

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

**JUNE 21, 2021
6:45 P.M.**

The meeting began at 6:46 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, and Finance Director Ms. DeJesus. Solicitor Iglioizzi was via teleconference.

OPEN FORUM

No one wished to speak.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION made by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve total payment for bills in the amount of \$3,302,898.23.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Mr. Beauregard, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to exclude the Town Council minutes of May 17 and June 7, 2021.

MOTION made by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda less Town Council minutes of May 17, and June 7, 2021.

Mr. Vadenais, Mr. Beauregard and Mr. Zwolenski requested minor additions/changes to both May 17, and June 7, 2021, minutes.

Both items will be on the July 19th agenda for a motion to approve with changes.

MOTION made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the items removed from the Consent Agenda as amended.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING REVIEW TASK FORCE

Mr. Vadenais gave a brief update explaining a program test used to see how things will fit on the site.

HALLIWELL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Corriveau gave a brief update including a resignation from one of the Committee members which now opens a seat on the Committee.

ORDINANCE SECTION 6-4, PURCHASING AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURE

MOTION made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Mr. Corriveau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to adopt the substitute amendment for the 1st reading and to schedule the 2nd reading to June 28, 2021.

WRIGHT-PIERCE - TOWN FACILITIES PLAN

Mr. Dorry requested this be rescheduled to August 2, 2021.

KEYSTONE NOVELTIES - HOLIDAY LICENSE 60 EDDIE DOWLING HWY/900 VICTORY HWY

Several safety issues were discussed about the location at 60 Eddie Dowling Highway.

No motion was made to approve a Holiday License for 60 Eddie Dowling Highway.

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the Holiday License for Keystone Novelties at 900 Victory Highway.

OUTDOOR SOUND PERMIT - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - NORTH SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

MOTION made by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote (Mr. Vadenais abstained) to approve the outdoor sound permit at the North Smithfield Middle School on July 25, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

AWARD FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO STANTEC-REHABILITATION ON COMSTOCK WATER TANK AND OTHER WATER IMPROVEMENTS - SLATERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT

Mr. Kravitz explained the process of this rehabilitation. The Town would like to engage an engineering firm to design and execute the rehab of the tanks and hopefully the demolition of the tanks. This would potentially include the Comstock tank, Country Way and Bridge Green tank.

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to move forward with this request with Stantec for rehabilitation of Comstock Water tank.

AWARD ELIZABETH AVE CISTERN BID TO ADLER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Kravitz stated the Elizabeth Ave Cistern was discovered to be losing water. The tank was never installed correctly or safely.

He also stated there is a resident that could provide a better location for this system and save the town money.

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted 4 to 0 (Mr. Beauregard recused himself as he has done business with Cistern Company) to approve authorization to the Administration to contact the resident while researching the system as opposed to removing it from the other one.

RI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - STREETLIGHTS (LED) ON STATE ROADS WITHING THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

Town Administrator Zwolenski explained RIDOT will take responsibility of 448 state road streetlights within the Town. This agreement will include maintenance and cost of all associated lights at no costs to the Town.

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to authorize the Town Administrator to further pursue turning over all applicable streetlights on State streets in the Town of North Smithfield to the RI DOT and releasing ownership, maintenance, and cost.

ABATEMENTS

Ms. DeJesus explained the abatements are due to deceased residents.

MOTION made by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Corriveau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve abatements in the amount of \$6,411.22.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING-2021-2022 BUDGET

MOTION made by Mr. Vadenais, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to open the Public Hearing.

Douglas Osier of 1984 Providence Pike praised the Budget Committee for doing a great job.

Mr. Osier also said he was in favor of funding the schools.

He also stated the Town should be conservative in their spending with the uncertainties in the future and big-ticket items such as the Police Station.

Mr. Osier questioned where the breakdown of the budget could be found.

Ms. DeJesus informed Mr. Osier this information is located on the website.

MOTION made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION made by Mr. Beauregard, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Buttie