

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2021  
MINUTES

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT BY ZOOM: Michael Buddemeyer and Andrew V. Kelly

Time: 7:00 PM

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

1. Roll Call

PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – No Executive Session held.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Portsmouth Award – Presented to Chief Ford, Richard Talipsky and Raymond Perry on behalf of the Portsmouth Emergency Management COVID-19 Vaccine Response Team.

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

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1. Bills
2. Peddler License – Mobile Food Establishment (MFE), Renewal:  
Friskie Fries LLC, 751 Hartford Ave, Johnston, 1 vehicle (#1950)

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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1. Peddler License – Mobile Food Establishment (MFE), New  
Laura Sebastian d/b/a/ Atomic Blonde Ice Cream, 59 Woodmont St., Providence, 1 vehicle (#1954) – Motion to approve made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. 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. Covid-19 Update
  - All State-run COVID-19 test sites will be closed on Sunday, July 4, and Monday, July 5. You can schedule a COVID-19 test before or after the holiday online at [portal.ri.gov](http://portal.ri.gov) or by calling 401-222-8022. Regular hours of testing will resume on Tuesday, July 6.

- With regard to the Open Meetings Act: The Governor’s Office has extended the executive order allowing virtual Open Meetings Act through July 24. Additionally, during House debate on the FY 2022 budget, an amendment passed specifically allowing the Governor to extend the virtual meetings executive orders through September 1, 2021. In other words, public bodies can continue to meet virtually or in a hybrid format and may not return to in person-only meetings without alternative access, so long as the executive order remains in effect.
2. Ann Hutchinson Building Assessment Update
    - CGA Architecture has completed a draft analysis of the Anne Hutchinson Building. We will meet with them to review the report this week and hope to have them present their analysis to the Council at your next meeting.
  3. Old Mill Lane Update
    - The Algonquin inspection work at Old Mill Lane has been completed and National Grid has removed their equipment from the property. Algonquin is currently reviewing the data collected from their inspection, which could take approx. 30-50 days to complete. National Grid will keep the matting and fence in place in case Algonquin requires additional work dictated by their data review.
    - The Energy Facility Siting Board is in receipt of National Grids Application for a License to Mobilize and conduct LNG operations at the Old Mill Lane Site from November to April as needed to ensure the supply of natural gas to the Island. The application has been docketed and can be accessed via the RI PUC website. Our Solicitor has filed a Notice of Intervention by the Town of Portsmouth.

#### REMOVALS, RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

##### 1. Removals:

a. Harbor Commission – Motion to accept with regret the removal of David Anderson, Brandon Kidd and Brendan Donahue from the Harbor Commission made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

##### 2. Appointments:

a. Dog Park – Motion to reappoint Caroline Miller and Jane Regan made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Glen Manor House Authority – Motion to reappoint Aldona Dowski made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Harbor Commission – Motion to appoint Lawrence Walsh made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

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

2. Final Approval of [Proposed FY 2022 Budget](#) (The Full Budget is Available for Review on the Town’s Website at [www.portsmouthri.com](http://www.portsmouthri.com))

a. Draft of FY 2022 Budget Ordinance – Motion to adopt the Proposed FY 2022 budget and the FY 22 Budget Ordinance made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Support for the RAISE Application submitted by Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RIBTA) for the Mount Hope Bridge Cable and Anchorage Dehumidification Project. – Motion to approve and to send the letter of support to our U.S. Congressional Delegation made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2031 State Transportation Improvement Program

(STIP) for the State of Rhode Island. – No votes taken. Mr. Hamilton will attend one of the Public Hearings to ask what the basis of the decisions that were made regarding the Town’s State Transportation Improvements recommendations. He will ask how the money is spent geographically, have them explain the reason that all of our projects continue to be pushed out and are not in design and ask that the criteria for how decisions are made be published.

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

1. Resolution Requesting the Removal of Mask Mandate for School Children. / Town of Burrillville & The Burrillville School Committee
2. Resolution of Town Council NO. 2021.12 Observing the Month of June as Pride Month. / Town of East Greenwich
3. Invitation/Sponsorship to the Newport County YMCA 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. / M. DeAscentis, Special Olympics Coordinator and D. Glenning, Booster Club

FUTURE MEETINGS

Jul 12 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

Jul 26 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

Aug 10 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting

Aug 23 7:00 PM – Town Council Meeting – Motion to cancel the August 23, 2021 Town Council Meeting made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Time: 7:50 PM

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Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk