

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 23, 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 and 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bills – Motion to receive and place on file made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Aguiar. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Kesson in dissent.

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

1. Daily Liquor License, Class F

St. Johns Lodge #1 Corp., 81 Sprague Street, for a Clam Bake August 19, 2018 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm

– Motion to approve made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Peddler License – Specific Event: Firefly Yoga & Wellness Festival at Glen Park on 9/15/18

a. Lovewell Farms Co., 6 Hammond Street, Providence, RI

– Motion to approve made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Chantel DaSilva, 22 Cherry Lane, Tiverton, RI (#22)

– Motion to approve made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Peddler License – Annual License:

a. Instyle33 LLC d/b/a myrollingcafe, 265 Freeborn Street (#19)

b. Haverhill Incorporated, PO Box 1271 Millbrook, NY (#18)

c. Blount Fine Foods, 630 Currant Road, Fall River, MA (#26)

– Motion to approve all three Peddler Licenses made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

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

MINUTES

TCM 7/9/18 – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kesson. Motion passed 6-0-1. Ms. Pedro abstained because she did not attend the meeting.

TAX VOUCHERS

Request approval for Tax Vouchers #20180723-01 to #20180723-04. – Motion to approve made Mr. Kesson, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Coggeshall School building update: The Aquidneck Island Christian Academy vacated the Coggeshall School Building on July 1st. The staff is working on a plan for potential alternatives for the Building. It is on the list for the proposed material assessment by Jacobs Engineering and that will give us a good idea of its material condition. We will propose an interim plan tonight to have Recreation Department activities in the gym since the North side of the building is in relatively good condition. A working group, composed of staff and stakeholders currently using the building for storage, is considering potential alternatives for the building and we plan to have recommendations for you later this summer on how to go forward based on a material assessment, and private and public interest in its future use.

2. Report on meeting with Melville Marine District Business Owners: The Melville Marine District Businesses hold a monthly meeting amongst themselves and have begun to invite participation from Town and Naval Station Staffs. The most recent meeting we attended was on July 10th. These meetings are informative and have enhanced communication between all the Melville area stakeholders. An issue that is gaining in importance and priority is the continued viability of Stringham Rd as the access corridor in and out of the district. The Navy owns the road and has adopted a reduced maintenance philosophy for Stringham and Burma Rds. While no action is required or anticipated immediately, there will be a need for a better plan as time goes by. In the meantime, I assured the business district we will work with all appropriate parties and agencies to support a better long-term plan for Stringham Rd.

3. Fire Department apparatus update: The Acting Fire Chief has surveyed the status of our fire fleet and made some recommendations for needed maintenance and repairs. We are currently addressing needed repairs to:

- Rescue 3 (no rear A/C, some electrical issues)
- Engine 2 (reserve Engine but it has a significant oil leak)
- Ladder 1 (significant leaks in the pump, waterway and ladder pipe)

Though we have some issues, we are still answering all the calls for incidents and there is no delay in service. Our biggest concern right now, however, is Rescue 1. It is beyond economical repair and will be decommissioned. We have reached out to the Portsmouth Volunteer association who are willing to help the Town finance a replacement vehicle. I will work with the

Finance Director and Acting Chief to develop a course of action to be recommended to you at our next Council meeting.

4. Police construction update: MILESTONES THIS PERIOD: Roof sheathing material is being installed; Rough mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire protection work is still underway; and interior masonry walls are still being erected. Over the next three weeks brick face, 1st floor partitions, siding and trim work will begin. The project remains within budget and the new building is still on track for substantial completion on time in October.

Additionally, the Prevention Coalition has selected a new part-time Prevention Coalition Coordinator. His name is Corey Silvia. He is a University of Rhode Island graduate and will graduate with a Master's in Public Administration from Suffolk University in December. He has worked as a Health Studies research assistant, been a member of AmeriCorps, and as a strategic consultant for the Boys and Girls Club of Boston.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Resignation:

a. Citizens Interested in the Comprehensive Community Planning Process Committee – Motion to accept Robert Andrews resignation, with regret, made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Appointments:

a. Dog Park Operating Committee – Motion to approve Jack Hay made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Economic Development Committee – Motion to re-appoint Raymond Keller made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kesson. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Melville Park Committee – Motion to re-appoint Jeffrey Richard made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action – Request permission to move the Kevin Medeiros memorial bench from Sandy Point Beach to a spot on the path to the dock at the Glen Manor House. – Motion to approve the request contingent upon CRMC approval of the location of the bench and that the previous concrete pad at Sandy Point beach be removed made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Kesson. Motion passed 7-0.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed amendment to the “Zoning Map, Portsmouth, Rhode Island”, Article III Section B.1 of the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment, subject to the approval of a dimensional variance from the Zoning Board of Review for minimum lot frontage, as well as subdivision approval from the Planning Board, rezones approximately 2.4 acres of parcels currently known as 2951 East Main Rd (31-32) and 2967 East Main Rd (31-32A), from the C-1 Commercial District to the R-20 Residential District. The remaining 3.9 acres of lots 2951 East Main Rd (31-32) and 2967 East Main Rd (31-32A), adjacent to East

Main Rd will remain as currently designated in the C-1 Commercial District. – Attorney Neil Galvin requested the Public Hearing be continued to August 27th as the Zoning Board of Review is still in discussion. Motion to approve the continuance of the Public Hearing until August 27, 2018 made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Kesson. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Discussion/Action – Request authorization to enter into an agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group to provide Facility Condition Assessment services. – Motion to approve the requested authorization made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Monthly Finance Report. – Motion to receive and place on file made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Ms. Pedro. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Discussion – Breakdown of Special Revenue Funds as requested by the Town Council. – Motion to table the discussion until August 27, 2018 made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Mr. Gleason. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action – Request approval for an identification sign to be placed at Legion Park. / Portsmouth Garden Club. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Kesson, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Request approval of Glen Farm Special Events Fields Application for Bullfrog Fit, Jeremiah O’Conner, 2 Aspinet Rd, Middletown, to use the lawn area at the Brown House for a mobile fitness camp every Saturday in September from 4-5 pm. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Request approval for use of the Coggeshall School for an afterschool program this fall, Monday through Friday 2:45-6:00 pm for grades K-8. – Motion to approve, contingent upon all required licensing and any other requirements are met, made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 5-1-1. Mr. Kesson in dissent. Ms. Pedro abstained.

Motion to combine **NB4** and **NB5** made by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Discussion/Action – Maintenance of shoreline public access area.

5. Discussion – Letter of concern re: public activity at the beach access right of ways within the Common Fence Point community.

Motion to form an ad hoc committee made by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Kesson, to investigate possible solutions to the situation. Committee to have Town Hall Staff members: Mr. Rainer, Chief Lee and Mr. Crosby; as well as Mr. McLaughlin from Clean Ocean Access, Harbor Commission Chair Mr. Grieb, possibly the manager of the Newport Beach Club, and any residents who wish to attend. Motion passed 7-0. If anyone is interested in the committee, please contact the Town Administrator’s Office.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Monthly RIRRC Report. / R. Antaya
2. Notice of Availability for the Environmental Assessment: Toll Locations 3, 4 & 6 through 13; I-95, I-195, I-295, US Route 6, and RI Route 146. / D. Fish, P.E., Rhode Island Department of Transportation
3. Invitation to/sponsorship of a grand retirement celebration banquet for Rev. Dr. Vincent L. Thompson Jr. / J. Brown, Chairperson, Commemorative Booklet, Community Baptist Church, Newport
4. Invitation to Golf Tournament/request for sponsorship to benefit the Adaptive and Special Olympics programs. / M. Leonard, Adapted Physical Activity and Special Olympics Director, Newport County YMCA

Motion to receive all correspondence and place on file made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Aug 14 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting (Canceled)
Aug 27 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting
Sept 10 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting
Sept 22 TBD - Town Council Meeting - Prudence Island (Saturday)

ADJOURN– Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kesson. Motion passed 7-0

Time 8:39 PM

Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk