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

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Keith E. Hamilton, James A. Seveney, Michael A. Buddemeyer, David M. Gleason, Elizabeth A. Pedro, Joseph W. Robicheau, and Kevin M. Aguiar

OTHERS PRESENT:  John Klimm, James Lathrop, Kevin P. Gavin, Joanne M. Mower, Patricia A. Cofield

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held for our men and women around the world in harm’s way.

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

CONSENT AGENDA - None

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Attorney Eric Chappell was present on behalf of Attorney Cort Chappell, to request a continuance of Items 1, 2, and 3, to the February 9th meeting.

1. Public Hearing - Liquor License Application

   Class BV Liquor License:  R and M 506, LLC, d/b/a The Beachcomber, 506 Park Avenue

2. Victualler License

   R and M 506, LLC, d/b/a The Beachcomber, 506 Park Avenue

3. Amusement Games License

   R and M 506, LLC, d/b/a The Beachcomber, 506 Park Avenue (4 games)

A motion by Mr. Buddemeyer, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to continue the hearing to the February 9th meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to adjourn as the Board of License Commissioners. All voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURN
PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

President Hamilton thanked the DPW, Police, and Fire Department staff, as well as the EMA Director, for keeping everyone safe during Blizzard Juno. He also thanked the residents for moving their cars during the parking ban. Monday night's meeting was postponed to tonight due to the storm.

MINUTES

1. TCM 1/07/15

A motion by Mr. Robicheau, seconded by Mr. Buddemeyer, to table the minutes. The motion carried 5-0, with Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Pedro abstained.

2. TCM 1/12/15

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to approve the 1/12/15 minutes. The motion carried 6-0, with Mr. Buddemeyer abstained.

BILLS

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Aguiar, to pay all just and due bills in the amount of $179,711.03. All voted in favor of the motion.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Klimm also thanked the dedicated maintenance staff of Prudence Island and the School Department for their assistance during the blizzard.

1. Police Academy

Chief Lee announced that the next Citizens Police Academy begins March 3rd and will last 10 weeks. The class will meet every Tuesday night from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Police Station. Applications are available online and at the Police Station. The deadline for applying is February 13th. Applicants must be 18 years or older and be a resident of Portsmouth. The class size is limited to 10 people.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1. Request for Removal of Inactive Committee Members

   a. Glen Manor House Authority - B. Billington, S. Wyatt, L. DaRos

A motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to remove Bonnie Billington, Steven Wyatt, and Lynn DaRos, from the Glen Manor House Authority. All voted in favor of the motion.
APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS (cont.)

2. Resignations

   a. Glen Manor House Authority - L. Mallonee

      A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Buddemeyer, to accept with regret the resignation of Lynne Mallonee. All voted in favor of the motion.

   b. Juvenile Hearing Board - Christopher A. Harding

      A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Buddemeyer, to accept with regret the resignation of Christopher A. Harding. All voted in favor of the motion.

3. Appointments

   a. Bristol Ferry Town Common Committee (Re-Appts.)

      A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to re-appoint Abigail K. Brown; Marguerite (Maggie) Elliott; Donald Ratte; Ruth Sears; Esmond D. Smith, Jr.; and Nanci Smith; to the Bristol Ferry Town Common Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

   b. Glen Manor House Authority (1 Vacancy)

      A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to appoint Karen Menezes to the Glen Manor House Authority. So voted 5-2, with Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Robicheau opposed.

   c. Glen Park Working Committee (Re-Appt.)

      A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to re-appoint Alexandra Bonome to the Glen Park Working Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

   d. Juvenile Hearing Board (3 Vacancies)

      A motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to appoint Marsha B. Auerbach, Ralph Craft, and Paul T. Kelly, to the Juvenile Hearing Board. All voted in favor of the motion.

   e. Melville Park Committee (Re-Appt.)

      A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Buddemeyer, to re-appoint William F. White to the Melville Park Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Legislative Agenda Discussion with Portsmouth Legislative Delegation

   President Hamilton announced that this item has been moved to the February 9th meeting.
OLD BUSINESS (cont.)

2. Request Approval of Portsmouth Redevelopment Agency By-Laws

   Solicitor Gavin would like to discuss this in Executive Session at the February 9th meeting.

   President Hamilton tabled this item to an Executive Session to be held at the beginning of the February 9th meeting. He directed Solicitor Gavin to make an outline of what is needed and for Mr. Klimm and Mr. Crosby to contact Mr. Tenga, with Mr. MacBain’s assistance, regarding government requirements.

3. Portsmouth Prevention Coalition's Project Purple Week - January 26 - February 1, 2015

   a. Announcement Launching the Project Purple Anti-Substance Campaign

   President Hamilton announced that the Project Purple Dodgeball Tournament will be held on Friday evening at 6:30 PM at the PHS Gym. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Project Purple events.

   Marianne Raymo, member of the Portsmouth Prevention Coalition, also announced the Project Purple Dodgeball Tournament and the various teams participating. The admission fee to the event is $3.00.

   b. Invitation to Local Business Owners to Participate in Project Purple Week

   c. Request Approval of Project Purple Week Proclamation

   A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to approve the Project Purple Week Proclamation. All voted in favor of the motion.

   President Hamilton read the Project Purple Week Proclamation.

   TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI

   PROCLAMATION

   WHEREAS: Project Purple, an initiative of The Herren Project, a 501(c) 3 Non-profit foundation established by former NBA basketball player, Chris Herren, assists individuals and families struggling with addiction. Project Purple was launched to break the stigma of addiction, bring awareness to the dangers of substance abuse and shed light on effective practices, and

   WHEREAS: the Project Purple concept was developed when Chris spoke at a local high school in 2011 in front of students wearing Purple shirts. After sharing his story, a young woman raised her hand and stood up to speak.

   As snickering and laughter was heard, the student said “Thank you Mr. Herren for validating what we do. We are the sober students of this high school and each year we take a pledge to not use drugs or alcohol.”

   Mr. Herren was surprised by the courage it took to not only stand up and share the symbolism of the purple shirts, but he was inspired to make a difference among adolescents across the United States.
NOW THEREFORE I, Keith E. Hamilton, President of the Portsmouth Town Council, do hereby proclaim the week of January 26 through February 1, 2015 as

PROJECT PURPLE WEEK

in the Town of Portsmouth and I urge all citizens to celebrate and support the special events planned by both the Portsmouth Schools and St. Barnabas Church; the Portsmouth businesses along with the Portsmouth Fire and Police Departments, displaying Project Purple banners.

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Keith E. Hamilton, President
Portsmouth Town Council

4. Discussion/Action to Approve the Authorization of $12,500 to the Portsmouth Prevention Coalition

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Buddemeyer, to approve the donation of $12,500 to the Portsmouth Prevention Coalition. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Klimm stated that the funds will come from an open position.

5. Discussion/Approval - Professional Services Agreement with Municipal Resources, Inc. for Town Administrator's Search

President Hamilton stated that other than one correction in Section 5, the contract was the same as previous ones with MRI. This time, all discussions will run through the Council President and Solicitor, if needed. That is the only change from the previous MRI.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to approve with the correction the Professional Services Agreement with Municipal Resources, Inc. All vote in favor of the motion.

a. Request Approval of Ad for Town Administrator Search

Ms. Pedro asked to change the word “creative” to “innovative and mature” in the ad for the Town Administrator Search.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Gleason, to approve with the changes requested by Ms. Pedro. All voted in favor of the motion.

6. Request for Approval - Selection of Members for OPEB Commission

Mr. Klimm stated he had reached out to former members of the Joint Pension Commission. This entity might need to reach out whether on a volunteer or per diem basis to other resources to bring in additional expertise.

Mr. Hamilton suggested someone from the Trust or the Office of Budgets and Revenues.
OLD BUSINESS (cont.)

A motion by Ms. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to start up the OPEB Study Commission with the following members: Jonathan Harris, Paul Kesson, Steve Larson, Cap Wiley, Howie Tighe (Fire), Mike Arnold (Police), Tracey LePage (Town Hall), Neal Belliveau (DPW), Joseph Robicheau (Town Council Liaison, non-voting member), and James Lathrop (Finance Director, non-voting member). All voted in favor of the motion.


Mr. Lathrop reported on the December revenues and expenditures.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Ms. Pedro, to receive and place on file. All voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request Approval to Amend Resolution #2014-02-10 – Exemption from Taxation of the Real Estate of Certain Income Eligible Senior Citizens

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded Ms. Pedro, to approve the amendment to the resolution. All voted in favor of the motion.

TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI
RESOLUTION # 2015-01-29

Exemption from Taxation of the Real Estate of Certain Income Eligible Senior Citizens

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APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL
ACTION ON JANUARY 29, 2015

Joanne M. Mower, Town Clerk

2. Request Council Action to Reduce Speed Limit on Dianne Avenue, Cheryl Avenue, and Bramans Lane Neighborhood

Nancy Howard stated that she is satisfied with her conversations with the Police Department. No action by the Council was needed.
NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

Police Chief Lee stated that the speed limit on Dianne Avenue and Cheryl Avenue will be lowered to 15 mph, and Bramans Lane will remain 25 mph.

No action.

3. Presentation/Discussion/Action re: Risks Associated with Portsmouth CDBGs

Mr. Robicheau introduced Gary Morse, a resident of Barrington, who reported on the issue of liability with CDBG grants from HUD and what it means for a town to be under the Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) mandates.

A motion by Mr. Robicheau, seconded by Mr. Gleason, that the Council task the Solicitor to prepare a letter to the Department of Administration requesting a legal opinion as to the Town of Portsmouth's liability if it is found to be non-compliant with AFFH having certified that it is. The motion failed 4-3, with Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Aguiar, Mr. Buddemeyer, and Mr. Seveney opposed.

4. Request for Approval of an FY15 Supplemental Budget Increase of $10,600 to the Prudence Island Volunteer Fire Department Budget

A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to approve an FY15 Supplemental Budget Increase of $10,600 to the Prudence Island Volunteer Fire Department Budget. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Klimm stated that a long-range plan will be put together.

A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to bring Old Business Item 5.a. (Request Approval of Ad for Town Administrator Search) back for reconsideration. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion by Mr. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Seveney, to change the salary offering in the ad for the Town Administrator Search to $80,000 to $130,000. All voted in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter re: Newport County Chamber of Commerce Meeting Dates for 2015/
   J. Sullivan, Exec. Dir.

No action.
**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Jan. 28 (Wed.) - 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting (Pay-As-You-Throw Workshop)
   President Seveney will contact Mr. Gessler regarding rescheduling during the third week of February.

Jan. 31 (Sat.) - 9:00 AM - Town Council Preliminary Budget Meeting with School Committee

Feb. 9 (Mon.) – 6:30 PM - Town Council Meeting – Executive Session
   7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) - Litigation: Public Records Request for Executive Session Minutes/
   K. Hamilton (10)

   A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Robicheau, to move into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) - Litigation: Public Records Request for Executive Session Minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

   TIME: 9:41 PM

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

TIME: 9:56 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

President Hamilton reported that an Executive Session was held. One vote was taken, and it failed 4-3.

A motion by Mr. Seveney, seconded by Mr. Buddemeyer, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

TIME: 9:58 PM

**ADJOURN**

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Joanne M. Mower
Town Clerk