

Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island

Town Council Meeting

NOTICE and AGENDA

Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Notice: In accordance with the guidance provided by the Governor and State and Local emergency management authorities due to the current state of emergency, Town meetings will be conducted solely via internet video conference with telephonic access; there shall be no in-person gathering for this meeting. The Town has set up the following internet video conference and telephonic access capabilities for council members and public participation.

1. Call the toll-free number: 877-853-5247 (audio only) and enter the following information:

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PASSCODE: 555779

2. To participate visually (with audio) you will need to log into the following from your computer or smart phone, go to: www.zoom.us

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Once entered you will be able to view and listen to the meeting. At the appropriate time for public comment the moderator of the meeting will allow you to provide comment at the meeting.

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In addition, the public may send written comments via email to publiccomment@tiverton.ri.gov or by regular mail to the Town Clerk at 343 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI 02878 or place in the grey drop box located outside Town Hall by 12:00 noon on Monday, March 14, 2022.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must contact the Town Clerk's Office at 343 Highland Road or call (401) 625-6704 at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-6(b): Notice – "Nothing contained herein shall prevent a public body, other than a school committee, from adding additional items to the agenda by majority vote of the members. Such additional items shall be for informational purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official."

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

President Denise M. deMedeiros
William J. Vieira
Jay P. Edwards

Vice President Michael S. Burk
Deborah G. Janick

Joseph C. Perry
Donna J. Cook

4. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed within the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine by Town Council and will ordinarily be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Council, or a member of the public so requests and the Town Council President permits, in which event the item will be removed for separate consideration later on the agenda.

A. Approval of Town Council Minutes

1. February 19, 2022 – Special Meeting
2. February 26, 2022 – Special Meeting
3. February 28, 2022 – Regular Session
4. February 28, 2022 – Executive Session

B. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes from Boards/Commissions/Committees

1. Economic Development Commission (3)
2. Zoning Board of Review (3)
3. Recreation and Beach Commission
4. Historic Preservation Advisory Board
5. Conservation Commission (1)
6. Dog Park Advisory Committee (1)

C. Acknowledge Receipt of Reports

1. Town Administrator – Departments' Monthly Reports – February 2022
2. Town Administrator – Police and Fire Department Overtime Reports – February 2022

D. Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence

1. Town of Barrington – Resolution to Enable Residential Solar to Better Contribute to Reach the RI Renewable Electricity Goals
2. Town of Burrillville - Resolution in Opposition of HB 6638 and SB 2340 "An Act Relating to Towns and Cities - Zoning Ordinances"
3. Town of Middletown – Resolution requesting Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance and Legislatures support the ARPA Proposals in Article 1-Section 16 (Municipal Learning Centers)
4. Lise Gescheidt – Requesting grant to Newport Mental Health
5. Lisa Machado - Requesting funding to Newport Mental Health

E. Approval of Tax Assessor Abatements - \$285.52

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING A COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM OR OTHER TOWN BUSINESS

A. Comments received: None

6. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

1. Mario Carreno, Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) – Presentation regarding 5 year capital process for education

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS (ADVERTISED)

- A. Discussion and possible vote on proposed Ordinance regarding establishing a Town council policy for applying for grants (continued from 2/28/2022)

8. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – Discussion and Possible Vote of Each Requested Appointment

A. Planning - (9) Member Board (3) Year Terms (3) Vacancies

1. Chris Shriver, 113 Fir Avenue - Requests appointment, term ending 7/15/2024
2. Rosemary Eva, 4019 Main Road – Requests re-appointment, term ending 7/15/2023
3. Amanda Souza, 160 Leger Lane – Requests re-appointment, term ending 7/15/2024

B. Harbor Commission - (9) Member Board, (2) Year Terms, (3) Vacancies

1. Chris Shriver, 113 Fir Avenue - Requests appointment, term ending 7/15/2023

9. BOARD OF LICENSING – Discussion and Possible Vote of Each License Application

- A. Michael J. Roderick, 264 Bulgarmarsh Road – Requesting Special Event Permit for the Annual “Courtney Roderick Run for Recovery” 5K Run/Walk Event - July 23, 2022 (rain date July 24, 2022) from 8-11 AM. Start and finish at Grinnell’s Beach (continued from 2/28/2022)

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Councilor Edwards – Solar Ordinance Advisory Committee – Discussion and possible vote to extend completion date

B. DPW Director Rogers – Discussion and possible vote to approve budget transfers

1. \$25,000 from Acct 5540-6451 Snow Removal to Acct 5540-6698 Sand, gravel, salt
2. \$5,000 from Acct 5540-5101 DPW Maint Workers to Acct 5540-6910 Heat
3. \$300 from Acct 5540-5101 DPW Maint Workers to Acct 5540-6935 Telephone & TV
4. \$5,000 from Acct 5540-5101 DPW Maint Workers to Acct 5540-7325 Highway Signs
5. \$500 from Acct 5540-5101 DPW Maint Workers to Acct 5530-6912 Electricity & Propane
6. \$5,000 from Acct 5540-5101 DPW Maint Workers to Acct 5530-7611 Gas & Motor Oil
7. \$12,610 from Acct 5540-5101 DPW Maint Workers to Acct 5500-6457 Rubbish/Rec Contr Service
8. \$170 from Acct 5540-5101 DPW Maint Workers to Acct 5130-6240 Uniform
9. \$700 from Acct 5540-5101 DPW Maint Workers to Acct 5130-7611 Gas & Motor Oil

- C. Town Administrator/DPW Director – Discussion and possible vote to extend Mega trash contract for the period 12/1/2022 through 6/30/2023
- D. Town Administrator – Discussion and possible vote to ask Recycling Committee to consider alternatives to Tiverton trash bags after 11/30/2022
- E. Town Administrator – Discussion and possible vote to advertise RFP for Mowing/Maintenance and Cemetery Operations for Pocasset Hill Cemetery
- F. Town Administrator – Discussion and possible vote to authorize Town Administrator to proceed with RI Infrastructure Bank in formulating a back-fill for shortage in landfill closure
- G. Council President deMedeiros – Discussion and possible vote to authorize an allocation of the FY2022 Tiverton Power LLC donation account towards Recreation Commission special events
- H. Councilor Cook – Discussion and possible vote on Resolution in Opposition of HB 6638 “An Act Relating to Towns and Cities - Zoning Ordinances”
- I. Councilors Perry/deMedeiros – Discussion/scheduling of Employee Appreciation Day
- J. Councilor Edwards – Discussion and possible vote regarding amendments to Ordinance Section 2-107 Casino Gaming Revenue and setting date for future public hearing (continued from 2/28/2022)

11. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Council President/Town Administrator –RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining – Update on IAFF Local 1703 negotiations

12. ADJOURNMENT