

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2019 (Tuesday) MINUTES

7:00 PM – TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 2200 EAST MAIN ROAD

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

Time: 7:00 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**

Portsmouth Middle School Teacher Dana Reed invited the Town Council and School Committee to attend the Friday Night Lights event for the Sailing Club. It will be held at Sail Newport. The RI High School teams will be racing against each other. The event occurs every Friday during the racing season.  
-No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Town Administrator’s Proposed Budget Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 is available on the Town’s website at [FY 20 Town Administrators Budget](#)

1. Budget: Discussion/Action – Revenues (pg.10)

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

2. Budget: Discussion/Action – School Department

The Portsmouth Public Schools Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 Budget is Available at [FY 20 School Dept. Budget](#)

Motion to provisionally approve the transfer \$182,000 in impact fees to the School Department on July 1, 2019, made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to provisionally approve the Total Town Appropriation in the amount of \$33,494,126 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to provisionally approve Total School Capital in the amount of \$534,700 made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Ujjifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to provisionally approve the Total Town and State Funding in the amount of \$38,085,052 made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to provisionally approve the Total Revenue of the School Department in the amount of \$40,120,335 made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Budget: Discussion/Action – Capital Improvement Budget (pg.72)

Motion to provisionally approve the Capital Improvement Budget in the amount of \$413,931, including the additional Capital projects of DPW Security Locks and Cameras at \$11,104; Renovation of Town Hall Restrooms (4) in the amount of \$20,355; Replace the Glen Farm Pavillion Roof in the amount of

\$10,000 for a total additional amount of \$41,459, made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to amend the motion to provisionally approve an additional \$2,000 in funds towards the improvement of the Town Council AV equipment made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to provisionally approve the main motion as amended in the amount of \$415,931. Motion passed 7-0. The \$43,459 would come from the decrease of \$50,000 in Fire overtime budget.

4. Budget: Discussion/Action – Police Department (pg.53)

Motion to provisionally approve the Police Expenditures in the amount of \$6,220,188 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

a. Prudence Island Public Safety Officer (pg.56) – Motion to provisionally approve the Prudence Public Safety Officer Expenditures in the amount of \$101,445 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Animal Control (pg.57) – Motion to provisionally approve the Animal Control Expenditures in the amount of \$116,550 made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Harbor Master (pg.58) – Motion to provisionally approve the Harbor Master Expenditures in the amount of \$105,860 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Budget: Discussion/Action – Fire Department (pg.59)

Motion to decrease the Fire Department overtime from \$550,000 to \$500,000 and provisionally approve the Fire Expenditures in the amount of \$ 6,449,809 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 7-0. Motion to provisionally approve the Emergency Management Expenditures in the amount of \$8,500 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Budget: Discussion/Action – Department of Public Works (pg.63)

Motion to provisionally approve the Department of Public Works Expenditures in the amount of \$2,696,079 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to provisionally approve the Snow Removal Expenditures in the amount of \$175, 764 made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to provisionally approve Road Improvement Expenditures in the amount of \$700,000 made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

a. Prudence Island Transfer Station (pg. 66) – Motion to provisionally approve the Prudence Island Transfer Station Expenditures in the amount of \$104,895 made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

April 24 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting: Budget – Continuation of Budget Discussion as needed

April 25 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting: Budget – Continuation of Budget Discussion as needed

May 13 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting & Provisional Budget

May 28 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting (Tuesday)

June 10 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting

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

Time: 8:46 PM

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Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk