

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2023 (Wednesday)
MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin M. Aguiar, Leonard B. Katzman, David M. Gleason, Keith E. Hamilton, Charles J. Levesque, and J. Mark Ryan

MEMBER ABSENT: Daniela T. Abbott

Time: 7:00 PM

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

1. Roll Call

7:02 PM Ms. Abbott arrives

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

(Proposed Budget is Available on the Town's Website or by using the following:

[FY 24 Town Administrator's Budget](#))

1. Budget – Expenditures

- Legal
 - Motion to provisionally approve the Legal total in the amount of \$275,300 made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
- Information Technology (IT)
 - Motion to provisionally approve the IT total in the amount of \$275,493 made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
- Recreation
 - Motion to provisionally approve the Recreation total in the amount of \$385,696 made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 7-0.
- Melville Park
 - Motion to provisionally approve the Melville Park total in the amount of \$18,000 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
- Civic Support
 - Motion to provisionally approve the Civic Support total in the amount of \$ 1,064,973 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.
- Capital Improvement Plan
 - Motion to provisionally approve the CIP total in the amount of \$608,832 made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.
- Enterprise Funds
 - Motion to provisionally approve the Glen Farm Equestrian Center total in the amount of \$19,422 made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 7-0.
 - Transfer Station previously approved, no vote taken.
 - Glen Manor House has been removed from the Enterprise Fund. Is now under a concessionaire agreement.

- Septic Loan Program closed last year.
- Motion to provisionally approve the Arthur Daniel House total in the amount of \$30,000 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Levesque. Motion passed 7-0.
- Debit Services
 - Motion to provisionally approve Debt Services totals in the amount of \$1,201,104 for the School Department and \$1,389,703 for the Town made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.
- Other
 - Motion to provisionally approve the OPEB total in the amount of \$50,000, the Open Space Reserve Fund total in the amount of \$12,500, the Capital Reserve Fund in the total amount of \$75,000 and the Town Contingency total in the amount of \$25,000 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.
- Total Expenditures
 - Motion to provisionally approve Total Expenditures in the amount of \$71,431,755 made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to task staff to calculate what the Commercial tax rate would be if it was increased to a midpoint between the Residential tax rate of \$12.787 and the Tangible tax rate of \$15.651, made by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Levesque in dissent.

FUTURE MEETINGS

~~Apr 27 7:00 PM Town Council Meeting Budget if needed canceled~~

May 8 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

May 22 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

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

Time: 8:37 PM

Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk