

**SPECIAL MEETING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
83 GREENE STREET, NORTH SMITHFIELD**

**JUNE 7, 2021
6:45 P.M.**

The meeting began at 6:48 p.m. with the prayer and pledge to the flag. Council members present were Ms. Alves, Mr. Corriveau, Mrs. O'Hara, Mr. Vadenais and Mr. Beauregard. Also, in attendance was Town Administrator Zwolenski, Solicitor Igliazzi and Finance Director Ms. DeJesus.

OPEN FORUM

No one wished to speak.

2021/2022 BUDGET

Budget Chairman James Rowe presented the proposed budget of \$239,852.00 which is a .51% increase.

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to accept the proposed budget from the Budget Committee.

MOTION made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to open the public hearing.

Douglas Osier of 1984 Providence Pike questioned where the breakdown was or if there is a 3-year lookback.

Gary Ezovski of 88 N Main St. complimented Council and Finance for the past years budget efforts.

Mr. Ezovski shared his concerns regarding the Fund Balance Contingency, the OPEB and the Road Resurfacing and Reconstruction lines.

He asked if the Council would consider his concerns.

Natalie O'Brien of 128 Old Great Road expressed her support for full funding for schools.

Mark Labossier of 30 Winchester Ave. agreed with Natalie O'Brien and Mr. Ezovski.

MOTION made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Mr. Vadenais to continue the public hearing to June 14, 2021, and schedule to set the budget on June 28 & 29, 2021.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING REVIEW TASK FORCE

Mr. Nordstrom stated the task force is in the process of working on the cost estimates and options for a new police station verses an update and or expansion of the existing building.

HALLIWELL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Corriveau stated the committee is assessing the cost on testing for the indoor air quality test as well as a class I survey.

He also mentioned the community garden has 15 volunteers.

Mr. Corriveau stated the committee has opened a survey for the public and high school students to give their input as to uses for the property.

Mr. Corriveau also stated the committee has reached out to the high school to possibly recommend a student that shows an interest in engineering, town recreations or planning, to attend the Halliwell Committee meetings.

PHANTOM FIREWORKS HOLIDAY LICENSE – 886 EDDIE DOWLING HIGHWAY

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 1 (Mrs. O'Hara voted no) on a roll call vote to approve the Holiday sales license for Phantom Fireworks located at 886 Eddie Dowling Highway.

CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 6-4, "PURCHASING AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING"

This is the 1st reading for a change of the Purchasing and Competitive Bidding Ordinance to be amended from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00 without bids.

This change would also include a second amendment to authorize the Finance Director to no longer need authorization to secure 3 firm quotations or bids and to change the wording to read "not to exceed \$5000,00."

Solicitor Igliazzi will make changes and present to the Council at the 2nd reading on June 21, 2021.

STV-DPM

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve Invoice #900020589 in the amount of \$570.00.

GILBANE

MOTION made by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve Invoice #J08248.000-13 in the amount of \$17,670.98.

STEPHEN TURNER INC.

MOTION made by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve payment of Invoice #3575 in the amount of \$157.00.

DG&M

MOTION made by Mrs. O'Hara, seconded by Mr. Corriveau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve payment of Invoice #824 in the amount of \$22,500.00.

AA-ASBESTOS ABATEMENT COMPANY

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve payment of Invoice #2021-102 in the amount of \$6,068.54.

EMERY ENVIRONMENT

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve payment of Invoice #EEA21-050 in the amount of \$675.00.

ABATEMENTS

MOTION made by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Vadenais, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve abatements in the amount of \$12,657.86.

MTG DISPOSAL – TRASH & RECYCLING

Mr. Pendergast explained this contract is just an extension of the current contract for an additional year.

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to extend the contract with MTG Disposal from January 2021 to June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$644,856.00.

WRIGHT-PIERCE RECOMMENDATION FACILITIES PLAN

Bill Dorry Gave a brief explanation of the need for Wright-Pierce services. He stated this will benefit the town as they have not had a comprehensive plan in years. This item was tabled to June 21, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation at 8:20 P.M to discuss both the Town of North Smithfield Invoice #PM-2021-02443 and potential litigation for High Rocks II.

MOTION made by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted to come out of Executive Session and to seal the minutes and note that one vote was taken.

MOTION made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Buttie, Town Clerk