

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2022
MINUTES

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

Time: 7:01 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin M. Aguiar, Linda L. Ujifusa, Daniela T. Abbott, Keith E. Hamilton, Leonard B. Katzman, Andrew V. Kelly and J. Mark Ryan

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 prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Bills – Motion to approve as presented made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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

a. Methods of a Madwomen Inc., 182 Highland St., Woonsocket (#2158) – Motion to approve made Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Peddler License, Annual:

a. Nicobar Isle Inc. d/b/a Lavanya Coodly, 107 Cedar Trails Ct, Winston Salem, NC (#2160) – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, 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. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

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

6/13/22

6/15/22

6/27/22 & Exec.

TAX VOUCHERS – Motion to approve Tax Vouchers #20220711-01 to #20220711-03 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

Request approval for Tax Vouchers #20220711-01 to #20220711-03.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Fire promotion ceremony – The Fire Department held their annual promotion ceremony on June 29th at the Sakonnet Sportsman Club. Four Firefighters were promoted to Fire Lieutenant: FF Michael Lopes, FF Joshua Rocha, FF Harrison Jones and FF West Johnson. In addition, Lt. Nicholas Woodbine, who was officially promoted in February, was ceremoniously promoted. FF Alex Rivet, who was officially sworn-in last August, was also ceremoniously sworn-in.
2. Police promotions – Promotion meetings were recently held for Police Captain and Lieutenant positions. The Chief has recommended, and I have approved, the promotions of Lt John D. Cahoon, and Lt Michael Morse to Captain effective July 1st, and Det Sergeant Khatu Khubchandani, Accreditation Sergeant Patrick O'Neill, Sergeant Lee Trott, and Sergeant Richard Ruest Jr to the rank of Lieutenant effective July 16th. A formal ceremony will be held at the annual Police Awards ceremony at Glen Manor House later this year. Congratulations to all our newly promoted officers!
3. Collective bargaining update – Attorney representatives for the Fire and Dispatcher Unions, and the PEMA Union, have asked for more time to prepare redlined Contract Agreements for your review. Those contracts will now be ready for your approval at the next Town Council meeting.
4. Fire Department grant – We were informed on July 2nd that the Fire Dept. has been awarded an Enbridge Fueling Futures grant of \$7,500. The funds will be used to offset the cost to replace ten Self Contained Breathing Apparatus cylinders that have reached their mandatory end of service life.
5. Victory Day holiday –Town Hall will be closed August 8th in observance of Victory Day. August 8th is a Monday, so the next Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9th.

Additionally, I will be out of the office starting Thursday and will return August 1st.

REMOVALS, RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Removal:
 - a. Prudence Island Planning Commission – Motion to accept with regret the removal of Frederick Stevenson made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Resignation:
 - a. Parks and Recreation Committee – Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Sam Obert made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Appointment:
 - a. Economic Development Committee – Motion to appoint Daniel Corrigan made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Monthly Finance Report. – Motion to receive and place on file made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Reconsideration of Town Council's approval of the one-year pilot program for Automatic License Plate Readers on the Mt. Hope Bridge. – Motion to rescind approval of the one-year pilot program for Automatic License Plate Readers on the Mt. Hope Bridge made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Request permission to temporarily install a 6 x 2 foot banner and 435 4 x 5 inch purple flags for International Overdose Awareness Day (August 31) to represent those Rhode Island residents who lost their battle to this disease. Set up on August 25 and remove on September 2. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Request approval to apply for the statewide body-worn camera grant program. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Public Notice from CRMC for an application, File Number 2018-09-033, from Daniel Torre, 152 Winter Street, Wakefield, RI for a State of RI Assent modification to utilize existing floating longlines for the use of low profile floating baskets in place of the existing higher profile floating bags. This will result in no net increase in the square footage of the floating gear or in the number of vertical or horizontal lines used. Project Location: Sakonnet River, Portsmouth. – Motion to direct the Town Planner to adopt a letter stating the safety concerns that Council has considering this specific installation and that it should be properly marked so that our citizens aren't hurt made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Application from Common Fence Point Improvement Association for State of Rhode Island Dredge Permit and Water Quality Certification to perform maintenance dredging of the creek outlet to restore tidal connectivity between Mount Hope Bay and the marsh and salt pond. Project Location: Common Fence Blvd and Attleboro Ave. / Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. – Motion to support the project made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
5. Request to award the replacement of the Glen Manor pedestrian bridge to Reagan Marine Construction LLC. – Motion to award the replacement of the Glen Manor pedestrian bridge to Reagan Marine Construction LLC for \$74,954 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
6. RI Department of Transportation (RIDOT) request for the Town to take ownership of Teddy's Beach. – Motion to approach RIDOT to purchase Teddy's Beach and the Stone Bridge for \$300,000 from RIDOT subject to a full inspection of the Stone Bridge and that the Town will be able to apply for grants through RIDOT in the future; and to utilize ARPA funds to purchase the property made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE – Motion to place on file items 1 and 2 and to move forward number 3 to the next meeting and ask Mayflower Wind Energy to attend the meeting made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Monthly RIRRC Report. / Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corp.
2. Event Notification – Bike to the Beach for Autism, September 17, 2022. / R. Walsh, Autism Speaks
3. RI Energy Facility Siting Board notice of preliminary hearing for Mayflower Wind Energy LLC's application to construct major energy facilities in Portsmouth on August 18, 2022 at 9:30 AM, in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI. / E. Rodvien, Coordinator, Energy Facility Siting Board

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Jul 25 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting – CANCELLED
Aug 9 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting
Aug 22 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

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

Time: 9:15 PM

Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk