

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 27, 2016

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

Members Absent: Michael A. Buddemeyer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence for our men and women around the world in harm's way.

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Proclamation of Appreciation – Margaret Brady

President Hamilton read and presented the proclamation honoring Margaret Brady for her service to the town and presented the proclamation and a town tile to her husband John Brady.

2. Presentation of the Portsmouth Award

President Hamilton read and presented to Grace Kinnunen the Portsmouth Award and town tile.

**TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND
PORTSMOUTH AWARD**

Grace Kinnunen

WHEREAS: The Portsmouth Award recognizes certain individuals, businesses and civic groups of the Town of Portsmouth that have consistently demonstrated excellence in professional and community leadership; and

WHEREAS: Grace Kinnunen has exhibited outstanding initiative, inspiration, leadership and organizational skills as Chairperson of the Glen Park Working Committee; and has dedicated many years of service and has given countless hours to Glen Park.

WHEREAS: Grace has personally been “hands on” at the Park, overseeing the buildings, grounds and events since the 1970's. For years, she has maintained the records of the Park without the aid of modern IT technology. To keep up with current practices, Grace took it upon herself to learn how to use a computer; and

WHEREAS: Grace has been a champion for Glen Park. Through the years, when funding was sparse, she recruited as many volunteers as possible to accomplish some of the chores needed to keep the Park clean and neat for the sole enjoyment of the citizens of Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS: Grace has advocated for improvements to Glen Park, and because of her efforts, we have a beautiful and clean kitchen facility, sports fields, a new riding ring, and new handicapped restrooms. She has gone before the Town Council many times to address Park issues and to secure the budget; and

WHEREAS: Grace personally reaches out to each applicant who registers to use the Glen Park facility as well as regularly attending events to get firsthand assessments. Everyone knows Grace and appreciates her dedication and contributions to the welfare of the community through her involvement and participation in the Glen Park Working Committee and the Melville Park Committee;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Council extends its sincere thanks and congratulations on behalf of the citizens of Portsmouth to

Grace Kinnunen.

Keith E. Hamilton, President
Portsmouth Town Council

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Rhode Island State Planning Council Notice of Public Hearings:

The State Planning Council has Under Consideration Adoption of a Draft Plan Entitled “Water Quality 2035”, an Element of the State Guide Plan. This Draft Water Quality Management Plan Focuses on the Need for Careful Management of the Water Resources of the State. The Plan will Update and Replace Existing State Guide Plans that had Protection and Restoration of Water Quality as Primary Purposes. These Hearings will be Held July 13, 2016 at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to receive and place on file. All voted in favor of the motion.

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

1. PUBLIC HEARING: Transfer of a Class BV Beverage License:

Application to Transfer a Class BV Beverage License from Tiverton Management Corp., d/b/a Tremblay’s Ultimate Grill, 514 Park Avenue, Portsmouth, RI to Tremblay’s Bar and Grill Inc.

Eric Chappell, Esq., representing both parties, addressed the Council. He stated that Tiverton Management Corp. will hold the land and Tremblay’s Bar and Grill Inc. will hold the licenses for the bar. Mr. Benevides will remain to assist the new owners.

In response to Mr. Hamilton, Attorney Chappell stated that there is no mortgage or debt due and they will pay the bills at the closing.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to close the public hearing. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to approve the transfer contingent upon the payment of past due bills. All voted in favor of the motion.

a. Class BV Beverage License Application:

Tremblay's Bar and Grill, Inc., 514 Park Avenue, Portsmouth, RI. Owners:
Michael MacFarlane, 16 Trenton Lakewood Road, Clarksburg, NJ, 08510 and
Dennis DeMarino, 15 Tall Oaks Court, Farmingdale, NJ, 07187

b. Objection to the Transfer of a Class BV Liquor License from Tiverton Management Corp., d/b/a Tremblay's Ultimate Grill, to Tremblay's Bar and Grill, Inc., Unless Indebtedness is Paid in Full to Horizon Beverage Co. and Rhode Island Distributing Co. / G. Mancini, Sinapi Law Associates, Ltd.

c. Objection to the Transfer of a Class BV Liquor License from Tiverton Management Corp., d/b/a Tremblay's Ultimate Grill, to Tremblay's Bar and Grill, Inc., Unless Indebtedness is Paid in Full to McLaughlin & Moran, Inc. / D. Silva

d. Objection to the Transfer of a Class BV Liquor License from Tiverton Management Corp., d/b/a Tremblay's Ultimate Grill, to Tremblay's Bar and Grill, Inc., Unless Indebtedness is Paid in Full to MS Walker Co. and Johnson Brothers of RI / P. Pisano, Esq.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to approve the Class BV license contingent on payment of past due bills. All voted in favor of the motion.

2. Victualler License – New

a. Tremblay's Bar and Grill, Inc., 514 Park Avenue, Portsmouth, RI

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to approve contingent upon the payment of past due bills. All voted in favor of the motion.

3. Entertainment License:

a. NewportFilm, 174 Bellevue Avenue, Suite 314, Newport, RI for a Documentary Film Screening at the International Polo Grounds, August 25, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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

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

ADJOURN

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

President Hamilton announced that the Town Administrator will give an update on the community meeting held with the Police Chief and neighbors of McCorrie Point Beach.

There were three items at the Executive Session of June 13th.

A request to lease some land. The Council voted 6-0 to deny.

A settlement offer on litigation. The Council voted 6-0 to deny.

An update on the Dog Park and possible funding. No votes were taken.

MINUTES

TCM 6/8/16

TCM 6/13/16 and Exec.

A motion by Mr. Robicheau, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to approve the minutes of TCM 6/8/16. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to approve the minutes of TCM 6/13/16 and Exec. All voted in favor of the motion.

BILLS

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to pay all just and due bills in the amount of \$242,181.28. All voted in favor of the motion.

TAX VOUCHERS

Request Approval for Tax Vouchers #20160627-01 to #20160627-02. / M. Helfand

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Update on Building Inspector – Mr. Desormier will be leaving effective July 15th.
2. Update on Animal Control Officer – Ms. Fisher will be leaving September 30th.
3. Update on McCorrie Beach Community Meeting – Chief Lee, Chief Cranson and President Hamilton chaired the 1 ½ hour meeting last Thursday. The beach was acquired by the Town in 1995, but some have grandfathered, deeded beach rights.
4. Hog Island Recycling Update- Mr. Hess is running at a net loss. To save money he is taking recycling directly to the Bristol transfer station.
5. Budget Correction Update- The two corrected pages were sent to the Council and the corrected budget is on the website.
6. Annual Prudence Island Town Council Meeting- the meeting is scheduled for July 30th at 11 AM at the Union Church. Council is to meet at Carnegie Abbey marina for departure at 10 AM via the new police boat.
7. Historical Society Presentation – a Tri-State Anne Hutchinson tour is scheduled for this July with a portion being held in Portsmouth on the 22nd. In addition the Town's Declaration will be on display July 7th at the Town Hall with a speaker giving a talk on the Rhode Island signer William Ellery.
8. WED Donation to the Leonard Brown House Renovation Project – at a meeting 1 ½ weeks ago, it was agreed that the \$64,000 in credits from Wind Energy Development go toward the Brown House.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointments:

- a. Portsmouth Veterans Honor Roll Committee

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to appoint Walter Coelho and Carlton Johnson. All voted in favor of the motion.

- b. Economic Development Committee

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to appoint Dylan Young. All voted in favor of the motion.

- c. Harbor Commission

A motion by Mr. Robicheau, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to appoint Bradford Coyle. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Glen Manor House Authority (Re-Appt.) – A. Kelly

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to re-appoint Andrew Kelly. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Wastewater Appeals Board

A motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to appoint Col. John Vickers. All voted in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

OB 1 - Discussion/Action – Wind Turbine. / S. Brusini, K. Hamilton & R. Rainer (10)

a. The Narragansett Electric Company Net Metering Provision

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

b. Letter Agreement Regarding National Grid Net Metering Provision Schedule B

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

c. WED Sublease Agreement

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

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 - Request Approval to Renew Prudence Island Transfer Station Hauling Contract for the Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. / R. Rainer (5)

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

NB 2 - Request Approval to Renew the Transfer Station Management Contract for the Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. / R. Rainer (5)

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

NB 3 - Request Approval to Abate All 2004 Delinquent Taxes in the Amount of \$9,537.56. /
M. Helfand (5)

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Invitation for the Town Administrator and the Town Council to a Cook-out and a Newport Artillery Company Presentation at St. John's Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M. on July 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM. / W. Hedgorth, Jr., Worshipful Master, St. John's Lodge No. 1
2. Letter of Congratulations as Portsmouth is Named as One of 12 Rhode Island Communities Receiving 2015 Tree City USA Recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. / James R Langevin, Member of Congress
3. Town of Richmond Resolution in Opposition to Tolling Gantries. / T. Nelson, Town Clerk

A motion by Mr. Robicheau, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to receive and place on file. All voted in favor of the motion.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- July 11 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting - Public Hearing: Proposed Amendment to Chapter 257 of the Portsmouth Town Code – Noise Ordinance: §257-18 Sound Variances, Sec. C
- July 30 11:00 AM – Town Council Meeting - Prudence Island (Saturday)
- August 22 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

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

ADJOURN

Time: 7:50 PM

Joanne M. Mower, Town Clerk