

Present: June Sager Speakman, Kate G. Weymouth, Ann P. Strong, Michael W. Carroll and Steve Primiano

Also Present: Town Manager Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr., Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo, Finance Director Kathy Raposa, Tax Assessor Michael Minardi, Police Chief John M. LaCross, Fire Chief Gerald Bessette, Public Works Director Alan Corvi, Building Official Robert B. Speaker, Town Planner Philip Hervey, Library Director Deborah Barchi, Recreation and Leisure Services Director Michele Geremia, Human Resources Director MariAnn Oliveira, BAY Team Director Kathleen Sullivan (departed 8:30 P.M.) and Town Clerk Meredith J. DeSisto

Council President Speakman called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Mrs. Speakman asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTERVIEWS

The following applicants were interviewed for vacancies and renewals of appointment on boards and commissions:

- Ad Hoc Advisory for Amey Tucker Spencer Fund: David Bates, John Cregan and S. Lee Miller (unable to attend)
- Ad Hoc Economic Development Task Force: Mark Etheridge (Business) and Robert Humm (Public)
- Conservation Commission: James Burlingame
- Energy: (1 vacancy: 1 full member) – no applicants
- Planning Board: Paul Dulchinos (unable to attend), Adamson Streit and Lawrence Trim, Jr.
- Senior Services Advisory Committee: (1 vacancy: 2nd alternate) – Karen Scott Statser

RESIGNATIONS

- **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to accept the resignation, with regret of **Lisa Merck**, Conservation Committee, resignation effective immediately. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to accept the resignation, with regret of **William Layton**, Energy Committee, resignation effective April 10, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- Ad Hoc Advisory for Amey Tucker Spencer Fund: (1 vacancy: member of the bar association, familiar with trust law; 1 vacancy: member with investment experience, number of additional members not yet determined). **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to appoint David Bates and John Cregan to the Ad Hoc Advisory for Amey Tucker Spencer Fund. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Ad Hoc Economic Development Task Force: (6 vacancies: 3 members from the business community and 3 members from the general community). **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to appoint Mark Etheridge (business community) and Robert Humm (general community) to the Ad Hoc Economic Development Task Force. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Conservation Commission: (1 vacancy: 1 full position). **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to appoint James Burlingame to the Conservation Commission for a term ending date of December 31, 2016. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Energy: (1 vacancy: 1 full member) – no action taken.
- Planning Board: (3 reappointments). **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to reappoint Adamson Streit and Lawrence Trim, Jr. to the Planning Board for a term ending of May 31, 2018. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Senior Services Advisory Committee: (1 vacancy: 2nd alternate). **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to appoint Karen Statser to the Senior Services Advisory Board as 2nd alternate with a term ending of February 28, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community Document Shredding: Mrs. Speakman announced that a Community Document Shredding program will be held at the Department of Public Works on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
- 147th United Veterans' Council Annual Memorial Day Parade: Mrs. Speakman announced that the opening ceremony will begin at Victory Field at 8:30 A.M. on Monday, May 25, 2015.
- Proclamation: The Second Full Week in May is Women's Lung Health Week: Mrs. Speakman read into record the proclamation for Women's Lung Health Week.
- Certificate of Achievement For Excellence in Financial Reporting: Town Manager Peter DeAngelis announced that the Town is the recipient of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mr. DeAngelis acknowledged the efforts of Finance Director Kathy Raposa.
- Natural Gas Flaring at the Warren Meter Station Site: Town Manager Peter DeAngelis announced that Algonquin Gas Transmission owns and operates high-pressure interstate natural gas transmission facilities in the state of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including the Warren Meter Station near 65 Brown Avenue in Warren, RI. Algonquin is engaged in an Integrity Management Program to internally inspect and maintain its pipelines as mandated by the United States Department of Transportation safety and maintenance regulations. The Program is designed to improve safety and reliability of natural gas transmission pipeline systems. Mr. DeAngelis stated that the Barrington Fire Department will be part of the "detail" during the inspection. The internal inspection will be performed from May 26 through May 28, 2015. Mr. DeAngelis said that he was impressed with the information and notification that was sent from Algonquin Gas.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received into record and can be viewed on the Town of Barrington's website under Quick Links – Clerkbases (Correspondence can be viewed at: <http://clerkshq.com/default.aspx?clientsite=barrington-ri>)

- Letter from Girard R. Visconti: Mr. DeAngelis stated that the Director of Public Works Alan Corvi informed him that he had spoken with National Grid and that the improvement should be completed by the end of July, 2015.
- School Committee: Mrs. Speakman stated that she was sent an email that the School Administration/Committee was unavailable to meet on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 for the Ad Hoc Committee on the Artificial Turf Field.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Discuss and Act on Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds: **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds relating to previously issued bonds dated June 15, 2006 for \$3,765,000 and June 15, 2007 for \$4,845,000, in order to take advantage of the lower interest rates which are currently prevailing. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Discuss and Act on Resolution in Support of H 5594 and S 0741 Municipal Streetlight Investment Act: **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to support endorsing H 5594 and S 0741 relating to streetlight purchasing. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Discuss and Act on Resolution in Support of S 0056 and H 5374 Regarding Restoration of the Rhode Island Ethics Commission's Authority to Prosecute Alleged Conflicts of Interest by Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly: **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to support endorsing S 0056 and H 5374 relating to alleged conflicts of interest by members of the Rhode Island General Assembly and give authority to the Rhode Island Ethics Commission's authority to prosecute. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Discuss and Act on Resolution Opposing S 510 and H 5777 the Legalizing of Marijuana in Rhode Island: **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Strong to support opposing S 510 and H 5777 legalizing marijuana in Rhode Island. **The motion passed three in favor, Mrs. Strong, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Primiano, two opposed, Mrs. Speakman and Mrs. Weymouth**

CONSENT AGENDA (*)

Mr. Primiano requested that the minutes of April 6, 2015 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Primiano and Mrs. Strong requested that the Town Solicitor's report be removed from the agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to adopt the consent agenda items #9-13 without the Minutes of April 6, 2015 and the Town Solicitor's Report as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Primiano asked that within the minutes of April 6, 2015 that the words "~~or, for the legislature to rescind their vote on RhodeMap RI~~" be struck within the section titled, "Discuss and Act on Opting Out of RhodeMap RI" (page 5). Mr. Primiano asked for a correction to be made to "Mr. Diet Deal" within this same section. Motion by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to amend and adopt the minutes of April 6, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Strong commented to Mr. Ursillo that it is not always noted as to whom he conferenced or corresponded with within his monthly report. Mr. Ursillo stated that he generally acknowledges the person but that on occasions the report might just address the subject matter. Mr. Ursillo said that he will provide consistency throughout the monthly reports going forward. Mr. Primiano commented that within the Solicitor's monthly report, he may not know what the specifics of a subject matter are, and asked if he could address questions to Mr. Ursillo regarding the details. Mr. Ursillo said council members may call or email him at any time with questions.

Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to accept the Solicitor's Reports as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

***MINUTES**

It was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of the Town Council Minutes of a Joint Meeting between the Town Council and Planning Board on March 25, 2015 as well as the Town Council meetings of April 6 and 14, 2015, and the sealed Executive Minutes of March 2 and 16, 2015. See Consent Agenda above.

***UTILITY PETITIONS**

- **Bristol County Water Authority:** It was unanimously voted to grant permission to Bristol County Water Authority to open the highways at Alcyon Lane (for the purpose of emergency water main repair); Annawamscutt c/o Middle Street (for the purpose of hydrant replacement); and, Rumstick Road c/o Winthrop (for the purpose of hydrant replacement).
- **National Grid:** It was unanimously voted to grant permission to National Grid to open the highways at Hawthorne Avenue, Miller Street, Riverside Drive, Rumstick Road, Spring Avenue and Windward Drive.

***ABATEMENT LIST**

It was unanimously voted to accept the Abatement List in the amount of \$710.56 as described therein. See page 38A.

***SURPLUS PROPERTY**

There was no surplus property.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

It was unanimously voted to adopt the following monthly department Reports: Fire Chief, Police Chief/Animal Control Official (no report), Building Official, Public Works Director, Town Planner, Town Solicitor, Finance Director, Tax Assessor, Senior Services Director, Library Director, Barrington Adult Youth Team Coordinator, Recreation and Leisure Services Director and Town Clerk. See Consent Agenda above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY MONTHLY REPORT

Director Alan Klepper was present to answer questions regarding the monthly report from the Bristol County Water Authority. Mrs. Strong asked about the well fields located in the Nayatt area. Mr. Klepper stated that they have been compromised and that the cost to dispose of them is very expensive. Mr. Klepper announced that the Bristol County Water Authority's annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THINKTECH

Finance Director Kathy Raposa recommended to the Town Council to pursue ThinkTech's Cloud Solution that will provide data security and lower hardware and maintenance costs while safeguarding and providing integrity to the Town. Nathan Viveiros, owner of ThinkTech, was present to answer questions. Discussion ensued regarding encryption, implementation and collaborating with school administration. **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to amend the present contract to provide Information Technology Managed Services with ThinkTech Computers, 17 Arsene Way, Fairhaven, MA at an additional cost per month of approximately \$1,700, as described in a memorandum dated April 29, 2015 from Kathy Raposa. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON REQUEST FOR FUNDING A SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD AT THE BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Strong stated that she requested for this discussion to be placed on the agenda. Mrs. Strong was surprised to learn that Alex Robertson submitted a motion for a bond of \$1,500,000.00 for the renovation of Victory Field to be placed on the Public Notice for the Financial Town Meeting. Mrs. Strong said that she thought with the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Artificial Turf, that the intent of the committee was to work towards a recommendation for the Financial Town Meeting of May 2016. Discussion ensued regarding due diligence. Mrs. Speakman stated that we should not continue with these meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Artificial Turf. Mrs. Speakman said that with the filing of the motion for a bond of \$1,500,000.00 and to be placed on the FTM's Public Notice, and to continue to hold meetings makes it appear that the Town endorses this motion. Mr. Carroll stated that he thought that this Committee would conduct due diligence and explore the costs involved. Mr. Carroll said that there seems to be a lot of support for a turf field but it would be best to suspend the Ad Hoc Committee and set a date after the FTM. Discussion ensued with the potential turf field and its proximity to the baseball fields at Victory Field.

Tom Rimoshytus, 2 Howard Street, stated that this is a good project and would like to work together to renovate Victory Field at the High School.

Karen Flint, 16 Melrose Avenue, stated that a good faith effort would be to continue meeting and working together.

Joel Hellmann, 13 Richmond Avenue, stated that if the turf field was built he believes that it would be too close to the baseball fields.

Mr. Carroll recalls on the School Committees concerns that took place at a school committee meeting that he attended. Mr. Carroll said that the School Committee welcomes a turf field but believes the School Committee is most concerned with the process and the details involved. Discussion ensued with past projects and the process in which the projects were successfully completed.

Motion by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to suspend the operation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Artificial Turf until (a) the motion from Alex Robertson is withdrawn or (b) until after the Financial Town Meeting.

Kevin Ryan, 21 Harrison Avenue, stated that the Committee to Renovate Victory Field attended many different committees and received endorsements. This project would be a great enhancement for the high school teams.

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON PROPOSAL TO REMEDIATE ECHO LAKE

Ned Barton, 14 Echo Drive, presented his request to the Town Council to remediate Echo Lake. Mr. Barton stated that Echo Lake is owned by the Rhode Island Country Club (RICC) and the Barrington Land Trust. Mr. Barton said that there are many visitors to this area who canoe and kayak as well as ice skate during the winter months. He said that the lake is overgrown with invasive plants that could turn the lake into a marsh. Mr. Barton has submitted a proposal from Aquatic Control Technology, which has previously treated the lake, under the approval of Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and the Department of Environmental Management (DEM), for approximately \$29,000.00. Mr. Barton is requesting that RICC contribute significantly to the remediation, as well as the abutters to the lake, but would like the Town to contribute \$10,000.00.

Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to refer to the Conservation Commission and report back to the Town Council at the next meeting on June 1, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE RENOVATIONS FOR THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Director Debbie Barchi informed the Town Council of the proposed \$1,200,000.00 library renovation bond. Ms. Barchi said that if approved by the voters at the Financial Town Meeting (FTM) on May 27th, the bond would be combined with private donations and grants to pay for a \$2,700,000.00 renovation of the second floor library space. Ms. Barchi explained that the project would have very little impact on the taxpayers and that the project is eligible for a 50 percent

reimbursement through the Public Library Reimbursement Program. Mrs. Barchi said that approximately \$500,000.00 will come from foundations and grants and another \$1,000,000.00 would come from philanthropy and donations, including a \$25,000.00 contribution from "Friends of Barrington Public Library". Ms. Barchi described that the renovations will be on the second floor and the majority of the renovations would be to the children's room, the meeting rooms and the auditorium/gallery space. Ms. Barchi stated that she had met with members of the Committee on Appropriations and that they had voted to endorse the bond for the FTM. **No action was taken.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON RHODEMAP RI AND ITS EFFECT ON LOCAL POLICY AND WHETHER TO OPT OUT (continued from April 6, 2015)

- Discuss and Act on Resolution in Support of H-6040, H-6041, H-6042, H-6043, S-816, S-818, and S-820 Regarding the State Guide Plan and Statewide Planning Program and Providing for Municipal Choice as to RhodeMap RI: Discussion ensued regarding exploring the details of Rhode Map RI. Mrs. Speakman suggested conducting a workshop which will include a panel discussion on RhodeMap RI tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2015. **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to support the resolution in support of H-6040, H-6041, H-6042, H-6043, S-816, S-818, and S-820 Regarding the State Guide Plan and Statewide Planning Program and Providing for Municipal Choice as to RhodeMap RI. **The motion failed, three opposed, Mrs. Speakman, Mrs. Weymouth and Mr. Carroll, two voted to support, Mrs. Strong and Mr. Primiano.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING (FTM) PUBLIC NOTICE:

- Relating to George Street Property Disposition and Amey Tucker Spencer Fund Reimbursement: Town Manager Peter DeAngelis stated that at a past Town Council meeting that a motion to market the properties on George Street took place. Mr. DeAngelis stated that he must request the Town Council to vote to place this item on the Financial Town Meeting's Public Notice. **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to place on the Financial Town Meeting's Public Notice the Properties located on George Street to sell at fair market value and reimburse the Amey Tucker Spencer Fund in full with the proceeds of the sale and the remainder to go into the General Fund. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Housing Board of Trustees Request for Funding: Discussion to continue after the Executive Session.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON:

- 2015-1 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 41 Police Department Rules and Regulations Article II Courtesy and Conduct §41-7 Obedience to superior officers: Mrs. Speakman opened the public hearing for 2015-1 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 41 Police Department Rules and Regulations Article II Courtesy and Conduct §41-7 Obedience to superior officers. Mrs. Speakman closed the public hearing. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Primiano to adopt #2015-1 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 41 Police Department Rules and Regulations Article II Courtesy and Conduct §41-7 Obedience to superior officers which was filed on March 24, 2015 and introduced on April 6, 2015 and set for public hearing on May 4, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- 2015-2 An Ordinance Adopting A New Chapter 38: Comprehensive Plan, Section §38-1: Comprehensive Plan Incorporated by Reference: Mrs. Speakman opened the public hearing for 2015-2 An Ordinance Adopting A New Chapter 38: Comprehensive Plan, Section §38-1: Comprehensive Plan Incorporated by Reference. Mrs. Speakman closed the public hearing. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to adopt #2015-2 An Ordinance Adopting A New Chapter 38: Comprehensive Plan, Section §38-1: Comprehensive Plan Incorporated by Reference which was filed on March 31, 2015 and introduced on April 6, 2015 and set for public hearing on May 4, 2015. **The motion passed in favor, Mrs. Speakman, Mrs. Weymouth, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Primiano and one opposed, Mrs. Strong.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON BIDS:

- Award Bid for Village Center Parking Study: Town Planner Phil Hervey stated that a Request for Qualification (RFQ) was issued for firms interested in completing a parking study for the Village Center. The project objectives based on economic development and circulation goals in the Comprehensive Plan, are: Improve access to public spaces; enhance the economic viability of the district and protect adjacent residential areas from negative impacts associated with usage and location of public parking. The selected firm will work with the Town's streetscape engineering consultant, BETA Group, to incorporate opportunities for on- and off-street parking, including striping, signage, and safe connections between potential public parking lots and shopping areas. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to

award the bid to Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates of Boston, MA for \$25,000 and to include a 10% contingency fee. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Award Bid for Beach Vendor:** Mark Etheridge, owner of Trendy's Pizzeria was present during discussion. **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mr. Carroll to award the contract to provide concession services at the Barrington Beach for the 2015 Beach Season to Trendy's Pizzeria, 59 Maple Avenue, Barrington, RI at an amount of \$800.00, as described in a memorandum from Michele Geremia dated April 29, 2015, contingent upon the receipt of all applicable permits, licenses and insurance requirements, and to renew at the sole option of the Town for a one (1) year extension. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON REVISIONS TO THE TOWN'S FUND BALANCE POLICY

Finance Director Kathy Raposa asked the Council to approve a revised General Fund Balance Policy, Internal Service Fund Policy (Medical Operating) and Sewer Enterprise Fund Policy. Mrs. Raposa requested approval by the Town Council to change the General Fund Balance Policy from a minimum unassigned fund balance of 15% to 20% of expenditures; to get closer to the fund balance range for AAA rated communities. The Internal Service Fund Policy gives the Finance Director and the School Business Manager the ability to analyze the Medical Operating Fund on an annual basis upon completion of the audit and transfer funds in a conservative manner. Mrs. Raposa said the only change to the Sewer Enterprise Fund was the deletion of one line that states the current sewer use charge was \$1,539,000. **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to approve the revisions to the Town's Fund Balance Policy, which are described in a memorandum dated April 24, 2015 from Kathy Raposa. **The motion passed unanimously.**

SET AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015

The Town Council set the agenda for the June 1, 2015 Town Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGL:

- **Discuss and Approve Sealed Minutes of Executive Session on April 6, 2015**
- **42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation Re. Pension and North End Holdings, LLC**
- **42-46-5 (a) (6) Prospective Business**
- **42-46-5 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property**
- **42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel – Solicitor**

Motion by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Strong to move into executive session at 10:24 P.M. to Discuss and Approve sealed minutes of Executive Session on April 6, 2015 (6:00 P.M. and 10:35 P.M.); and to discuss in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation re. Pension and North End Holdings, LLC and RIGL 42-26-5 (a) (6) Prospective Business and RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property and 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel – Solicitor. **The motion passed unanimously.** Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo stated that he received a letter from the Town Clerk informing him that a discussion will take place in Executive Session on Monday, May 4, 2015. Mrs. Speakman stated that the Town Council will return to continue discussion on agenda item #21 "Discuss and Act on Financial Town Meeting (FTM) Public Notice: Housing Board of Trustees Request for Funding".

Motion by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Strong to move out of executive session at 11:35 P.M. and seal the minutes, except for the **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to draft a resolution and place on the Financial Town Meeting's Public Notice for tax stabilization as an economic developmental tool to bring a prospective business to the Town. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Speakman reconvened the regular Town Council meeting at 11:35 P.M.

Discussion continued regarding item #21 "Discuss and Act on Financial Town Meeting (FTM) Public Notice: Housing Board of Trustees Request for Funding". **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to withdraw the Housing Board of Trustees request for \$750,000.00 from the Financial Town Meeting's (FTM) Public Notice. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mrs. Strong to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 P.M.

Meredith J. DeSisto, Town Clerk