not, it is recommended to wear a mask when in a close environment. Continue washing your hands, safe distance yourself from others, stay outside as much as you can. 95% of the Delta variant cases were because of people not being vaccinated.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote regarding use of the Municipal Parking Lot on Narragansett Avenue allowed by a previous vote of the Town Council at the December 21, 2021 regular meeting
- 1) Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Jamestown and the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, Town Council Minutes excerpt, and communications from the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce

Discussion ensued.

Micheala Cohoon, Executive Director for the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce spoke to the challenges the restaurateurs have been enduring this season. Nationwide labor and supply shortages affected hours of operation. This led to the outdoor dining space being used less than anticipated.

The Art Pop-Ups being held in the Municipal Parking lot on Saturday mornings have been wonderfully successful.

There continues to be familiar lingering issues, parking and the weather, which has been less than ideal for outdoor dining.

After careful consideration, the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce Board would like to continue to use the Municipal Parking Lot thru the Labor Day Weekend.

Vice President Meagher thanked Michaela Cohoon for her efforts and stated Jamestown does not have a parking problem, it has a walking problem.

Councilor R. White was in agreement with Vice President Meagher and acknowledged the efforts that have been put in by Micheala Cohoon and Jackie Mignon, owner of J22 Tap & Table.

A motion was made by Councilor Brine with second by Councilor R. White to accept the Extension of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Jamestown and the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce as it relates to the Municipal Parking Lot on Narragansett Avenue thru Labor Day Weekend. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

B) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times

- 1) Town Council Regular Meeting – Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Town Council Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Town Council Regular Meeting – Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

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) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote regarding the Planning Commission's Proposed Recommendation for Residences with Short Term Rentals
- a) Memorandum of Town Planner Lisa W. Bryer

Town Planner Lisa Bryer gave a presentation on the proposed short term rental regulations.

- The first draft ordinance was developed in 2016 by the Ordinance Committee
- Town Council Directive in 2019 to investigate short term rental regulation
- Planner has been in contact with Host Compliance (a rental registration/compliance company) for several years
- Planning Commission has met multiple times to discuss this issue including meetings with Realtors and B&B owners
- Ordinance drafted in coordination with Attorney Brochu

- Goals:
 - To maintain neighborhood continuity, safety and high quality of life
 - Minimize negative impacts (nuisance issues) to town residents and neighborhoods from short term rentals while still allowing property owners the opportunity to utilize their dwelling for various rental purposes so long as certain standards are satisfied
 - Ensuring adequate water resources for residents
 - Preserving the residential balance between full time residents and visitors (transients)
 - Ensuring affordable housing opportunities are available as well as year-round rental opportunities
 - Not overburdening out town government with enforcement and record keeping related to rental regulation
- There are many issues and questions raised by Staff, Legal Council and the Planning Commission
- Pros of Short Term Rentals
 - Provides lodging options
 - Assists owner with housing costs
- Cons of Short Term Rentals
 - Reduces # of long term rentals
 - Neighborhood character impacts
 - Traffic/parking
 - Safety of neighborhood with high turnover
 - Noise
 - Water quantity and Septic disposal
- Ordinance Provisions:
 - Definitions: The rental, lease or other contractual arrangement for the occupation of a dwelling unit, or portion thereof, by a tenant for residential and/or dwelling purposes, for any period of less than thirty (30) consecutive days. Short term rental shall not include duly licensed and permitted hotel, motel, bed and breakfast homes, and community residences.
 - Findings: to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
 - Applicability: Shall apply to all short term rental dwelling units with the Town of Jamestown except hotels, motels, bed and breakfast homes, and community residences.
 - Registration – Shall include a form **and** yearly fee \$
 - Inspection: 1) Building and 2) Fire
 - Standards:
 - Occupancy Limits (2 person/BR + 2 and subject to OWTS limits)
 - One off street parking space per BR + 1 (may use frontage also). Capacity may be reduced based on parking available
 - Owners' obligations related to legal responsibility under the law, for noise, dogs, parking, trash, occupancy limits, contact info, posting requirements...
 - Local owner representative if owner is not local
 - In house posting of applicable ordinances such as noise, occupancy limits and important information such as trash pickup, recycling, water conservation etc.

- Enforcement, Implementation and Violations – including revocation of permit

Planning Commission Chair, Mike Swistak added one caution, if the Council should go forward with the proposed ordinance regulating short term rentals, it would be adding a layer of bureaucracy that would be a burden to the Town staff. There would be a registration process, inspections and an enforcement process.

Vice President Meagher questioned if we should be encouraging those who buy a property for the investment, just to promote short term rentals. It is not supportive of a neighborhood.

Vice President Meagher is supportive of Host Compliance, a rental registration/compliance company for short term rentals. Host Compliance recommends that the holder verifies residency on an annual basis.

Chief Mello stated there are more short term rentals this season. The complaints and quality of life issues that the residents are experiencing are noise, parking and the use of RV's to expand the property. Chief Mello believes the Council should decide if they want to regulate the short term rentals in some fashion or another. "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time." If we don't start biting away at it, this is going to be an elephant that we are not going to be able to address.

Lisa Bryer stated there are between 125 – 150 short term rentals on the island. The inspections would be a significant task for the Fire Department and the Building Inspector.

Mike Swistak reviewed the Planning Commissions discussion, saying the whole point was to get the process started, to understand through a registration process, how many short term rentals there are. Who was not going to want to participate in this process. Who's causing the problem? Making people accountable. If they are not living nearby, and there is a problem, there would be a point of contact on file. If the process is not started by the fall, you won't be able to get people registered for the start of the next season starting in April.

Solicitor Ruggerio suggested the Town Council schedule work sessions prior to drafting an ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor R. White for the Staff to continue working on refining the ordinance relating to Short Term Rentals. Continue the discussion at the August 16, 2021 Town Council meeting in anticipation of a Work Session in September and a Public Hearing in October. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- B) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote for or regarding a Tax Abatement and/or Exemption

Discussion ensued.

Vice President Meagher would like to look at both existing and potential tax exemptions in Jamestown.

Vice President Meagher proposed the "What It Takes To Live Here" exemption, which strives to acknowledge the rise in the value of properties. This exemption would address the spiraling costs

in a broad, even handed, fair manner, offering to each property owner the same amount of exemption, regardless of the value of their property. The exemption amount would be in some relationship to the median assessed value of properties in Jamestown.

Councilor Brine agreed it was a perfect time to look into the exemptions especially with the property revaluations beginning.

Councilor M. White was in agreement also. He stated it's a long road, and we need to start gnawing on it.

President Beye agreed it bares looking into with the caveat that it should not include people who do not reside in Jamestown full time.

No action was taken.

- C) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote to schedule an Ethics Presentation by our Town Solicitors for Town Boards/Commissions/Committees (especially policy setting and/or receiving compensation)

Vice President Meagher thought this would be appropriate and a good refresher.

Solicitor Ruggiero will provide a schedule for the upcoming Ethics Presentation.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor R. White to send this letter with the edits the Solicitor feels are necessary to all of our Boards, Commissions and Volunteers. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

- D) Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote regarding the number of Members for the Affordable Housing Committee, set at Eight (8) by vote of the Town Council at the June 21, 2021 regular meeting and consideration to returning to a Seven (7) member committee

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor M. White to keep the Affordable Housing Committee Members at Eight (8) Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

VIII. 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) Appointments, Vacancies and Expiring Terms; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote to advertise the following Board/Commission/Committee vacancies:
 - 1) Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee (One [1] Member vacancy with a three-year term ending date of May 31, 2023)
 - 2) Jamestown Fire Department Compensation Committee (Two [2] Citizen-at-Large Representatives with an unexpired term ending date of May 31, 2023 and an unexpired term ending May 31, 2024)

- 3) Jamestown Housing Authority (Two [2] Commissioner vacancies with an unexpired five-year term ending date of December 31, 2024 and an unexpired five-year term ending date of December 31, 2025)
- 4) Jamestown Juvenile Hearing Board (One [1] Alternate vacancy with a two-year term ending date of December 31, 2021)

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

IX. 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 7, 2021 (Financial Town Meeting)
 - 2) June 8, 2021 (Interview Session)
 - 3) June 21, 2021 (Regular Meeting)
 - 4) July 1, 2021 (Special Meeting)
- B) Minutes of Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - 1) Zoning Board of Review (May 25, 2021)
- C) Authorization for the Town Administrator to sign an Agreement with Weston and Sampson to contract services for an Alternate Administrative Officer to the Jamestown Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Planning Review of the Proposed 91 Carr Lane Affordable Housing Project
- D) Ratify and Acknowledge the Town Administrator's actions in agreement with the Proposed Class Action Opioid Court Settlement offered in the United States Bankruptcy Court
- E) Authorization for the Town Administrator to sign the Second Amendment and Restatement of Agreement between the State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Division of Planning and Development and the Town of Jamestown for the Ice Road Bike Path for a period of six months to September 30, 2021
- F) Abutter Notification: Jamestown Zoning Board of Review Notice of Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - Application of Jamestown Beer Holdings, LLC (Okemo Properties, owner) whose property is located at 34 Narragansett Avenue, further identified as Assessor's Plat 8 Lot 453, for a Special Use Permit from Article 3, Section 82-301 Table 3-1, VI 13 and Article 6, Section 82-601 to expand seating for outdoor service and alcohol consumption on rear building patio. To modify previously granted Special Use Permit dated November 28, 2018. Said property is located in a CD Zone and contains 900 sq. ft.

- G) Finance Director's Report: Comparison of Budget to Actuals as of June 30, 2021

President Beye acknowledged the Communications.

X. 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: Baxter, Dansereau & Associates, LLP
Dated: June 21, 2021
Re: Regarding the audit of financial statements for the Town of Jamestown for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and providing information related to the audit process commencing July 12, 2021.
- 2) Copy of letter to: Town Council
From: Newport County YMCA
Dated: June 21, 2021
Re: Request for sponsorship for the Newport County YMCA 5th Annual Golf Tournament for Special Olympics and Inclusion Programs.
- 3) Copy of Letter to: Members of the RI House of Representatives
From: Connie Slick
Dated: June 26, 2021
Re: Concerns regarding House Bill 6271 "An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages – Retail Licenses" that would allow a new restaurant to be located at 53 Narragansett Avenue to obtain a Class BVL liquor license to sell beer and wine.
- 4) Copy of Letter to: Town Council
From: Connie Slick
Dated: July 2, 2021
Re: Concerns regarding House Bill 6271 and Senate Bill 0501
- 5) Copy of Letter to: Planning Commission
From: Barbara Lundy
Dated: July 6, 2021
Re: Concerns regarding the proposed 91 Carr Lane Affordable Housing development.
- 6) Copy of Letter to: Town Council, Town Administrator, Planning Commission and Affordable Housing Committee
From: Jamestown Fire Department Board of Fire Wardens
Dated: July 6, 2021

Re: Importance of volunteerism in Jamestown, the dwindling number of Fire Department volunteers, maintaining volunteers, and recent Fire Department member questionnaire that revealed the decline in membership is due to the lack of affordable housing in Jamestown.

B) Resolutions from other Rhode Island Cities and Towns Received:

- 1) Copy of Resolution to: Town Council
From: Woonsocket School Committee
Adopted: May 12, 2021
Re: Support for House Bill 6030 Reimbursement of Transportation Services Costs for Public and Private School Pupils
- 2) Copy of Resolution to: Town Council
From: Woonsocket School Committee
Adopted: May 12, 2021
Re: Support for House Bill 5555 Gun Free Schools
- 3) Copy of Resolution to: Town Council
From: Barrington Town Council
Adopted: June 7, 2021
Re: Requesting Replacement of the East Bay Bicycle Path Bridges over the Barrington and Palmer Rivers be Scheduled in the 2022-2025 Constrained Period of the State Transportation Improvement Program
- 4) Copy of Resolution to: Town Council
From: Burrillville Town Council and Burrillville School Committee
Adopted: June 9, 2021
Re: Requesting the Removal of Mask Mandate for School Children

XI. OPEN FORUM – To participate you will press *9 to raise your hand. The meeting moderator will coordinate your participation.

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- B) Non-scheduled request to address

No one came forward to address the Council.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor R. White with second by Councilor M. White to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Vote: President Beye, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Brine, Aye; Councilor M. White, Aye; Councilor R. White, Aye

Attest:

Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant