

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2021  
MINUTES

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

Time: 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT BY ZOOM: Kevin M. Aguiar, Linda L. Ujifusa, Daniela T. Abbott, Michael Buddemeyer, Keith E. Hamilton and J. Mark Ryan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew V. Kelly in Town Council Chambers arrives at 7:02 PM

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

1. Roll Call

PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Mr. Aguiar, on behalf of the Town Council, expressed condolences to the family of Peter McIntyre, former Town Council member, on his passing. Mr. Hamilton served with Mr. McIntyre on the Town Council. Mr. McIntyre served as Town Council President. He was also a founding member of the Portsmouth Concerned Citizens and was instrumental in getting Mr. Hamilton into politics.

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

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1. Bills

2. Peddler License – Mobile Food Establishment (MFE), Renewals:

- a. Championship Melt, 121 Prescott Ave, Riverside, RI (#1902)
- b. Flip N Roll LLC, 385 America St., Fall River, MA (#1903)
- c. Baby’s Bonetown Enterprises LLC d/b/a Baby’s Bonetown BBQ, 39 Phenix Ave, Cranston (#1904)
- d. Stephen Gilman d/b/a Poppy’s Kettle Corn and Waffles, 72 Sayles Avenue, Warwick, RI (#1905)
- e. Sportgraphics, Inc. d/b/a Shishkaberrys of New England, 87 Spring Street, Shrewsbury, MA (#1909)

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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1. Request to Advertise for a Public Hearing:

Application for a Class BV Beverage License for KJK LLC d/b/a Thriving Tree Coffee House, 706 Park Ave (#1907) – Motion to approve a Public Hearing on May 24, 2021, made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

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

MINUTES – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0  
TCM 3/22/21 & Exec.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

#### 1. Covid-19 Update

- Rhode Islanders ages 40 and older may now schedule vaccination appointments. The State aims to open people age 39 to 16 by next Monday.
- As a reminder, Rhode Islanders can pre-register by signing up for the Vaccine Interest Notification List at [portal.ri.gov](http://portal.ri.gov).
- New appointments for State-run sites will be posted on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.
- On April 26, after the April school break, schools may reduce the distance between students to 3 feet (from 6 feet) and childcare centers may return to 100% capacity. Masks will still be required.
- More COVID information is available at the Town's Website.

#### 2. SNEP Update

- The SNEP Network Climate Resiliency Planning and Financing Project will kick off this Thursday.
- We will discuss the overview of technical services and project goals, present and demonstrate existing resilience tools and resources, address key resilience capacity questions, and review the anticipated project timeline.
- As I reported previously, this project is intended to help guide a Portsmouth specific resiliency focused CIP which will be ready for review at the end of the year.

#### 3. West Main Road Safety Assessment

- With regard to our request for a road safety assessment, Chief Peters has been notified by RI DOT that they have accepted our request and anticipate beginning the process later this month or early next month.

Additionally:

#### Armenian Genocide Commemoration

- For the past twenty-one years, Portsmouth has participated in the Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island's program to have the Armenian flag raised in memory of the Armenian Genocide. We have been asked again to fly the Armenian flag and will display it in Council chambers from April 24th to April 26th.

#### Peter McIntyre

- I'm sad to report that Master Chief Peter McIntyre, USN (ret.), passed away last week. Peter worked with and for many civic organizations on Aquidneck Island and served on the Town Council from 2002 to 2010. Our condolences go out to his surviving family for their loss.

### RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### 1. Resignations:

- a. Economic Development Committee – Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Frederick Marano made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Recommendations. – Motion to receive and place on file made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
2. FY2022 CIP Review. – No votes taken.

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Request to Refer to the Planning Board for Advisory Opinion and Advertise for a Public Hearing Dexter Street Development Zone Change Request. – Motion to approve a Public Hearing on June 14, 2021 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Request to Refer to the Planning Board for Advisory Opinion and Advertise for a Public Hearing for Re-Zoning Schoolhouse Lane Plat 47, Lot 2A. – Motion to approve a Public Hearing on June 14, 2021 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Municipal Fertilizer Ordinance Options. – Motion to have the Town Planner work with Save the Bay to draft a Municipal Fertilizer Ordinance made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Proposed Rules for Glen Park. – Motion to approve made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 7-0.
5. Resolution Requesting that the Rhode Island General Assembly Allow Local Control Over Tobacco Policies House Bill 5633 and Senate Bill. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Abbott in dissent.
6. Portsmouth Lions Club Request for a Memorial Park Bench at Mount Hope Park. – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.
7. Solar Ordinance Proposed Revision and Request Revisions be Forwarded to the Planning Board for an Advisory Opinion. – Motion to forward to the Planning Board and advertise for a Public Hearing on June 14, 2021 made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.
8. Request approval for Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Bid Selection. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.
9. Sandy Point Beach Fees. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.
10. RIRRC Contract FY 22-23 Renewal. – Motion to approve made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.
11. Approval of Facilities Management Bid. – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

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

1. Monthly RIRRC Report. / R. Antaya

FUTURE MEETINGS

Apr 26 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting & Budget Overview

Apr 27 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting - Budget

Apr 28 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting - Budget

Apr 29 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting - Budget if needed

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

Time: 9:11 PM

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Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk