

**PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2016 (WEDNESDAY)**

(RE-SCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2016 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER)

7:00 PM – TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 2200 EAST MAIN ROAD

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith E. Hamilton, James A. Seveney, Kevin M. Aguiar, David M. Gleason and Elizabeth A. Pedro.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael A. Buddemeyer and Joseph W. Robicheau.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a Moment of Silence for our men and women serving around the world in harm's way.

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

1. Victualler License – New Annual

Samantha's Seafood, 108 Chase Road, Portsmouth, RI. Owner: Eric Hyson, 40 Redwood Road, Tiverton, RI

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to grant a Victualler License to Samantha's Seafood, as requested. All voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURN

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to adjourn as the Board of License Commissioners. All voted in favor of the motion.

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

President Hamilton informed everyone that the schedule has changed and the Public Hearing for Bill's Sales is now scheduled for March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

TCM 1/23/16
TCM 1/25/16 and Exec.

A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to approve all minutes as printed.
All voted in favor of the motion.

BILLS

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to pay all just due and owing bills in the amount of \$94,170.13. All voted in favor of the motion.

TAX VOUCHERS - None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. League of Cities and Towns Convention – A number of Town Council Members and Town Department Staff attended the event.
2. Status of Financial Audit – The Report was received today and posted on-line. Page 95 gives a breakdown of how we ended the year with a \$314,000 surplus. A new format is being used in the audit, that of a comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
3. Status of Tank Farm Study – Study Committee met with Matrix, they will be preparing an opinion to present to the Town Council.
4. Wind Turbine Project Update – The turbine was successfully dismantled ahead of schedule and WED has earned a \$67,000 incentive which will be donated back to Town for playgrounds or public use.
5. Department Updates – Building Inspector, the interviewing is done and that person has accepted the position and will be starting March 1st. DEM has approved the Town to receive CCSLP. Public Works has spent \$125,000 for storm events and there is a balance of \$52,000 (enough for 3 or 4 more storm events). Mr. Rainer will investigate the storage issues of road salt.

A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to send a letter of thanks to WED for their donation. (Mr. Rainer will draft the letter.) All voted in favor of the motion.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Resignations/Requests Not to be Re-appointed:

- a. Dog Park Planning Committee – J. Eline, G. Kinnunen

A motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to accept, with regret, the resignations of both Joan Eline and Grace Kinnunen. All voted in favor of the motion.

- b. Design Review Board – G. Graham, G. Yalanis, M. Camera

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to accept, with regret, the requests not to be re-appointed from Gary Graham, Greg Yalanis and Michael Camera. All voted in favor of the motion.

2. Appointments:

- a. Lower Glen Farm Preservation Committee (Re-Appt.) – P. Richtmyer, B. Plante

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to re-appoint Peter Richtmyer and Barbara Plante to the Lower Glen Farm Preservation Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

- b. Agriculture Committee (Re-Appt.) – A. Fiore, N. Parker Wilson

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to re-appoint Ann Fiore and Nancy Parker Wilson, to the Agriculture Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

OB 1 – PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion/Action – Proposed Amendments to Chapter 257 of the Portsmouth Town Code – Noise Ordinance: §257-5 Exceptions, Section L and §257-18 Sound Variances, Section C **(RE-SCHEDULED TO: TCM 3/14/16)**

President Hamilton announced that due to scheduling conflicts with advocates for Bill's Sales, the Public Hearing has been re-scheduled and will be heard at the Council Meeting of March 14, 2016.

OB 2 – Request Council to Withdraw the Resolution to the Portsmouth Legislators to Extend Council Authority over the Tax Stabilization Program

Larry Fitzmorris, 50 Kristin Court, addressed his concerns regarding the Council seeking authority over the Tax Stabilization Program.

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1 – Request from School Department to have a Member of the Town Council Sit in on Labor Negotiations with the NEA

A motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to nominate Mr. Robicheau. All voted in favor of the motion.

NOTE: The position would observe negotiations and report back to the Town Council in Executive Session

NB 2 – Request Permission to Place an Insert, with a Dog Park Update, in the Annual Dog License Renewal Letters

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to approve placing the Dog Park Update insert in with the Annual Dog License Renewal Letters. All voted in favor of the motion.

NOTE: Ms. Miller will bring a proposal to the Town Council regarding future years’ upkeep and maintenance of the dog park.

NB 3 – Request Approval to Amend Resolution #2015-01-29 – Exemption from Taxation of the Real Estate of Certain Income Eligible Senior Citizens

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to approve. All voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION # 2016-02-10

Exemption from Taxation of the Real Estate of Certain Income Eligible Senior Citizens.

	<u>IF YOUR INCOME IS:</u>	<u>YOUR EXEMPTION IS:</u>
	<u>(DEC. 2015)</u>	<u>(2016 TAX ROLL)</u>
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<u>CPI-U</u>	0 - \$9,313	85% of Assessed Value
0.7 (%)	\$9,314 - \$11,607	75% of Assessed Value
	\$11,608 - \$13,902	65% of Assessed Value
	\$13,903 - \$16,198	55% of Assessed Value
	\$16,199 - \$18,492	45% of Assessed Value
	\$18,493 - \$20,789	35% of Assessed Value
	\$20,790- \$23,081	25% of Assessed Value
	\$23,082 - \$25,379	15% of Assessed Value
	\$25,380 - \$27,489	10% of Assessed Value

Reference: #2015-01-29

FUTURE MEETINGS

February 22 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

March 14 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

– PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Amendments to Chapter 257 of the
Portsmouth Town Code – Noise Ordinance: §257-5 Exceptions,
Section L and §257-18 Sound Variances, Section C

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) – Discussions or Considerations Related to the Acquisition or
Lease of Real Property for Public Purposes Wherein Advanced
Public Information would be Detrimental to the Public Interest

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to go into Executive Session under
RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) Discussions or Considerations Related to the Acquisition or Lease
of Real Property for Public Purposes Wherein Advanced Public Information would be
Detrimental to the Public Interest. All voted in favor of the motion.

TIME: 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURN

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

TIME: 8:33 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

President Hamilton announced the Town Council met in Executive Session on the acquisition of
property and voted five to zero to move forward with the process and negotiations.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to adjourn. All voted in favor of the
motion.

ADJOURN

TIME: 8:35 p.m.

Joanne M. Mower, Town Clerk