

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2017
MINUTES

6:00 PM – Town Council Chambers, Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith E. Hamilton, Kevin M. Aguiar, David M. Gleason, Paul F. Kesson, Elizabeth A. Pedro, J. Mark Ryan and Linda L. Ujifusa

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) – Any 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.
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A motion by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Aguiar, to go into Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) – Any discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) – Any discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property. The motion carried 6-0 with Mr. Kesson absent.

Mr. Kesson arrived at 6:02.

Motion to seal the minutes, and return to Open Session made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

TIME: 6:35 PM – Break

TIME: 7:00 PM – Return

ADJOURN

7:00 PM – Town Council Chambers, Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bills
2. The Environmental Council of Rhode Island (ECRI) Strongly Supports the Elimination of Single-Use Plastic Bags and Clean Ocean Access in their Advocacy to Ban Plastic Bags.
3. CRMC – Cease and Desist Order Number 17-0007, Buttonwood Acquisition LP, 2701 Renaissance Boulevard, Floor 4, King of Prussia, PA 19406 – Unauthorized Activities in Tidal Waters from the Property Located at 379 Willow Lane without Benefit of a CRMC Assent or in Violation of a Council Order
4. CRMC – Notice of Administrative Fine, Buttonwood Acquisition LP, 2701 Renaissance Boulevard, Floor 4, King of Prussia, PA 19406 – Unauthorized Activities in Tidal Waters from the Property Located at 379 Willow Lane and Cease and Desist Order 17-0007
5. CRMC – Finding & Notice of Violation 16-0148, Michael & Ann Marie Barone, 161 Carnegie Heights Dr., Portsmouth, RI, William & Susan Eigen, 4 Kennedy Ln., Southborough, MA, Kelly Ann DeGulis, 7 Prospect Ave., Darien, CT, Trustee of William Karol, The Carnegie Heights Drive Trust Nominee, 18 Longmeadow Dr., Westwood, MA – Undertaken Installation of Signs on a Coastal Feature at the Property Located at Carnegie Heights Drive, Plat 26 Lots 4-8, 4-9, 4-11, & 4-12 Without Benefit of a CRMC Assent or in Violation of a Council Order

Motion by Mr Kesson, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to receive and place on file. Motion passed 7-0

PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

President Hamilton informed those present that in tonight’s Executive Session two new leases were discussed and will be heard later in open session.

MINUTES

TCM 1/9/17 Exec. & 1/23/17 Exec.

Motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa, to approve the minutes. All voted in favor of the motion, with Mr. Aguiar abstaining from the 1/23/17 Exec. minutes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Update on Exploratory Committee to Investigate Possible Ferry Landing Sites in Portsmouth – a working group met to explore possible sites should the need ever arise. Next step, layout issues & obstacles & costs associated.
2. Report on Meeting with RIDOT Regarding Old Sakonnet Bridge Demolition – scheduled to begin Wed., will take 7 days to complete with no traffic impact. Beginning March 13, inspection from all sides will take approx. 3 days to complete and should have minimal impact on vehicular & boat traffic. RIDOT will hold informational meetings throughout the life of the project. The superstructure will be demolished first, followed by the sub-section.
3. Report on OPEB Funding Seminar Held by RI Trust – topics covered included an economic & market outlook, investment strategies and a summary of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) that is being replaced. GASB75 is being implemented to improve accounting & financial reporting by state & local governments for OPEB. The new standards are designed to bring greater clarity to post-employment benefit liabilities.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointments:

- a. Juvenile Hearing Board (Re-Appt.) – P. Kelly, N. Smith, R. Craft

A motion by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Mr. Aguiar, to reappoint Paul Kelly, Nanci Smith and Ralph Craft. All voted in favor of the motion.

- b. Lower Glen Farm Preservation Committee (Re-Appt.) – D. Silveria

A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Aguiar, to reappoint Diane Silveria. All voted in favor of the motion.

- c. Tree Commission (Re-Appt.) – J. Jordan

A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa, to reappoint James Jordan. All voted in favor of the motion.

- d. Tree Warden (Re-Appt.) – J. Fitzgerald

A motion by Mr. Aguiar, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa, to reappoint John Fitzgerald. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Zoning Board of Review (Re-Appt.) – J. Borden

A motion by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to reappoint John Borden. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to move New Business #1 forward to be heard before Old Business. All voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Presentation of Senior Project Proposal, StoryWalk at Glen Park. / E. Lowrimore

Motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Kesson, to approve contingent upon a maintenance plan. All voted in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Portsmouth Veterans Honor Roll Committee Update. / M. Nott

Committee has raised \$3364 so far. The only cost to the town will be to move the present honor roll to the Council Chambers and the installation of the new system will be up & running in March, opening ceremony early April.

OB2. Discussion/Action – Aquidneck Island Land Trust Requests Assistance of \$300,000 to Purchase Spruce Acres Farm. / C. Allott

Motion by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to accept the proposal set forth. Ms. Ujifusa amended the motion, per Mr. Rainer's proposal to fund over 2 fiscal years from the contingency fund, \$150K this year and another in FY18. All voted in favor of the motion.

TIME: 8:37 PM – Break

TIME: 8:45 PM – Return

OB3. Request Release of FY16 & 17 Contributions to AIPC (\$36,000 in Total), Financial Report.

Motion by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Dr. Ryan, to accept the audit contingent on the opinion of our auditor and to release the \$36K already budgeted and to include \$18K in next year's budget for the annual contribution. Motion passed 5-2, with Mr. Kesson and Ms. Pedro against.

A motion by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kesson, to move Old Business #6 to be heard before Old Business #4. All voted in favor of the motion.

OB6. Discussion/Action – Lower Glen Farm Operation and Concession Agreement.

Motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa, to approve. All voted in favor of the motion.

OB4. Discussion/Action – Modification of Lease for the Aquidneck Island Christian Academy.

Motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Ryan, to accept the modified agreement. All voted in favor of the motion.

OB5. Discussion/Action – RFP for Solicitor for Town.

Motion by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Aguiar, to approve and put out an RFP. All voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

NB2. Discussion/Action – Request to Approve a \$10 Increase in Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Permit Fees.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 13 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting
March 27 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting
April 10 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting
April 24 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

A motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Kesson, to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURN

Time: 10:19 PM

Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk