

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2018 MINUTES

7:00 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, Linda L. Ujifusa, J. Mark Ryan

Time: 7:00 PM

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN**

**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**

**PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** – There was no Executive Session held prior to the meeting. President Hamilton congratulated the 187 Portsmouth High School graduates and offered best wishes on their future endeavors. President Hamilton also congratulated Junior Nikki Merrill on her 800 Meter win at the New England Track and Field Championships.

**PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

1. Proclamation of Appreciation – Ray Davis – A proclamation was presented to Ray Davis for all the work he has done with the Town and with the Portsmouth Prevention Coalition. A Senate citation was also presented to Mr. Davis by Senator Jim Seveney.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Bills – The Finance Director was asked to check into the shipping costs for Mutt Mitts. Motion to receive and place on file made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Kesson in dissent.

**SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

1. Peddler License – Annual:

Open Season Catering, LLC d/b/a Open Season, 125 Dupont Drive, Providence – Motion to approve made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Peddler Licenses – Specific Event: Portsmouth Invitational Soccer Tournament, Gardner Seveney Sports Complex, June 15-17, 2018

- a. Portsmouth Youth Soccer Association, Scott Hubbell, PO Box 428, Portsmouth
- b. Binge BBQ LLC d/b/a Binge BBQ, 12 Broadway, Newport

Motion to approve both the Portsmouth Youth Soccer Association and Binge BBQ licenses made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Entertainment License:

Portsmouth Youth Soccer Association, Scott Hubbell, PO Box 428, Portsmouth, RI for the Portsmouth Invitational Soccer Tournament, Gardner Seveney Sports Complex, June 15-17, 2018 – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Gleason.

Motion passed 7-0.

4. Entertainment License – Fee Waiver Requested:

Portsmouth Portuguese American Citizens Club (PPACC), 35 Power Street, for the St. Anthony Feast, July 12-15, 2018 – Motion to approve made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Victualler License – Fee Waiver Requested:

Portsmouth Portuguese American Citizens Club (PPACC), 35 Power Street, for the St. Anthony Feast, July 12-15, 2018 – Motion to approve made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Victualler License – Annual:

Nicole Alio d/b/a Portsmouth Nutrition Zone, 3001 East Main Road, Unit #4 – Motion to approve made by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

**ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn as the Board of License Commissioners made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Ms. Pedro. Motion passed 7-0.

**MINUTES**

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Motion to approve both sets of minutes made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan.

Amendment to the motion made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan, to add Ms. Pedro's reason for dissent on the May 14<sup>th</sup> minutes on Page 5 under NB6 because it was not stated where the money would come from. Motion to the amendment passed 7-0. Main motion passed 7-0.

**TAX VOUCHERS** – None

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. LED project update – We are currently displaying an informational exhibit in the foyer from June 7–22 during business hours, to inform the public of the Town's efforts to upgrade the streetlight system and solicit opinions on the type of light people prefer. Representatives from PRISM (Partnership for Rhode Island Streetlight Management) will host a public forum on Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30–6:30 pm in the Town Council Chambers. The forum is designed to provide public information, answer questions, and solicit public comment.

2. America the Beautiful Grant update – We have completed the 2017/2018 America the beautiful Grant planting. DPW planted 11 trees at Portsmouth High School and 4 along Patriots Drive. They also planted 5 trees at the Middle School. I'd like to thank DPW, Scott Wheeler (Tree Commission chair), Matt Murphy (School Facility Manager) and Jean Paul Arsenaault (PHS Science/Student Activities Coordinator) for their work in making this grant happen.

3. Police construction update – MILESTONES THIS PERIOD: Masonry, mechanical, electrical and plumbing is ongoing; Roof truss install began last week; the Masons have settled their union dispute and did not strike. The project is now about 37% complete and remains within budget and the new building is still on track for substantial completion on time in October.

### **REMOVALS, RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. Removal:

a. Juvenile Hearing Board – Motion to accept the removal of John Ferreira with regret made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Appointment:

a. Glen Manor House Authority – Motion to approve Patricia Cofield made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion/Action – Police Station Capital Project. – Mr. Kesson asked that the Council receive a formal monthly financial report at the first meeting each month. Motion to receive and place on file made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Ms. Pedro. Motion passed 7-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion/Action – Request Permission to Hold a Small Procession on Sat. July 14 at 6:00 pm and a Larger Procession on Sun. July 15 at 10:00 am to Commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Anthony's Feast. Invitation to the Council to Take Part in Sunday's Procession. – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kesson. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Request for Advisory Opinion from the Planning Board for Zoning Map Amendment. – Motion to approve the request for an opinion from the Planning Board made by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Kesson. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Request Approval to Abate All 2006 Delinquent Taxes in the Amount of \$11,829.44. – Motion to approve made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 6-0-1. Ms. Pedro abstained because she knew people on the list.

4. Discussion/Action – Draft a Resolution to the General Assembly, with Copies to Our Delegation, Regarding Certain Language in RIGL Title 44 re: 3 Year Property Evaluations be Changed, as Needed, for Clarification and Effectiveness. – Motion to approve made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Discussion/Action – Should the Town of Portsmouth include a Ballot Question for the November ‘18 Election for Approval/Disapproval of an Amendment to the Portsmouth Home Rule Charter Allowing for Non-Partisan Elections in Portsmouth. – Motion to refer the question to the 2019 Charter Review Commission made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 4-3. Mr. Kesson, Ms. Pedro and Mr. Gleason in dissent. Motion made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to include a non-binding ballot question for the November 2018 Election for Approval/Disapproval of an Amendment to the Portsmouth Home Rule Charter Allowing for Non-Partisan Elections in Portsmouth, if it meets the scrutiny of the Town Solicitor. Motion passed 4-3. Dr. Ryan, Ms. Ujifusa and Mr. Aguiar in dissent.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Yard Sale and Other Temporary Event Signage.
2. Monthly RIRRC Report.

Motion to receive all Correspondence and place on file made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Ms. Pedro. Motion passed 7-0.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 13 7:00 PM - Public Budget Hearing: Portsmouth Middle School, 125 Jepson Ln (Wed.)  
June 25 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting & Final Budget Adoption  
July 9 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting  
July 23 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting

**ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Ms. Pedro. Motion passed 7-0.

Time: 9:11 PM

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Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk