

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2019 MINUTES

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniela T. Abbott

Time: 6:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to go into Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 6-0.

1. RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2) Collective Bargaining – Fire Department – One vote taken. Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURN – Motion to seal the minutes and adjourn into Open Session made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Kelly Motion passed 6-0.

Time: 6:20 PM

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

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

Time: 7:01 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 a 6-0 vote to approve a tentative 3 year contract with the firefighter's union.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bills
2. Peddler Licenses – Annual:
 - a. Oceanside Enterprises II LLC d/b/a Greenwich Bay Oyster Bar/The Shuck Truck, 240 Main St., East Greenwich, 1 vehicle (#1471)
 - b. bimini-me/luxsails co., 200 Burning Tree Dr, Naples, FL (#1472)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

MINUTES

TCM 6/10/19 & Exec. – Motion to approve the Minutes made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Former Coggeshall School update – As you are aware, there are no current tenants leasing the building. Occupancy is limited to 49 people and we are currently allowing the CFPIA to run Zumba Classes and the YMCA to use the gym area for basketball and the revenue generated covers the cost of utilities. There is a recurrence of mold in the building and an air quality and mold inspection were done last week. We will have the results in 1-2 weeks and will determine next steps after that. Due to the occupancy limit, we are conducting a fire safety and building condition assessment to determine what use of the property can be authorized and will communicate that to parties interested in using the building in an as is agreement.
2. RI Senate and RI House of Representatives Resolution in honor of Colonel Thomas Lee – Last week on the 18th, Colonel Lee was recognized by the RI State Senate and House of Representatives for his years of public service. In commemoration of his impending retirement, Chief Lee received resolutions from both chambers that were read during session and it was my honor to attend the event together with the Council Vice President, Colonel Brian Peters, and our Town Planner.
3. Annual Portsmouth Award update – Nominations have been received for this year's annual Portsmouth Award which was established to recognize an individual, local business, or an organization that has made or is making significant contributions to the welfare and betterment of our community. The nominations are currently being evaluated and I anticipate an announcement at the next Council Meeting.
4. Parks and Recreation Committee update – The members of the new Parks and Recreation Committee have been contacted and sworn in. The first meeting will be Thursday, June 27th at 5:00 pm. The Town Clerk and I will review the Open Meeting Act with them, give them examples of by-laws, and discuss with them how to set up and agenda and post it on line.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointments:
 - a. Dog Park Committee – Motion to appoint Laurie Anderson made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.
 - b. Melville Park Committee – Motion to appoint Raymond Abraham made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Final police construction update. – No motions made.
2. Monthly finance report. – Motion to receive and place on file made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Final Approval of Proposed FY 2020 Budget (The Full Budget is Available for Review on the Town's Website at www.portsmouthri.com) – Motion to approve the FY 2020 Budget in the amount of \$64,878,243 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Hamilton in dissent.
 - a. Draft of FY 2020 Budget Ordinance – Motion to adopt the FY 2020 Budget Ordinance made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Hamilton in dissent.

4. Request to withdraw proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to Article XIX for a “payment in lieu” option for low and moderate income housing requirements, and to cancel the Public Hearing.

a. Planning Board Advisory Opinion

Motion to withdraw made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Permission to place a modular recreational rink on the Gardner Seveney fields. – Motion to table indefinitely made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Discuss the possibility of working together for a unified school district to provide the best educational opportunities for all our children. – Motion to continue to discuss the possibilities of working together to provide the best educational opportunities for all our children made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

3. National Grid and Verizon propose a new joint owned pole location at Anthony Road. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Request to use Surplus from FY 2019 to fund PIVFD request. – Motion not exceed \$80,000 from the FY 2019 Surplus to fund PIVFD request, contingent upon Chief Ford overseeing use of funding, made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Request ratification of appointment of Brian Peters as Police Chief. – Motion to approve the ratification of appointment of Brian Peters as Police Chief made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Monthly RIRRC Report. / R. Antaya

2. Resolution to restore PILOT to 27% funded. / Providence City Council

3. Resolution Regarding SB 410 and HB 5671 on Plastic Bag Bans to Amend the Language to Exclude the Uniformity Clause. / Providence City Council

Motion to receive correspondence and place of file made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Jul 8 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting

Jul 22 Cancelled

Aug 13 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting (Tuesday)

Aug 26 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting

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

Time: 8:26 PM

Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk