

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2020 MINUTES

On July 20, 2020, the Portsmouth Town Council meeting at 7:00 PM was live streamed on the web and by phone dial-in using the Zoom remote meeting service due to Covid-19 and the Governor's Executive order on social distancing and gatherings of no more than 15 people.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin M. Aguiar in Town Council Chambers

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

Time: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

1. Roll Call

OLD BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Review the Charter Review Committee report and proposed revisions of Town Charter. –

(201) Motion to accept the Committee's recommendation with the following change: strike out "regardless of party designation or affiliation" made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 7-0.

(202) Motion not to accept the changes recommended by the Committee made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Ms. Abbott. Motion passed 5-1-0. Mr. Hamilton in dissent. Mr. Kelly recused.

(208) (3) Motion not to accept the changes recommended by the Committee made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 7-0.

(605) Motion not to accept the changes recommended by the Committee made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to move forward New Business 1 Charter Review Additions and discuss concurrently with (701) made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Abbott left at 8:00PM.

(701) Motion not to accept the changes recommended by the Committee made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 5-1. Mr. Hamilton in dissent. Ms. Abbott absent.

(902) Motion to accept the Town Solicitor recommendations and present to the voters by ballot, made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Abbott absent.

(903) Motion to accept the Town Solicitor recommendations and present to the voters by ballot, made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Abbott absent.

(913) Motion to accept the Committee's recommendation and present to the voters by ballot, made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Abbott absent.

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action)

1. Charter Review Additions. – Motion to table until a legal process could be explored as to what the Council's limits could possibly be, made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Abbott absent.

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 27 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting
Aug 11 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting (Tuesday)
Aug 24 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting

ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Abbott absent.

Time: 9:12 PM

Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk