

**NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DRAFT VOTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023, 7:00 PM**



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Posted: December 5, 2023

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Present: Ewa M. Dzwierzynski, Jill A. Lawler, Susan P. Cicilline Buonanno, Steven J. Ferrandi,  
Deborah A. Kopech

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A.1 A MOTION TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE the minutes from the following October 23, 2023 work session meeting. **APPROVED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

A.2 A MOTION TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE the minutes from the November 6, 2023 regular meeting. **APPROVED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

A.3 A MOTION TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE the minutes from the November 6, 2023 executive session meeting. **APPROVED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

**B. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**B.1 Town Manager's Update**

- Narrow River Mouth update rescheduled to November 20, 2023;
- Four (4) Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Recreation Development Grant applications update;
- Library Loan balance update;
- Library Project status update; and
- Other matters around town.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING/DECISION –7:30 PM**

C.1 A MOTION TO OPEN AND HOLD a Public Hearing for an Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island, entitled "Taxation & Finance". **OPENED AT 7:30 PM (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

C.2 A MOTION TO CLOSE the public hearing. **CLOSED AT 7:32 PM (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

C.3 A MOTION TO OPEN AND HOLD a Public Hearing on several text revisions to Chapter 731 of the Code of the Town of Narragansett entitled "Zoning", for the purpose of complying with General Assembly mandates enacted in the 2023 legislative session. **OPENED AT 7:33 PM (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

C.4 A MOTION TO CLOSE the public hearing. **CLOSED AT 8:42 PM (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

C.5 A MOTION TO OPEN AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING on several text revisions to Chapter 731 of the Code of the Town of Narragansett entitled "Zoning", for the purpose of adapting to and accommodating the numerous General Assembly mandates enacted in the 2023 legislative session. **OPENED AT 8:43 PM (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

C.6 A MOTION TO CLOSE the public hearing. **CLOSED AT 9:54 PM (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

C.7 A MOTION TO RECEIVE and FILE the Planning Board's recommendations in regard to mandatory and discretionary zoning amendments responding to recent changes to the State enabling laws. **RECEIVED AND FILED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

## **OPEN FORUM/ PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVED MINUS ITEMS #D.2 AND D.7 (5 ITEMS) (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

D.1 A MOTION TO APPROVE the one (1)-year renewal of SANS Institute End User Security Awareness Training services from SANS Institute, in the amount of \$6,480.00.

D.3 A MOTION TO APPROVE the waiver of interest for taxpayers in accordance with ordinance Section 70-90 "Waiver of interest on overdue quarterly property tax and utility payments."

D.4 MOTION TO APPROVE the request from Soldiers Surf (formerly VetSurf) to conduct two B. free surfing events for disabled veterans at the Town Beach on Saturday, June 8, 2024, and Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm subject to state and local regulations.

D.5 MOTION TO APPROVE the request from the national organization "Life Rolls On" to host a surf therapy event on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at Narragansett Town Beach, subject to state and local regulations.

D.6 A MOTION TO APPROVE the annual renewal of Coastline Employee Assistance Program services for 2024 in the amount of \$4,255.

D.2 MOTION TO APPROVE a request from Rhode Races & Events Inc., to conduct the annual Ocean State Rhode Race marathon, half marathon and 5K Road Race to be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm subject to state and local regulations. **APPROVED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

D.7 A MOTION TO APPROVE the request from Vincent F. Ragosta, Jr. Esq. to amend the terms of his engagement for legal services in respect to labor relations and employment matters by increasing his hourly rate to \$225.00. **APPROVED (Lawler/Cicilline Buonanno 3-0; Kopech opposed; Cicilline Buonanno abstained)**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

E.1 A MOTION TO APPROVE the annual renewal of the Mimecast Email Filtering and Archiving Service with Zones, LLC in the amount of \$18,661.53. **APPROVED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

**F. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

F.1 A MOTION TO APPROVE a change order for additional electrical work required for the IT renovations project with E.W. Audet & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$24,875.00.

**APPROVED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

**G. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

G.1 A MOTION TO INTRODUCE, READ, PASS, AND ACCEPT as a First Reading for an Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island, entitled "Taxation & Finance". **INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ACCEPTED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

**H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

H.1 A MOTION TO INTRODUCE, READ, PASS AND ACCEPT as a First Reading, "An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 731 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, RI, entitled, "Zoning", as it relates to several text revisions to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of complying with General Assembly mandates enacted in the 2023 legislative session. **INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ACCEPTED (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**

H.2 A MOTION TO INTRODUCE, READ, PASS AND ACCEPT as a First Reading, "An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 731 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, RI, entitled, "Zoning", as it relates to several discretionary text revisions to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of adapting to and accommodating General Assembly mandates enacted in the 2023 legislative session. **INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ACCEPTED (Lawler/Kopech 4-1; Cicilline Buonanno opposed)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT: ADJOURNED AT 9:59 PM (Lawler/Kopech 5-0)**