

Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island Town Council Meeting

NOTICE and AGENDA

Regular Meeting: Monday, July 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Tiverton Town Hall
343 Highland Road
Tiverton, Rhode Island 02878

Notice: This meeting is IN PERSON only.

The meeting will also be viewable live at: www.youtube.com/user/TivertonVideos

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 a 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."

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 them in the grey drop box located outside Town Hall by noon on Monday, July 25, 2022.

Date Posted: July 21, 2022

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. July 11, 2022 – Regular Meeting (Councilors Vieira and Edwards abstain, absent)

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

1. Board of Canvassers (1)
2. Solar Ordinance Advisory Committee (1)
3. Historic Preservation Advisory Board (1)
4. Dog Park Advisory Committee (2)
5. Planning Board (3)
6. Economic Development Commission (1)
7. Solar Ordinance Advisory Committee (1)

C. Acknowledge Receipt of Reports

1. Treasurer Saurette – Preliminary FY2022 update

D. Acknowledge Receipt of Correspondence

1. Letter from Deborah Gee re: 24 Hour Seasons Gas Station & Convenience Store Proposal
2. Letter to Governor McKee re: Town Council request to veto H8220 Sub A
3. Historic Preservation Advisory Board's letter to Planning Board in opposition to proposed Four Seasons Markey/Gas Station
4. Tiverton Historic Preservation Advisory Board's letter to Planning Board regarding demolition of the Hicks House at 439 Main Road

E. Approval of Tax Assessor Abatements – \$ 538.76

F. Approval of Narragansett Electric/Verizon Joint Pole Petition for Pole 32-25 on Brayton Road for 405 Brayton Road

G. Approval of Narragansett Electric Pole Petition for Poles 24, 25 and 26 on Progress Road for the purpose of supplying electricity to 356 Progress Road

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

A. Comments received: None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS (ADVERTISED) – Discussion and possible votes

A. Mark and Sharon Moore – Consideration of sound variance for a wedding at 4375 Main Road on September 4, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and request approval of a special event permit (continued from July 11, 2022)

B. Discussion and possible votes on proposed Charter Amendments regarding modification of the town's budget procedure and the Financial Town Referendum process, including various amendments related to the powers and duties of the Town Administrator, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, School Committee and other related provisions as affected by the change in the budget/FTR process and a proposed amendment that would reduce the elected Budget Committee from eleven (11) to seven (7) members; and discussion and approval for adoption of final Ballot Questions to forward to Board of Canvassers

7. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS – Discussion and possible votes

- A. Juvenile Hearing Board - (5) Members (2) Alternates, (3) Year Terms, (1) Alt. Vacancy
 - 1. Sabrina McCarty, 75 Laura Street - Request appointment, term ending 10/15/2024 (cont. from 7/11/2022)
- B. Harbor and Coastal Waters - (9) Member Board (2) Year Terms (5) Vacancies
 - 1. Bruce Cox, 35 Sunset View Drive – Requests re-appointment, term ending 7/15/2024
 - 2. Clint Clemens, 451 Seapowet Avenue - Requests re-appointment, term ending 7/15/2024
 - 3. Bill Thompson, 362 Seapowet Avenue - Requests re-appointment, term ending 7/15/2024
 - 4. Paul A. Duarte, 17 South Avenue - Requests re-appointment, term ending 7/15/2024
- C. Zoning Board of Review - (7) Member Board (5) Year Terms (1) Vacancies
 - 1. John R. Jackson, 24 Bourne Avenue – Request re-appointment, term ending 7/15/2027
- D. Zoning Board of Review - Alternate – Annual Appointment
 - 1. Jennifer Hilton, 128 Church Pond Drive – Request re-appointment, term ending 7/15/2023
- E. Dog Park Advisory Committee - (11) Member Board (2) Year Terms (3) Vacancies
 - 1. Shawn S. Cournoyer, 46 Joann Drive - Requests re-appointment, term ending 3/28/2024
- F. Acknowledgement of resignation/retirement:
 - 1. Cynthia Isherwood from Budget Committee effective 6/28/2022
 - 2. Barbara Pelletier from Economic Development Committee effective 7/14/2022
 - 3. Marc Desrosiers from Pocasset Cemetery Commission effective 7/11/2022

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Dana Coute/Recreation Committee – Tiverton Celebrates parade update
- B. Renee Jones/Economic Development Commission – Discussion and possible vote to use Discover Newport grant for Middle Avenue gazebo roof repairs
- C. DPW Director Rogers – Discussion and possible vote to award contract to A.J. Potter Jr & Sons Inc. for Bituminous Concrete Crusher Rental for FY23
- D. DPW Director Rogers – Discussion and possible vote to approve advertising Bids and/or RFPs for snow plowing and/or sanding services for FY23
- E. Michael Monti, Esq. for Vincent Vivona – Petition to abandon Patrick Avenue and a portion of Harrington Avenue. Discussion and possible vote to advertise for a public hearing regarding possible road abandonment
 - 1. Planning Board Recommendation
- F. Administrator Cotta – Discussion and possible vote to advertise RFP for Professional Consulting Engineer for Planning Board

G. Administrator Cotta – Discussion and possible approval of Fire Department A/C purchase for \$4900.00

H. Council President deMedeiros – Scheduling of a special meeting in August regarding Casino Gaming Revenue

9. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Town Administrator - RIGL 42-45-5(a)(1) – Personnel – Prospective candidate evaluation of employment history, character and fitness regarding upcoming Fire Chief vacancy – Notice given

B. Town Administrator - RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) – Litigation – Update regarding 7/6/22 IAFF local 1703 – wage compliant #2022-0233 Local 1703 Fire Fighters v. Town of Tiverton

C. Town Administrator - RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) – Collective Bargaining – Update on labor negotiation Teamsters local 251

10. ADJOURNMENT