

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2023
MINUTES

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

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

Time: 7:00 PM

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

1. Roll Call

PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – There was no Executive Session held.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion to approve as presented made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

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1. Bills

2. CRMC – Meeting Notice

Town of Portsmouth Application for Modification (Cat B) of the CRMC Assent 1994-11-030: removing the original northern upper and lower fixed pier and replacing it with a new single fixed pier, a new pre-cast reinforced concrete boat ramp, floating docks and a stone protection structure (groin). Site Address: Burma Road Pole 22e; plat 50, lot 7.

3. Peddler License – Mobile Food Establishment (MFE), Renewal:

- a. Pete’s Ice Cream, 122 Viking Drive, Portsmouth (#2340)
- b. Antonio Miranda d/b/a/ La Guaguita Del Sabor, 3 Pine Drive, Hopkinton (#2341)

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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1. Peddler License – Mobile Food Establishment (MFE), New:

- a. JavaJai Coffee Company, 11 Union St, Jamestown (#2334)
- b. Poppin Minis RI, 134 Westwood Ave, Cranston (#2337)

Motion to approve both licenses made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Peddler License, Annual New:

Kenneth Soares d/b/a Gooseberry Leather Company, 11 Sleepy Hollow Road, Dartmouth, MA (#2331)

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

3. Victualler License – New:

Jax Diner LLC, 1324 West Main Rd., Portsmouth (#2338)

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

4. Entertainment License:

Portsmouth Youth Soccer Association, PO Box 428, for the Portsmouth Youth Soccer Invitational Tournament, Gardner Seveney Sports Complex, June 16-18, 2023 (#2339)

Motion to approve made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn as the Board of License Commissioners made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Levesque. Motion passed 7-0.

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

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Hybrid waste management white paper update – The White Paper regarding a hybrid waste management option and comments received will be presented to the Council at the May 22nd Council meeting. The white paper outlines a number of decisions which must be made prior to the issuance of a Request for Proposals.
2. Town Council public workshop - SouthCoast Wind – The Town Council workshop to hear public comment on the proposed SouthCoast Wind 1 project will be held 7:00 PM at the Portsmouth High School Auditorium on Thursday, May 25th.
3. Portsmouth Award – We are now accepting nominations for the annual Portsmouth Award. This award is an annual recognition for an individual, a local business or an organization, that exemplify the best characteristics of and for Portsmouth; to include: consistently demonstrated excellence in professional and community leadership; the exhibition of outstanding initiative, inspiration, leadership and organizational skills which produced significant results directly benefiting the community and its citizens; has made, or is making, significant contributions to the welfare of the community through involvement and participation; and have given freely of their time and energy for the betterment of our community. Details will be posted on the Town website and in a pending press release. Nominations will be accepted through May 31st.
4. Assistant Recreation Director opening – Subject to final approval of the Town Council's Provisional Budget, we are accepting applications for an Assistant Recreation Director. Additionally, we are still seeking Lifeguard and Camp Counselor applicants. Applications for these will be accepted until the positions are filled. Additional information and employment applications can be found at the Human Resources web page.

OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Discussion and action of alternative Residential and Commercial Tax rates. – No votes taken.

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Request Council approval of auditor selection for follow-on submission to the Auditor General for State approval to contract with selected auditing firm. – Motion to approve the Auditing Firm of Hague, Sahady & Co. for FY 23, 24, and 25 made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 6-0-1. Mr. Gleason abstained.
2. Request to donate the 1974 Prudence Island Fire Engine to the Bristol Fire Department. –Motion to approve made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE – Motion to receive and place on file made by Mr. Levesque, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Resolution in Support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds. / Hopkinton Town Council
2. Request resolution welcoming the Golden Rule Peace Ship to Rhode Island in support of a nuclear free world. / R. Watt Jr., Providence Monthly Meeting
3. Letter regarding safety and traffic concerns on East and West Main Roads. / D. McCauley

FUTURE MEETINGS

May 22 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

May 25 7:00 PM – Town Council Public Workshop – 120 Education Lane (Thursday)

Jun 12 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

Jun 14 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting – Budget Hearing (Wednesday)

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

Time: 8:24 PM

Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk