

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2022
MINUTES

6:00 PM – Town Council Chambers, Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road

Time: 6:02 PM

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to go into Executive Session under RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2) and RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5) made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Abbott absent.

1. RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation – Mayflower Wind Energy LLC Energy Facility Sitting Board (EFSB) EFSB Docket No. SB-2022-02. – One vote taken.

Time: 6:05 PM Daniela T. Abbott enters room.

2. RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5) Discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the public interest. – One vote taken.

ADJOURN – Motion to seal the minutes and adjourn to open session made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

Time: 6:55 PM

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

Time: 7:01 PM

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

1. Roll Call

PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – One vote taken regarding RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2) and one vote taken regarding RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5)

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

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1. Bills

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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1. Entertainment License:

KJK LLC, 706 Park Avenue, for the Island Park Picnic at 706 Park Ave, September 4, 2022 from 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm (#2176)

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

2. Request to advertise for a Public Hearing:

Application to transfer a Class BV Beverage License along with the expansion of service from Bracky Ltd d/b/a CJ's Pub to Schooners LLC d/b/a Schooners, 568 Park Avenue

Motion to approve the request for a Public Hearing to be heard on October 24, 2022 made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

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

MINUTES – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.
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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Ship model donation – As you entered Town Hall tonight, I am sure you noticed the model of the Brig “Random” on display in the foyer. David Chase has donated the model to Portsmouth. This Brig was made by his great-great-great uncle Capt. Alfred S. Chase of Portsmouth, RI. Capt. Chase was born in Portsmouth in 1822 and became a sailor at age 19. He became owner and master of several ships from Newport, including the Brig “Random”. She was built in Newport in 1847 and Captain Chase became its Master in 1855. The Ship’s Registration was cancelled Oct. 31, 1856 after the vessel was wrecked in Cuba. Capt. Alfred Chase took up farming in the later part of his life and passed away in Portsmouth in 1900. He was one of the best-known Sea Captains sailing from this area and is buried at St Mary’s.

2. Finance Director search update – Our search for a new Finance Director is progressing and we have invited four candidates for a second interview on Thursday. Conditioned upon the results of those interviews, I hope to have a recommendation for the Council in September.

3. Snow Plow Rodeo results – Neal Belliveau and Joel Kosengarten participated in the RI Public Works Association “Snow Plow Rhodeo” in Providence on August 2nd. They placed second overall against competing RI municipal & Navy teams. This allowed them to attend the finals at the NE Public Works Association Snow Plow Rodeo in Boxboro on August 17th, where they placed third overall against the top winning New England teams. Congratulations to both Neal and Joel for their professional dedication to Portsmouth and their profession.

4. Motor Vehicle Excise Tax phase-out reminder – Most people are aware the state’s FY23 budget is officially law. We have received numerous inquiries from residents regarding this year’s Motor Vehicle Excise Tax. This is just a reminder that the new budget law replaces the last year of the motor vehicle tax phase out and completes the program one year earlier than originally planned. There will be no more motor vehicle tax bills.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Resignation:

a. Fence Viewer – Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Philip Driscoll made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Request to submit proposed modifications to Chapter 405 Zoning, Article XX Solar Energy

Systems to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion. – Motion to table to a future meeting made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Monthly Finance Report. – Motion to receive and place on file made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Request to refer to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion and to advertise for a public hearing for a proposed amendment to Chapter 405 Zoning, Article V Use Regulations, Land Use Tables, Section A 14. – Motion to forward to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Discussion and approval of the Town Council FY 22-23 Goals and Priorities for the Town Administrator. – Motion to add “continue working with Church Community Housing Corporation on the Senior Center project” and approve as amended made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Resolution regarding the installation of the Mayflower Sakonnet River transmission cable. – Motion to table to the next meeting made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Narragansett Electric asks permission to replace direct bury cable with cable in conduit system along Sandy Point Farms URD. 2484 linear feet of horizontal directional drilling along public roads. Install four new pullboxes on Adams Dr, Fisher Cir, Taylor Rd for access to cables. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Narragansett Electric asks permission to replace direct bury cable with cable in conduit system along Sandy Point Farms URD. 2883 linear feet of horizontal directions drilling along public roads. Install six new pullboxes on Adams Dr, Fisher Cir, Taylor Rd for access to cables. – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Request approval to award Pare Corporation the Complete Streets Feasibility Study for \$34,645. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Hamilton in dissent.

7. Request approval for six companies to be listed as On-Call Engineers for the Town of Portsmouth. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

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

1. Monthly RIRRC Report. / Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corp.

2. Proud of Portsmouth for becoming a Purple Heart Town. / E. Klek, USMC, Vietnam

3. Invitation to the Annual Observance of the Battle of Rhode Island on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 3:00 PM in Patriots Park. / Newport County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

4. Open meeting notice of the Energy Facility Siting Board for August 24, 2022. / E. Rodvien, Coordinator, EFSB

FUTURE MEETINGS

Sep 10 ~~11:00 AM~~ 10:00 AM – Prudence Island Town Council Meeting (Saturday)

Sep 12 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

Sep 26 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

Oct 11 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting (Tuesday)

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

Time: 7:34 PM

Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk