

The **Regular Meeting** of the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown, duly advertised and posted, was held **February 12, 2018, 2017 at 7:0 p.m.** at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI.

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** by Council President Virginia Lee at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, preceded by a moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL:** Town Council members present were Julie A. Carroccia, Virginia Lee, Denise L. Rhodes and Bonnie Van Slyke. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Amy Rose Weinreich, Town Administrator Mark S. Stankiewicz and Attorney Peter D. Ruggiero.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **A. Swearing in of Charlestown Police Officer Paul Gentile**

Police Chief Jeffrey S. Allen addressed the Council, stating that Officer Gentile has been a Police Officer for 14 years at the University of Rhode Island and a Special Police Officer for the Town for the past 7 years. Officer Gentile's parents and fiancé were in attendance. Chief Allen administered the following oath of office:

I, Paul Gentile, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. I pledge that I will observe the provisions of the Home Rule Charter and the Ordinances of the Town of Charlestown and faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Charlestown Police Department. I swear to always be loyal to my duty and the organization and to recognize the badge of my office as a Police Officer as a symbol of public faith and trust. I pledge to constantly strive to achieve the objectives and ideals of the law enforcement profession and to be true to the ethics of Police service as a proud member of the Charlestown Police Department.

Chief Allen stated that it has been a pleasure to work for this community. He thanked the Council, Town Administrator and citizens for their support of him and his administration.

### **B. Presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Mafalda "Dolly" O'Donnell**

Ms. Lee read the following history of the Boston Post Cane:

In 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lived (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The head was engraved with the inscription, - Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of Charlestown - "To Be Transmitted". The Board of Selectmen were to be the trustees of the cane and keep it always in the hands of the oldest citizen. In 1930, after some controversy, eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well. So since 1930, it's been given to the oldest citizen (man or woman) of the Town of Charlestown. The original is on display in the lobby of the Town Hall and a replica is given to the oldest citizen.

The Charlestown Senior Citizens Commission would like to recommend that Mrs. Mafalda "Dolly" O'Donnell of 664 Alton Carolina Road be awarded the Boston Post Cane. Mrs. O'Donnell was born on May 1, 1918 in Middletown, CT. She came to R.I. as a young child, living first in Richmond and then moving to Charlestown. She graduated from Charlestown School and was employed at Columbia Narrow Fabrics. She is the mother of five. Her daughter Judy McCaughey, will accept on her behalf.

Ms. McCaughey thanked the Council and gave a brief history of her mother, who has been a resident of Charlestown for 93 years.

### **C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Henry Heminway for His Years of Service to the Town**

This item was postponed to the March meeting.

### **D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Richard Phelan for His Years of Service to the Town**

Ms. Lee read and presented the following certificate and a commemorative clock:

#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

In Honor of  
Richard Phelan

This Certificate of Appreciation is being presented to Richard Phelan for his contribution to the Town of Charlestown as a member of the Coastal Ponds Management Commission, serving the Town in this capacity for over twenty two years, being first appointed to the Commission in August of 1995.

Mr. Phelan demonstrated tireless dedication in his duties as a member of the Coastal Ponds Management Commission, as well as serving on the Conservation Commission from 1989-1993.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby adopts this Certificate of Appreciation in honor of Richard Phelan for his dedicated and faithful service to the Town and Community.

Be it Further Resolved that this Certificate be placed in the official minutes of this meeting as acknowledgement of his service.

In testimony whereof and by the authority vested in us, we hereby confer this Certificate of Appreciation.

Taken under our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

### **E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Geoffrey A. Marchant for His Years of Service to the Town**

Ms. Lee read and presented the following certificate:

#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

In Honor of

Geoffrey A. Marchant

Whereas, the Community Block Development Grant Program (hereafter, “the CDBG Program”) helps provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities, and create suitable living environments by developing viable communities with federal funds administered through the State of Rhode Island (hereafter, the “State”); and

Whereas, Geoffrey A. Marchant has worked with the CDBG Program funds since 1996, including founding the Community Development Consortium (hereafter, the “Consortium”) on March 18, 1996; and

Whereas, the Town of Charlestown joined the Consortium in 2000 and has benefitted from the Consortium’s assistance to its most vulnerable and financially strapped populations through activities such as housing rehabilitation, affordable housing development, public services like food pantries, public improvements and job training for the last seventeen (17) years; and

Whereas, the Consortium has been instrumental in the development of projects in Charlestown, including ChurchWoods and Shannock Village Cottages; and

Whereas, Mr. Marchant is the Consortium’s founder, Director, and only full-time staff, and assists ten (10) municipalities with their Program applications, procurement, contracting, administration, compliance, monitoring, drawdown, and overall management, and has remained knowledgeable, personable, accessible, and responsive through the ever-changing regulations and guidance from the State and Federal level; and,

Whereas, after almost thirty (30) years of working with CDBG Program money and over seventeen (17) years of managing the Town of Charlestown’s CDBG Program, Mr. Marchant will retire as of January 31, 2018.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town acknowledges the void to be filled as the Consortium pursues a replacement entity, and recognizes, appreciates and thanks the Consortium and Mr. Marchant for his invaluable and incalculable support to the Town and its residents, and to neighboring communities and the State, over these many years.

Be it Further Resolved that this Certificate be placed in the official minutes of this meeting as acknowledgement of his service.

In testimony whereof and by the authority vested in us, we hereby confer this Certificate of Appreciation.

Taken under our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ms. Carroccia stated that the Budget Commission continued to make strong progress and review all of the proposed expenditures in detail and stated that while meetings were generally held on Tuesday and Friday mornings, there would be an evening meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Ms. Van Slyke expressed her gratitude to Chief Allen for his years of service. She observed that there were street lights going up in Town and thanked Tom Gentz for his contribution to the Town’s dark skies

Ms. Lee read the following statement:

I too would like to thank Jeff Allen. Of course, we’re sorry to see him go, yet I respect his decision to retire and pursue the next chapter of his professional life and grateful for his impeccable service to our community. This Town is truly fortunate to have someone of his caliber at a time when we were in crisis with the issues of the Federal investigation and conviction of a police officer. I found him to be really humble and able, positive and realistic, patient and resourceful, polite and responsive to all Town Council calls – weekends, weeknights, any time of day, and truly gifted in community Police work, as well as bringing us a really respectful and effective working relationship with the Narragansett Indian Tribe, working very well with the Tribal Police. I believe we’re going to have a retirement party for him in March, details will be circulated once available.

Welcome to Mike – he comes highly recommended by two previous Police Chiefs, by the Police Union and by members of the Town Staff and Administration that have worked with him. My personal experience was over this year when it was very tough going, he stood up for the high values of a police officer and has conducted himself in a long career of law enforcement, very honorably and we will be lucky to have him as the next Police Chief.

Lastly, I can’t say enough to our Town Administrator, Mark Stankiewicz for dealing with major issues, not only conducting normal Town business, but dealing with at least three major issues this year that have come from beyond the Town’s borders and we had to respond to. With a steady hand and a very savvy way of going about it and wonderful, good humor – we are in very good shape.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda**

Michael Adams, of 317 Burdickville Road, read the following statement:

I'm here to state my opinion and the truth about the lack of action on fixing the disastrous Burdickville Road. Everyone realizes and accepts the need for repair condition of this public through street. Mr. Arsenault has recognized it and did a stellar job of arranging the design and organization of the repairs. Unfortunately a few manipulative individuals have teamed up to hinder and stop the badly needed repairs using lies, and hiding behind restrictive regulations of tree removal and chumming up with the DEM personnel in accusations and insults to Mr. Arsenault. The only reason that these individuals have caused problems is totally for their own selfish benefit. Mr. Arsenault has recognized the need for improvement of this road in our Town and its benefits to the residents and this road needs to be moved on now. He's a good man, and we're lucky to have such an asset on our side. He needs our support. He does not deserve being assaulted like he has on this issue, that is completely obvious. He's frustrated and rightly so, now is the time to act and show that this road is in such dangerous condition for everyone who uses it – the Police, ambulances, oil delivery trucks, UPS trucks, school buses, mothers with young children. The potholes and frost heaves are so bad that the guy driving the plow truck could catch one wrong at any time and end up out the windshield. It's amazing there hasn't been a head on collision yet on these sharp blind corners, which have become substantially worse, because everyone now is trying to avoid hitting these brutal potholes and frost heaves by going into the oncoming traffic lane at many points in this road. Now is the time to drive down this road and see how bad it is. Allow Mr. Arsenault to get the trees moved back to make way for this improvement. As a Town, meet with the DEM personnel in the position to make the decision to allow this improvement. It will have little effect on frogs and turtles in this 50 yard section of road, going by the swampy area. We must move on this now for the safety of the public. These few people who claim to want to preserve the country atmosphere of the road cannot be given priority over the safety of the entire community, when the truth is the only thing they want is to not lose one foot of their road frontage, which is legally Town property anyway. That's the sad truth of all of this. They care more about themselves than the safety of their neighbors, the young, the old, those serving our community, even yourselves. They don't care if you end up dead in a head on collision as long as they are not inconvenienced. In conclusion, we as a society must stand up and do what is right for all, for the benefit of the safety and future of this community, not roll over and allow inconvenience of the few most selfish in our society to decide on an issue as important as the safety of this community. As elected representatives of the people of this community, I implore you to act upon the obvious need for this improvement and work and allow Mr. Arsenault to take the lead in this effort to do the right thing. Thank you

Catherine Hillary addressed the Council concerning the vacancy on the Town Council. Ms. Lee informed her that this item would be discussed later during the meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR and COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **A. Administrator Report**

The Town Administrator's report was received and placed on file.

### **B. Town Solicitor**

Mr. Ruggiero provided an update on the Invenegy matter, stating that the applicant had withdrawn their proposal with the Energy Facility Citing Board to use water from the NIT property; this negates the Town's involvement in the case.

### **C. Commission Reports**

Grace Klinger, Chair of the Conservation Commission, read the following statement:

The Sprague Preserve Parking Lot is underway and near completion – we're a little bit excited about that. We look forward to trail work beginning in the Spring. I would like to compliment DPW, once again, for creating something that I didn't think would come out quite as beautiful as it is, so to Alan and his crew – thank you.

Always, we are seeking volunteers to come out and work with us on trail work days; we consider you Friends of Conservation and anybody that wants to can sign up with me. There is absolutely no commitment, you can come out, work an hour or two; we try to keep it low as everybody gets tired. It's great work and those trails are absolutely beautiful, so if you want to put in some energy, we're glad to have you.

Thank you All.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Joining a New Consortium, to Help Provide Decent Housing, Expand Economic Opportunities, and Create Suitable Living Environments by Developing Viable Communities with Federal Funds Administered through the State of Rhode Island, Which Will be Housed at the Washington County Community Development Corporation**

Mr. Marchant addressed the Council, stating that when it became clear that he would retire, he wanted to give the Town some choice in how to continue in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) matters, as it can be very complicated. The Town has multiple options: to not participate, to manage participation through staff efforts or to hire a consultant to manage participation. He explained that he requested that the Washington County Community Development Corporation (WCCDC) assume those duties; they agreed, and a Request for Proposals to procure the service was advertised widely throughout South County. WCCDC was the only respondent. Mr. Marchant introduced Alice Buckley, the new Executive Director of WCCDC.

Ms. Lee inquired about fees to participate in the WCCDC on this level; Mr. Marchant explained that Administrative fees were collected through the CDBG application and award.

Mr. Stankiewicz expressed his recommendation to join the Consortium as the CDBG process can be complicated and would require heavy staff resources with complicated implementation protocol.

**Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to join the new consortium.**

**B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Authorization of the Tax Assessor to Draft Local Ordinance and State Law Amendments to Increase the Veteran (Qualified Service Dates and Non-Qualified Service Dates) Tax Credit Exemption from \$150 to \$250; to Change the Gold Star Parent from an Assessment Exemption to a Tax Credit Exemption of \$200 and to Include a Procedure for Annual Primary Residence Verification, to be Reviewed by the Town Solicitor**

**Motion made by Ms. Rhodes and seconded by Ms. Lee to authorize the Tax Assessor to Draft Local Ordinance and State Law Amendments to Increase the Veteran (Qualified Service Dates and Non-Qualified Service Dates) Tax Credit Exemption from \$150 to \$250; to Change the Gold Star Parent from an Assessment Exemption to a Tax Credit Exemption of \$200 and to Include a Procedure for Annual Primary Residence Verification, to be Reviewed by the Town Solicitor.**

Ms. Van Slyke inquired whether the Council needed to approve a Resolution this evening. Mr. Ruggiero stated that the motion on the floor would authorize filing the legislation amendment, and once approved by the General Assembly the Council could consider the Ordinance amendments.

Ms. Rhodes read the following statement:

The Veteran's Tax Exemption law was enacted by the General Assembly to acknowledge our appreciation to our Veteran's for service made to our country for years or more, while others went on with normal lives. Whether they are stateside or overseas, in times of peace and in times of war, they are there, training, away from loved ones, putting their lives on the line for the freedoms we hold so dear to us in the United States of America. The increase we are requesting is from \$150 to \$250, which was set in 2002. I feel this is well deserved and adds \$.02, I believe, to the tax rate, per thousand.

Ms. Van Slyke noted that for over 25 years, the Town has been appreciating their Veterans in this way, stating that it's the only way available to the Town to give this Thank You and that the Veteran's deserve a "Thank You". She noted that over time the value has eroded and expressed her opinion that it was time to raise it and that the amount of the increase was not large. She stated that this increase was requested by a Veteran and explained that as spouses of Veterans she and Ms. Lee had received advisory opinions from the Ethics Commission in order to act upon this request.

Ms. Rhodes noted that former Councilor Williams originally brought this issue forward.

Ms. Carroccia stated that she completely agreed with the concept of thanking our Veterans, because we wouldn't have the lives we have without the sacrifices they have made. She noted that the proposed increase was 67% over the current level of exemption, which does outpace the change in Cost of Living since it was enacted (\$62). She further noted that a \$250 exemption would demonstrate an extreme level of commitment to our Veterans, as it is 49% higher than the State median of \$168. She stated that her concerns centered on the fact that someone has to pay the Town's expenses, explaining that raising the property tax assessment was a regressive tax, not based on people's ability to pay. She further explained that this meant other populations that are of concern to the Town – Seniors, Low-Income Seniors, and Low to Moderate Income families – have to pay those expenses.

Ms. Lee agreed, stating that one thing was clear to her in running for Town Council – the Town was concerned about keeping taxes low. She also agreed that it was important to honor the Town's Veterans and stated that this was an appropriate way to do so.

**The question was called; the motion passed unanimously.**

## **FISCAL MATTERS**

**A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Presentation of the 2017 Fiscal Year Audit by Cayer Caccia LLP**

Donna Caccia, of Cayer Caccia, addressed the Council with the presentation of the 2017 Fiscal Year Audit. She reviewed the "Communication with Those Charged with Governance", stating that Charlestown changed accounting policies by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 77 – Tax Abatement Disclosures, GASB Statement No. 78 – Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple – Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans, and GASB Statement No. 82 – Pension Issues - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73. She noted key accounting estimates, finding them to be sound and financial statement footnotes of particular sensitivity. She stated that the firm had no difficulties or disagreements with management in completing the audit and stated that, to their knowledge, no management consultations were performed with other independent Accountants. She noted known and likely misstatements that were identified during the audit. She stated that the firm reported on the Tax Collector's Annual Report and the Annual Supplemental Transparency Report which accompany the financial statements. She noted that the firm's audit opinion was unmodified or unqualified, meaning that the financial statements were fairly presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

**Motion made by Ms. Carroccia, seconded by Ms. Rhodes and approved unanimously to accept the 2017 Fiscal Year Audit by Cayer Caccia LLP.**

**B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Consideration of a Resolution Relative to Amending the Charlestown Tercentenary Foundation Trust by Removing the Washington Trust Company as the Trustee of the Trust, Appointing the Charlestown Town Treasurer as the Trustee of the Trust, and Authorizing the Town Council President, Town Administrator and Town Treasurer to Take Any and All Action Necessary to Effect This Decision of the Town Council**

**Motion made by Ms. Carroccia, seconded by Ms. Rhodes and approved unanimously to approve the following resolution:**

**RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE  
CHARLESTOWN TERCENTENARY FOUNDATION TRUST**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown established a trust named the Charlestown Tercentenary Foundation (the "Trust") on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1978; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Trust Company was nominated and accepted the position as Trustee of the Trust; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Trust Company is no longer willing to serve as the Trustee of the Trust and has asked to be removed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council may amend the Trust from time-to-time as the situation merits; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds amending the Trust to remove the Washington Trust Company as Trustee is a reasonable request.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby resolves and determines that the Washington Trust Company shall be removed as the Trustee of the Trust and that the Charlestown Town Treasurer is hereby appointed as Trustee of the Trust.

The Town Council President, the Town Administrator and the Town Treasurer are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effect this decision of the Town Council

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Public Hearing and Potential Action Regarding Ordinance # 378 – Chapter 96 – Coastal Ponds and Moorings, Continued from January 8, 2018**

Mr. Ruggiero stated that when this Public Hearing was opened last month, the Council asked the Harbor Master and Councilor Van Slyke to recommend amendments for editorial and word usage. He stated that in the version of the ordinance before the Council this evening, corrections were noted with double underline and deletions were noted with double strikeout.

Justin Vail, Harbor Master, stated that edits were made for clarity and housekeeping.

Ms. Van Slyke thanked Mr. Vail for his efforts in drafting this ordinance.

**Motion made by Ms. Van Slyke, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to approve Ordinance # 378 – Chapter 96 – Coastal Ponds and Moorings as amended.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion and Potential Action Authorized Pursuant to the Relevant Provisions of the Charlestown Town Charter, at Article VI, Section C-24 Regarding the Vacancy on the Town Council Created by the Resignation of Steven J. Williams. This Discussion and Potential Action Could Potentially Include the Discussion of a Process to Fill the Vacancy, the Nomination and Appointment of a Replacement for the Vacancy, And, But Not Limited To, the Option to Leave the Position Vacant Until the November 2018 Election**

Ms. Lee read the following excerpt from the Town Charter:

### **§ C-24 Vacancies.**

Any vacancies in the membership of the Council may, at the discretion of the Council, be filled for the unexpired term, except that if the vacancy in the Council shall occur more than one (1) year prior to the time for holding an election, the Council shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, call a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

Grace Farrell, of Charlestown, nominated Robert Malin to fill the Council vacancy. She stated that he was the next highest vote getter in the November 2016 election. She explained that Mr. Malin had worked to promote Solarize RI and alerted the public to the FRA issue, lobbying Sen. Reed against the proposal. She stated that he organized opposition to Invenergy's water deal. She noted that he did all this after losing the election.

Lori Wigsten of 10 Indian Trail, stated that she was a neighbor of Mr. Malin, knowing him for over 20 years. She stated that he was well informed about local and national issues and noted that even though he may have an opposing view, he is open to listen to what others have to say. She requested that the Council consider appointing Mr. Malin to the Council.

Catherine Hillary addressed the Council on behalf of South Kingstown Town Council President Abel Collins and read the following letter:

As Chair of the Washington County Regional Planning Council (WCRPC), I became aware a couple weeks ago that Councilman Williams had resigned from his seat on your Council. I look forward to working with whomever you select to replace him, whether it be someone who is currently on the Council or whether it turns out to be the person that you choose to fill his vacant slot. I would respectfully ask you to consider this question at your next regular meeting. In regard to filling your vacancy, I will offer my opinion and you can do with it as you will. Here in South Kingstown, the public voted overwhelmingly in the last election to amend our charter so that the next highest vote getter is appointed to fill any vacancy on our Town Council. With this change we adopted a policy similar to many of our neighbors, though I understand that your charter leaves the decision in your hands. I think it is safe to assume that given the chance your constituents would likewise choose to have the vacancy be filled by the next highest vote getter. Thus, out of respect of the voters of Charlestown and the ballots they cast in 2016, I recommend appointing Robert Malin.

John Hamilton, Chair of the Charlestown Democratic Town Committee, read the following statement:

At our regular January meeting, 2018, the Charlestown Democratic Town committee voted to communicate their support for two Council actions regarding the resignation of Councilor Steven Williams:

1. That the Town Council vote to place a question on the November 2018 ballot asking voters to approve a Charter change on how Town Council resignations are filled. Specifically, Council vacancies should be filled by offering the seat to the next highest vote getter. In the last election, South Kingstown voters overwhelmingly approved such a change for their Town in the last election and many other Towns already have such a procedure. In the CDTC's view, this approach takes into consideration actual voter wishes, results and candidate review and evaluation in an election and is far superior to a discretionary appointment approach. It is a "good government" approach.
2. Secondly, the CDTC urges the Council to use this "next highest vote getter" approach to appoint Mr. Robert Malin, the next highest vote getter in the last election, to the vacancy left by the resignation of Councilor Steven Williams. Mr. Malin received 1,986 votes and has already been reviewed by the voters. In addition, as a citizen, he has worked tirelessly on many issues affecting our Town, he is a leading environmentalist, and he is qualified and ready to serve enthusiastically.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Frank Glista read the following statement:

Last month I told you that during the 2006-2008 Council there was a resignation; that's the only other resignation that I recall. Dan Slattery, a CCA member, suggested at that time that the next highest vote getter in the election should be appointed. There were others that agreed with that, but the Council was very divided, as the next person may have swung it one way or the other and they were nervous about that. You don't have that situation here. Being the next highest vote getter in the last election at 1,986 votes, in comparison to our former Town Council President, Tom Gentz in 2010 only received 1,649 votes. In 2012, Tom Gentz received 1,959 and in 2014, 1,908 votes. So, if Robert Malin had run in each of those elections, he would have been the Town Council President, because he had a high vote. So, I don't think you can disregard those numbers. If you refuse to appoint Robert Malin to the Town Council, I think you're telling 2000 Charlestown voters that their vote doesn't count. These voters do not deserve to be disenfranchised, so please do the right thing and appoint Robert Malin to the Town Council. Thank you.

Deborah Carney stated that she thought Robert Malin would be the proper choice to fill the vacancy, receiving almost 2,000 votes in the last election, campaigning and working as a member of the public on the Invenergy, Solarize and FRA issues. She stated that he would be an appropriate addition to the Council.

John Hacunda of 135 Auburn Drive, expressed his support for Robert Malin to fill the vacant Council seat, stating that Mr. Malin ran a great grassroots campaign showing great environmental sensitivity.

Janice Berry Creamer read the following statement:

I want to speak on Robert Malin's behalf. I feel very strongly that he should become a Council member as he has the determination, courage of his conviction, dedication and passion that would make him an asset that no organization would want to pass up. I've known Robert and his equally altruistic wife, Marie, for a number of years via my church, Unitarian Universalist Congregational Church of South County, the Green Task Force at our church, Fossil Free RI and through the Sierra Club RI, all of which embody the ideals of environmental and social justice that the Town Council would welcome. Also, two years ago, as an example of his stellar personality, I was totally devastated by the unexpected loss of my husband to a coma and then death. Robert and his wife, Marie, were quick to step in and give great amounts of time and energy and be right by my side for help at the hospital and after his demise in spite of his continued dedication to his own family, as well as social and environmental issues. He is extremely knowledgeable and savvy about social media and has been very involved with educating the public about important social issues, such as the opposition to the proposed fracked gas plant in Burrillville, RI. Along with the members of Fossil Free RI, he has been very involved with opposition to all gas infrastructure from the beginning in Burrillville, RI and elsewhere. He's been very involved with the rail system issue in Charlestown and has cared very much about his home town of many years – Charlestown – and he would be an important addition to the Council in terms of preserving this beautiful area and its character. He received the next highest amount of votes in the last election and in the fairness of that fact alone, he should be instituted, I feel, as the newest member of the Town Council.

Gary Patterson, a native of Burrillville and resident of South Kingstown, congratulated the Council for the conclusion of the Invenergy matter for Charlestown, noting that Mr. Malin was deeply involved in the opposition to this proposal long before it was an issue for Charlestown. He stated that Mr. Malin spoke to several Town Councils in South County, encouraging them to pass the resolution that Burrillville Town Council proposed in opposition to the Invenergy Power Plant. He expressed that Mr. Malin would be a good choice to be on the Town Council.

Leo Mainelli of Sunset Drive, addressed the Council, requesting that serious consideration be given to George Tremblay as a candidate for Town Council. He stated that that Mr. Tremblay was intelligent, very deliberative, fact oriented, with a great demeanor, and noted that the way he conducts himself and deals with people was exemplary.

Ms. Lee inquired whether the Councilor desired to fill the position. The Council consented that the position should be filled.

**Motion made by Ms. Van Slyke and seconded by Ms. Carroccia to nominate George Tremblay to fill the Town Council seat vacated by Steven Williams.**

Ms. Van Slyke read the following statement:

George was a professor at the University of Rhode Island. He holds a PhD in Biochemistry and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Harvard Medical School. He has published articles in journals of aquaculture, bacteriology, biochemistry, cancer research, medicine, nutrition, pediatrics, pharmacology, plant sciences, and zoology. He was the originator and project manager of research supported by the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the US Department of Agriculture. And, my favorite, he was the owner/operator of a portable sawmill business (called South County Sawyer).

He has worked tirelessly for the citizens of Charlestown. The list of his contributions is long, but one exemplifies George's approach. In the spring floods in 2010, George helped his neighbors to organize the pumping of water across his land into an area where it would drain more quickly. He then worked on developing a long-term flood management and mitigation plan and in the process involved the Governor, the RI Department of Transportation, FEMA and local officials in his efforts.

Virginia, Denise and I served with George from 2014 through 2016, and I saw him approach issues the same way – by learning, talking to people and developing a plan of action. We worked well together, even when we disagreed, which did happen.

George is dedicated to the Town, an independent thinker, intellectually honest and wise, thoughtful and respectful of all, and tenacious. Since 2010, in every election he entered (there were three), George was the voters' choice. In the race for Planning Commission in 2010, he was the highest vote getter. In the race for Town Council in 2014, he garnered the second highest total and was Vice President of the Council. George has six years of experience on the Planning Commission and the Town Council.

I have talked with George and he is willing to serve. He is an excellent candidate. If appointed, he will be able to step into this position without missing a beat.

I quickly looked at what some of the towns do when there are vacancies. In my random sample (16 towns), I found it was pretty evenly divided as to what towns do.

- Seven towns called for the next highest vote getter to be appointed, regardless of the length of the remaining term.
- Nine towns opted for a combination of election/Town Council appointment, and all these called for an election if the remaining term were longer than one year.
  - a. Six of these operated under a process exactly the same as Charlestown's;
  - b. Three would hold an election in the remaining term were greater than 6 months and appoint if the terms were less than 6 months.
- In one Town, the Town Council was called on to appoint to fill a vacancy on the Town Council, unless there was no quorum, in which case an election would be held.

When there are a number of voters, the votes are all split. Someone who gets a certain number of votes in one election cannot be compared to another election, as there may be more candidates.

Ms. Carroccia stated that she has observed Mr. Tremblay's service on the Town Council, noting his success in previous elections and diligence in dealing with the matters of the Town.

Ms. Rhodes agreed with the nomination of Mr. Tremblay to the vacant Town Council seat, stating his previous decisions were based on his personal beliefs.

Ms. Lee stated that, to his credit, Mr. Malin has been non-adversarial in working with the current and prior Councils. She expressed, however, that she felt Mr. Tremblay was more qualified, speaking specifically to the drafting of the Comprehensive Plan amendments. She noted that Mr. Tremblay and Mr. Malin received similar percentage of votes.

Ms. Van Slyke read the following statement:

All of us sitting here were endorsed by Charlestown Citizens Alliance (CCA). Going door-to-door, we explained our platform and learned what voters of the town want in their government. The result was that they elected CCA-endorsed candidates (but actually they elected independent individuals). Appointing a candidate who has worked and will work with us to achieve what we were elected to achieve is actually a good thing.

**The question was called; the motion passed unanimously.** Ms. Lee stated that a motion was adopted to appoint George Tremblay to fill the unexpired term of former Town Council member Steven Williams, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Town Charter, Article VI, Section C-24, Vacancies, to start immediately upon being sworn in.

**B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Consideration of a Legal Services Agreement Concerning the Pursuit of All Civil Remedies Against Those in the Chain of Distribution of Prescription Opiates in the Town of Charlestown, Rhode Island, Including, But Not Limited To, Filing a Claim for Public Nuisance to Abate the Damages Caused Thereby, and Authorization of the Town Administrator to Take Any and All Action Necessary to Effect This Decision of the Town Council**

Mr. Ruggiero stated that this effort was initiated by the Lt. Governor Dan McKee's office to organize municipalities to participate in litigation that will be initiated against several drug manufacturers and distributors of opioid products that allegedly knew of the dangerous side effects and addictive characteristics of the products and failed to properly disclose them. He stated that Charlestown was not paramount in the effects of those activities through public safety services, but a lot of municipalities in Rhode Island are responding to hundreds of incidents per day involving side effects of and treatment for opioids, including death from overdose. He explained the concept of national personal injury plaintiff oriented litigation firms reaching out to municipalities across the nation; approximately two-thirds of the municipalities in Rhode Island have already agreed to join this litigation with a contingent fee agreement.

**Motion made by Ms. Carroccia and seconded by Ms. Van Slyke to approve the Legal Services Agreement Concerning the Pursuit of All Civil Remedies Against Those in the Chain of Distribution of Prescription Opiates in the Town of Charlestown, Rhode Island, Including, But Not Limited To, Filing a Claim for Public Nuisance to Abate the Damages Caused Thereby, and Authorize the Town Administrator to Take Any and All Action Necessary to Effect This Decision of the Town Council.**

Ms. Rhodes stated that she felt this was necessary to make the drug companies accountable.

Ms. Lee stated that in speaking with the Chief of Police, this "epidemic" can be seen in parts of Rhode Island, although only a handful of incidents have been seen here in Charlestown.

**The question was called; the motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding a Request from the Coastal Pond Management Commission to Consider the Coastal Resources Management Council Application of Mark Keeley (2017-11-061) to Create and Maintain a Small Sub-Tidal Oyster Farm Using a Rack and Bag System in Quonochontaug Pond**

Bill Wilson, a member of the Coastal Ponds Management Commission addressed the Council and read from a memo dated February 5, 2018

The Charlestown Coastal Pond Management Commission reviewed CRMC Application 2017-11-061 at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. The application is for an Aquaculture lease located inshore around three existing docks in the Northeast corner of Quonochontaug Pond. The lease proposed would consist of a rack and bag system for growing out seed oysters. There would be approximately 60 racks in about a one-third acre of sub-tidal waters.

The Commission made a recommendation to oppose the application on the following concerns:



1. The depth of water where the racks will be located appear to be too shallow on the inshore side to be completely underwater at low tide. Applicant should be asked to demonstrate that the racks will be truly out of sight as indicated in application.
2. Portion of the lease will be located in an existing Mooring Field. Coastal Pond Commission has not received any request to amend present mooring field.
3. Applicant is claiming that the zoning of the adjacent property allows farming by ordinance. Commission request the Town clarify by Solicitor if Aquaculture is considered farming by ordinance.
4. Placement of lease around permitted docks. Even though effected dock owners filed a letter of non-objection, this should not relieve the setback for safety reasons and future property owners.

Therefore, the Charlestown Coastal Pond Management Commission hereby request the Town Council endorse the recommendation to object to the Aquaculture Lease Application 2017-11-061 as submitted to RI CRMC dated December 11, 2017.

Ms. Lee asked what the farm would look like and during what time of the year it would be active. Ms. Wilson stated that the applicant already has a lease over by Picnic Rock in Quonochontaug where he plans on bottom planting; he further explained that the applicant also has an existing upweller to begin the cultivation of oysters. He stated that the rack and bag system would run from the spring through the fall. Ms. Lee noted that this area of Quonnie Pond has a large volume of traditional recreational use.

The applicant, Mark Keeley, addressed the Council, noting that he had already compromised several times on the application and that he would continue to do so in order to maintain compliance. He stated that the upweller was located on his dock and that he was looking for a few racks off of his property. Mr. Ruggiero noted that although the applicant had just referenced compromising in the future, the Council would be voting on the application as it had been submitted. Mr. Keeley stated that he has been working with Dave Beutel at DEM with the OGRE program to cultivate oysters around his dock in the area for ten years. He spoke to the recreational use of the Pond, noting that the area which the application refers to is very shallow and highlighted his efforts to comply with safety and mooring regulations. He stated his willingness to further modify the application if necessary but not to abandon the use of the site.

Ms. Lee noted that this was a commercial proposal and inquired about the sale of the oysters. Mr. Keeley stated that he planned to sell the oysters to the co-op as a means to cover costs.

Ms. Van Slyke inquired about how the rack and bag system was tied together, how far under the surface the 3/8" line was and how the field was marked. Mr. Keeley explained that from May through October, CRMC requires that each corner of the area is marked with a buoy and noted that the area was too shallow for motor boats. He stated that the system does not float, stating that the rack was three inches high and that the mesh bag sat three inches higher on top of the rack. He explained that he was willing to bury the cages, in an effort to accommodate his northern neighbors, who did not want to see the system, but would not bury the cages if kayakers would be impeded by not seeing the cages. He stated that the application was for an area that was less than a third of an acre. He spoke to the size of the operation, noting that he would not have staff, trucks or equipment drying in the sun. He stated that according to a regulator who prefers to remain unnamed, his land was zoned for "agriculture", noting that he was in the midst of researching whether "agriculture" and "aquaculture" were the same thing; to avoid any zoning issues, he agreed to use the sandbar at the end of the West Beach Road Breachway to transport the oysters.

In reference to Mr. Keeley's stated desire to cover his costs, Ms. Lee inquired what the cost of the operation would be. Mr. Keeley explained that there was \$15,000 in costs that he would like to recover, a total of \$25,000 - \$30,000 including the upweller.

Mr. Vail, Harbor Master, spoke to the mooring fields, stating that the State had set a precedent by allowing a growing operation within a mooring field. He stated that the mooring fields were originally designated by following the shoreline, not taking into consideration the depth of the water, rocks or access. He noted that one of the projects within the Harbor Management Plan was to modify the fields to be more consistent with what is usable. He stated that the regulations required that no structures come within fifty feet of the mooring field and explained that he requested that the applicant provide an additional twenty-five feet due to the use of that particular mooring for the Town's Harbor Master boat. Mr. Vail further explained the revision of the mooring fields through the newly revised Harbor Management Plan.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Keeley spoke to the use of residential docks and property for commercial purposes, as it relates to the application. Ms. Van Slyke inquired whether Mr. Keeley would be willing to modify his application to remove the statement concerning permitted use in an R3A zone. Mr. Keeley noted that CRMC did not want multiple modifications, noting that the application stated that he would use his land as allowed or use the sandbar, but was not opposed to further revisions.

Mr. Wilson spoke, as a private citizen, to the over use of Quonochontaug Pond.

Mr. Ruggiero recommended that the Council comment on the application as presented, as the applicant may make modifications at the hearing.

Mr. Mainelli spoke to the impact of the use and visualization of Quonochontaug Pond on the character of the Town.

Ms. Lee stated that the Town was poised to spend a large sum of money on the dredging of the Breachway, which may alter the sandbar at the Breachway. She noted that the effort to match the State's initiative to dredge for habitat restoration and the increased recreational boating use of the Pond counteracted the increased requirements for commercial aquaculture and further counteracted the scenic value of the Pond for second home owners in the area, which largely contributes to maintaining a low tax base. She recommended that the Council support the Coastal Ponds Management Commission's request to object to the CRMC application.

Ms. Van Slyke agreed that the Council should object on the following basis: that the surrounding, existing dock owners may not currently object, but over the 15 year lease, future owners may object, resulting in an incompatibility with existing use; that the water-depth is an issue; that the operation would exclude some use of the area; that nearly all of the aquaculture operations in Quonochontaug were in this particular area of the Pond; that the use is permitted in an R3A residential zone; that servicing the operation is not possible by use of the applicant's dock; and that the scenic value of the area is important.

Ms. Carroccia stressed that the safety and setback issues could not be waived.

**Motion made by Ms. Van Slyke, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator to compose, in consultation with the Town Staff and Town Solicitor, a letter of objection to the Coastal Resources Management Council concerning the Application of Mark Keeley (2017-11-061) to Create and Maintain a Small Sub-Tidal Oyster Farm Using a Rack and Bag System in Quonochontaug Pond.**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Appointments to the Agricultural Preservation Commission; There Are Four Positions; Terms to Expire in January of 2021. Applications Received from John Patrick Barrett, Susan W. Barrett, Michael Merner and Noel Rowe**

**Motion made by Ms. Carroccia, seconded by Ms. Van Slyke and approved unanimously to appoint John Patrick Barrett, Susan W. Barrett, Michael Merner and Noel Rowe to the Agricultural Preservation Commission with Terms to Expire in January of 2021.**

**B. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding an Appointment to the Budget Commission; There is One Position; Term to Expire in June of 2018. Application Received from Gregory J. Plunkett with a Letter of Recommendation from the Commission Chair**

**Motion made by Ms. Carroccia, seconded by Ms. Van Slyke and approved unanimously to appoint Gregory J. Plunkett to the Budget Commission with a Term to Expire in June of 2018.**

**C. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Appointments to the Conservation Commission; There Are Two Positions; Terms to Expire in January of 2021. Applications Received from Charles F. Connery and Richard N. Thieke**

**Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to appoint Charles F. Connery and Richard N. Thieke to the Conservation Commission, with Terms to Expire in January of 2021.**

**D. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Appointments to the Economic Improvement Commission; There Are Two Positions; 1 Term to Expire in September of 2019; 1 Term to Expire in January of 2021. Application Received from Donna Walsh**

**Motion made by Ms. Carroccia, seconded by Ms. Van Slyke and approved unanimously to appoint Donna Walsh to the Economic Improvement Commission, with a Term to Expire in January of 2021.**

**E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission; There Are Four Positions; 2 Terms to Expire in January of 2019 and 2 Terms to Expire in January of 2021. Applications Received from Ryan Campbell, Cody W. Clarkin, Kerry Gallup, Frank Glista, James M. Grasso, Sherente Harris and Mark O'Brien**

**Motion made by Ms. Van Slyke, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to appoint Ryan Campbell and Cody W. Clarkin to the Parks and Recreation Commission, with Terms to Expire in January of 2021.**

Motion made by Ms. Van Slyke, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to appoint Kerry Gallup and Sherente Harris (subject to parental consent) to the Parks and Recreation Commission, with Terms to Expire in January of 2019.

**F. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding an Appointment to the Planning Commission; There is 1 Position (Alternate #3); Term to Expire in November of 2018. Application Received from Kathryn M. O'Connor**

Motion made by Ms. Van Slyke, seconded by Ms. Rhodes and approved unanimously to appoint Kathryn M. O'Connor to the Planning Commission as Alternate #2 with a Term to Expire in November of 2018.

**G. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding an Appointment to the Tax Assessment Review Commission; There Are Three Positions (1 Full Member, Up to 2 Alternates); Terms to Expire in January of 2021. Application Received from J. Michael Downey**

Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Van Slyke and approved unanimously to appoint J. Michael Downey to the Tax Assessment Review Commission, with a Terms to Expire in January of 2021.

**H. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding an Appointment to the Wastewater Management Commission; There Are Two Positions; 1 Term to Expire in January of 2021 and 1 Term to Expire in January 2023. Application Received from Thomas M. Ferrio**

Motion made by Ms. Carroccia, seconded by Ms. Van Slyke and approved unanimously to appoint Thomas M. Ferrio to the Wastewater Management Commission, with a Term to Expire in January 2023.

**I. Appointment of Constables as Recommended by the Chief of Police, Terms to Expire January 2019:**  
Charlestown Police Dispatchers - Todd Allen; Kim Anderson; Tammy Belden; Kevin Worsham; Doran Bercovici (Per-Diem); Bruce Law (Part-Time); and Corey McKenna (Per-Diem)  
Records Division - Laura Knudsen;  
Harbormaster - Justin Vail;  
Assistant Harbormaster - Nathan McGillivray and Rick Soderberg  
Building Official - Joseph Warner;  
Animal Control Officer - Kathy McA'Nulty;  
CEMA Director - Kevin Gallup

Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to appoint the following Constables as Recommended by the Chief of Police, with Terms to Expire January 2019:  
Charlestown Police Dispatchers - Todd Allen; Kim Anderson; Tammy Belden; Kevin Worsham; Doran Bercovici (Per-Diem); Bruce Law (Part-Time); and Corey McKenna (Per-Diem)  
Records Division - Laura Knudsen;  
Harbormaster - Justin Vail;  
Assistant Harbormaster - Nathan McGillivray and Rick Soderberg  
Building Official - Joseph Warner;  
Animal Control Officer - Kathy McA'Nulty;  
CEMA Director - Kevin Gallup

**J. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Appointment of Traffic Constables as Recommended by the Chief of Police, Terms to Expire January 2019: Todd Allen, Gary Bellows, William Bennett, Doran Bercovici, Charles Boranian, Lawson Durfee, Dennis Evans, Eric Linacre, Matthew Manni, John Nelson, Wayne Ordway, Thomas Penhallow, Paul Pepler, Keith Place, Jamie Quattromani, Shawn Richards, Patrick Strickland, Thomas Toscano and Peter Yee**

Motion made by Ms. Van Slyke, seconded by Ms. Rhodes and approved unanimously to appoint the following Traffic Constables as Recommended by the Chief of Police, with Terms to Expire January 2019: Todd Allen, Gary Bellows, William Bennett, Doran Bercovici, Charles Boranian, Lawson Durfee, Dennis Evans, Eric Linacre, Matthew Manni, John Nelson, Wayne Ordway, Thomas Penhallow, Paul Pepler, Keith Place, Jamie Quattromani, Shawn Richards, Patrick Strickland, Thomas Toscano and Peter Yee.

**K. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Appointment of Special Police Officers as Recommended by the Chief of Police and RI Municipal Police Training Academy Certified, Terms to Expire in January of 2019: Kathleen A. Currier, Joseph J. Habershaw, Christopher Lyman, and Lauren Matarese**

Motion made by Ms. Van Slyke, seconded by Ms. Rhodes and approved unanimously to appoint the following Special Police Officers as Recommended by the Chief of Police and RI Municipal Police Training Academy Certified, with Terms to Expire in January of 2019: Kathleen A. Currier, Joseph J. Habershaw, Christopher Lyman, and Lauren Matarese.

**L. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Appointment of Justin Vail as Harbormaster, Term to Expire in January of 2019**

**Motion made by Ms. Carroccia, seconded by Ms. Rhodes and approved unanimously to appoint Justin Vail as Harbormaster, with a Term to Expire in January of 2019.**

**M. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding the Appointment of Assistant Harbormasters, as Recommended by the Harbormaster: Nathan McGillivray and Rick Soderberg, Terms to Expire in January of 2019**

**Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to appoint the following Assistant Harbormasters, as Recommended by the Harbormaster: Nathan McGillivray and Rick Soderberg, with Terms to Expire in January of 2019.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Board, Commission and Committee Vacancies and Term Expirations**

Ms. Lee read the following Board, Commission and Committee Vacancies and Term Expirations, as of February 12, 2018:

- Affordable Housing Commission – 3 Vacancies; 1 Term Expiration (September 2017)
- Agricultural Preservation – 1 Vacancy (Alternate)
- Building Commission – 4 Vacancies; 1 Term Expiration (November 2017)
- Chariho Finance Committee – 1 Vacancy
- Economic Improvement Commission – 1 Vacancy
- Friends of Ninigret Park Subcommittee – 1 Term Expiration (member at large – March 2017); 1 Term Expiration (Parks and Rec member – February 2018); 1 Vacancy (EIC member)
- Juvenile Hearing Board – 1 Term Expiration (February 2018)
- Mosquito Abatement – 4 Vacancies
- Ninigret Park Dog Park Facility Subcommittee – 1 Vacancy
- Tax Assessment Board of Review – 1 Vacancy (full member, up to 2 Alternates)
- Town Sergeant – 1 Vacancy
- Tree Committee – 5 Vacancies
- Tree Warden – 1 Vacancy
- Wastewater Management Commission – 1 Vacancy

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion made by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Carroccia and approved unanimously to accept, approve and place on file the following as the consent agenda: "CA" A - "CA" I**

**ROLL CALL: Ms. Carroccia-Yes; Ms. Lee-Yes; Ms. Rhodes-Yes; Ms. Van Slyke-Yes**

**"CA" A. Town Council Minutes:**

- 1. January 3, 2018 (Emergency)**
- 2. January 3, 2018 (Agenda)**
- 3. January 8, 2018 (Executive)**
- 4. January 8, 2018 (Regular)**

**"CA" B. Reports:**

- 1. Building Official - January 2018**
- 2. Police Chief - January 2018**
- 3. Public Works Director – December 2017; January 2018**
- 4. Town Clerk - January 2018**
- 5. Treasurer - December 2017**

**"CA" C. Approval of the Following Event to Occur Within the Town of Charlestown Per RIGL §31-12-12(A):**

- 1. Event: MS Ride the Rhode Bicycle Ride**  
**Event Dates: June 9-10, 2018**  
**Day 2: from Worden's Pond Road in South Kingstown, on to Worden's Pond Road in Charlestown, Right Onto Shannock Road in Charlestown, Right Onto West Shannock Road in Richmond. and from US Route 1 North in Westerly, Onto Route 1 North in Charlestown, Right Onto Route 1A, Right Onto Route 1, Right Onto Route 1A, Right Onto Matunuck Schoolhouse Road into South Kingstown**

**"CA" D. Approval of the Following Events at Ninigret Park and Waiver of §108-4 and §108-5 of the Charlestown Code of Ordinances, as Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director, Subject to Review of Contracts by the Town Solicitor, Receipt of All Applicable Paperwork and Insurance and that All Event Details Are Satisfactorily Met by the Parks and Recreation Director:**

- 1. Event: 16th Annual Chris Hinds "Sunshine" Criterium**  
**Event Dates: March 31, 2018**  
**Camping: NA**

- Insurance: \$1 Million General Liability  
ee: \$200 Paid Prior to the Event \$2 Per Rider After the Event**
- 2. Event: Chariho Youth Soccer - Goal 4 Rams 6 on 6 Soccer Tournament**  
**Event Dates: July 28, 2018**  
**Camping: NA**  
**Insurance: \$2 Million General Liability**  
**Fee: \$900**

**"CA" E. Acceptance of the Resignation of David E. Currier from the Parks and Recreation Commission, with Regret**

**"CA" F. Approval of the 2018 Beach Pass Fees, as Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director, as Follows (Same as 2017 Fees):**

**2018 BEACH PASSES**

**Resident Beach Sticker \$50**

**Non-Resident Beach Sticker \$100**

**Resident Senior Citizen Beach Sticker \$25**

**Non-Resident Senior Citizen Beach Sticker \$50**

**Cottage Pass \$400**

**2018 DAILY ENTRANCE FEES**

**Weekdays \$20.00**

**Weekends/Holidays \$20.00**

**"CA" G. Approval of the Purchase of Picnic Tables for Use at Ninigret Park from M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed \$18,686.25, as Budgeted in Line Item 01.990.9974, and Authorization of the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer, Each, to Take Any and All Such Actions, and Execute and Deliver Such Certificates, Receipts or Other Documents as May be Necessary to Carry into Effect the Foregoing**

**"CA" H. Request from the Tax Assessor for Abatements in the Amount of \$ 120.11**

**"CA" I. Approval of Participation in the State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Online Fishing and Hunting Licensing System and Authorization of the Town Administrator, the Town Treasurer and the Town Clerk Each, to Take Any and All Such Actions, and Execute and Deliver Such Certificates, Receipts or Other Documents as May be Necessary to Carry into Effect the Foregoing**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Ms. Carroccia, seconded by Ms. Van Slyke and approved unanimously to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC  
Town Clerk