

Present: June Sager Speakman, Kate G. Weymouth (arrived at 6:45 P.M.), Ann P. Strong, Michael W. Carroll and Steve Primiano

Also Present: Town Manager Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr., Assistant Town Solicitor Andy Teitz, 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, Human Resources Director MariAnn Oliveira, and Town Clerk Meredith J. DeSisto

Absent: Finance Director Kathy Raposa, Tax Assessor Michael Minardi and Recreation and Leisure Services Director Michele Geremia,

Council President Speakman called the meeting to order at 6:38 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:** S. Lee Miller (graduate of University of Virginia and Yale School of Law) George Champlin (investment experience); Margaret Kane (unable to attend)
Motion by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Primiano to add Allan Klepper to the interview schedule. Assistant Town Solicitor Andy Teitz stated that Mr. Klepper will be interviewed but no action will be allowed. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ad Hoc Economic Development Task Force:** Matthew Amaral (Business) and Edwin McKinlay (Public)
- **Energy:** (no applicants)
- **Planning Board:** Paul Dulchinos

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- **Ad Hoc Advisory for Amey Tucker Spencer Fund:** **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to appoint **S. Lee Miller, George Champlin, and Margaret Kane** to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the Amey Tucker Spencer Fund. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ad Hoc Economic Development Task Force:** **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to appoint **Matthew Amaral** (business) and **Ed McKinlay** (public) to the Ad Hoc Economic Development Task Force. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Planning Board:** **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to reappoint **Paul Dulchinos** to the Planning Board with a term ending date of May 31, 2018. **The motion passed unanimously.**

RESIGNATIONS: There were no resignations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Boy Scout Troop 6 Celebrates 50 Years (1965-2015):** Mr. Primiano read the proclamation of the 50th Anniversary of Troop 6 into the record.
- **Eagle Awards for Boy Scouts:** Michael Chung (Troop 2); Harrison Kraus (Troop 2); Matthew Schryver (Troop 2); William Stockhecker (Troop 6); Andrew Neville Bowser (Troop 4); Sahil Kumar Mishra (Troop 4); and Thomas R. Perry (Troop 4) Mr. Primiano acknowledged the Eagle Award recipients and asked that William Stockhecker, who was unable to attend the Eagle Award Ceremony on Monday, May 25, 2015, into the record.
- **Gold Awards for Girl Scouts:** Cassie Castello, Laura Culligan, Emily Deslauriers, Amy Harff, Leah Sirmalis and Vivian Tian: Mrs. Weymouth announced that on June 10, 2015, that she will be attending the ceremony for the Girl Scouts Gold Award Ceremony. Mrs. Weymouth acknowledged the Gold Award recipients by reading their names into the record.
- **Building Official Robert Speaker Thirty Years of Service:** Town Manager Peter DeAngelis acknowledged and thanked the Building Official Robert Speaker for his thirty years of dedicated public service.

- **Thank you to Peter Clifford for Serving on the Committee on Appropriations:** Mrs. Strong acknowledged and thanked Mr. Clifford for his service to the Committee on Appropriations for the last two (2) terms.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to be held on Monday, June 15, 2015 from 8:00 – 9:30 am at the Senior Center:** Mrs. Strong announced that on Monday, June 15, 2015 from 8:00 – 9:30 am that the Town of Barrington will acknowledge the volunteers that participate on the various boards and commissions. A breakfast will be held at the Senior Center to thank the volunteers.
- **The 1st Annual Barrington “Bring On Art” Art Festival and Artist Speaks Series**
 - **3- Part Lecture Series Wednesday Evenings June 3, 10 and 17, 2015 7:00 PM**
 - **Festival: Sunday, June 14, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

Mrs. Speakman announced that the Recreation Department will be holding a lecture series titled “Artist Speaks” on three (3) Wednesday evenings, June 3, 10 and 17 at 7:00 PM to be held at the Barrington Library. Mrs. Speakman said that on Sunday, June 14 from 10:00 – 5:00 PM that the 1st Annual Barrington “Bring on Art” festival will be held on the grounds of the Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no items of correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Discuss and act on a Resolution - Act Relating to Elections – Registration of Voters:** Director of the Elections Division for the Secretary of State Rob Rock was present at the Town Council meeting to inform councilmembers of the proposed Substitute A for House Bill 6051 and Senate Bill 821. Mr. Rock explained that the proposed Sub A has the potential to modernize our elections and voter registration process for the citizens of Rhode Island. Mr. Rock discussed the following:

Online Voter registration

- Language has been incorporated to further clarify that the information with regard to online voter registration will be used only for voter registration purposes.
- There is clarification that the website meets the requirements to be accessible to the disability community so that disabled persons are able to register and update their voter registration information online.
- In addition, provides that the website be available in any language required by federal or state voting rights laws.

In-Person Early Voting

- Moves the effective date of the first weekend of in-person early voting to July, 2016 to allow cities and towns additional time to prepare.
- Reduces the in-person early voting period to one weekend in a primary or special election and a phase-in to two weekends in a general election by January, 2018.
- Changes the weekend hours to 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Provides for additional days and hours at the discretion of the municipality.
- Incorporates language with regard to notice of the in-person early voting period being provided in a newspaper with statewide circulation.
- Changes the “may” to a “shall” regarding the Secretary establishing an early voting implementation advisory committee.

Mail Ballots

The proposal removes the section regarding revisions to the mail ballot laws. There was considerable concern regarding the appropriate balance between ensuring voters have access to mail ballots while also ensuring the integrity of our elections process.

After careful consideration the office felt it is important to further study this issue to ensure that a law that is passed to revise the mail ballot process does not have the unintended consequence of dissuading people to vote by mail.

Mr. Rock explained the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) which is a non-profit organization with the sole mission of assisting states to improve the accuracy of America’s voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens. ERIC is governed and managed by states that choose to join and was formed in 2012. Mr. Rock explained that 11 states have joined. Mr. Rock stated that unfortunately the states of Massachusetts and Florida are not on board yet but Connecticut is a participating member.

Mrs. Speakman asked the Town Clerk Meredith DeSisto what she thought of the proposed bill. Mrs. DeSisto stated that she and other Town Clerks were invited to discuss the proposed bill

with Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea. Mrs. DeSisto stated that since that meeting the hours of which the municipalities would extend their hours (Saturdays 9:00-Noon and Sundays Noon to 3:00pm) was changed within the proposed bill to Saturdays and Sundays Noon – 4:00pm. Mrs. DeSisto stated that she was concerned that many Town Clerks' offices also serve as the Board of Canvassers. We must take care of many other business matters besides election business and that it can put a strain on the staff with the additional length of office hours and duties. Mrs. Weymouth commented that the members of the Board of Canvassers are given a stipend for their services and that they should participate during the extended hours towards early voting. Mrs. Speakman stated that she was impressed that the Secretary of State extended an invitation to the Town Clerks to involve them in discussions with this proposed bill. Mrs. Speakman asked that once the bills have been created to please forward them to the Town Clerk and she will forward them to the Town Council. Mrs. Speakman thanked Mr. Rock for his time and effort to explain the proposed bill.

- **Discuss and Act on Support of the Creation of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank:** General Treasurer Seth Magaziner was present to request the Town Council for their support with the creation of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank.

The Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank

Jump start our economy by creating jobs and saving our businesses and taxpayers money

The Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) will put Rhode Islanders back to work, improve energy efficiency, and make our state more economically competitive. As the central hub for existing and new green infrastructure financing initiatives, the RIIB will focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that will save money for residents, businesses, and municipalities on their energy bills. By using innovative financing methods, we can fund tens of millions of dollars' worth of projects with minimal funding required from general revenue.

The Challenge

- Energy costs are rising. The RI Public Utilities Commission recently approved a 14.25 percentage increase in electricity rates.
- The building trades are suffering. From 2005-2010, losses in the construction industry accounted for 26% of unemployment, and the industry has been stagnant since 2010.
- RI's energy programs lack coordination. The current energy programs are also dispersed across various agencies, do not address deep energy retrofits for buildings, and have not utilized available federal stimulus funds.

Creating Jobs, Saving Energy, and Lowering Costs through Innovative Energy Financing

- Proposal: Build upon the existing success of the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency (CWFA) by adding new infrastructure financing programs and rebranding the agency as the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB). RIIB will:
 - Institute a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for commercial and residential properties. PACE is a proven financing model that primarily relies on private bank loans, and has been launched in dozens of states across the country.
 - Create an Efficient Buildings Fund to finance improvements to public buildings. The fund will make it easier for municipalities and school districts to pursue deep energy efficiency retrofits and renewable energy projects.
 - Expand the authority of CWFA's existing storm water revolving loan fund to include providing storm water mitigation loans to commercial entities-not just public entities.
 - Authorize RIIB to administer revolving loan programs with federal funds available for Brownfield remediation.

Learning from Connecticut's Green Bank

- Since its creation in 2011, Connecticut's Green Bank has energized the state's clean energy economy by attracting private investment and creating nearly 1,200 jobs.
- During the first year of Connecticut's commercial PACE program, the Connecticut Green Bank approved 26 commercial PACE projects, representing \$20 million in loans.
- **I**f Connecticut can do this successfully, so can Rhode Island.

Anticipated Outcomes

- The anticipated \$23 million in funding for the Efficient Building Fund is projected to support deep energy retrofit projects for approximately 40 large public buildings. A conservative 15 percent energy savings in energy spending across 40 municipal buildings

- could represent total savings of close to \$800,000 annually and \$8 million over ten years.
- The projected first-year commercial PACE impact is 8 projects, representing \$6-7 million in loans.
- Federal data indicates that every million dollars spent on construction projects adds 20 jobs to the economy. By this metric, the Efficient Buildings Fund and PACE programs are projected to create hundreds of jobs in Rhode Island in the coming years.

Discussion ensued regarding PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy), Efficient Buildings Fund and merging the Clean Water Finance Agency (CWFA) to rebrand the agency to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB); the main object is to give the towns options towards energy efficiency via federal stimulus funds as well as creating jobs. Mr. Primiano stated that he would not commit to bypassing the Town Charter to borrow money without the taxpayers without their vote. Mrs. Speakman asked for clarification with Article 24 and 8. Mr. Magaziner stated that he was present to speak on Article 24 and stated that Article 8 was sent with Article 24 from the League of Cities and Towns but cannot answer questions regarding Article 8. Mr. DeAngelis stated that he is pleased to learn that these are options vs. mandates; that these are funded mandates. Mr. DeAngelis asked Mr. Magaziner where is the Town of Barrington "in line" to receive this funding. Mr. Magaziner stated that a project priority listing would be created; with projects that have the most projected savings at the top of the list. The Office of Energy Resources would partner with the party to which the project would be listed under, such as, DEM or DOT. Mr. Magaziner said that the benefits would be spread to many communities once they view the projected savings of the proposed projects. Mr. Carroll stated that this option may serve the town, in a very positive method, during the proposed building of a new Middle School; especially when the town must look at energy efficiency. Mr. Magaziner stated that there is nothing in these bills to prevent the town from taking advantage of these proposed options for new buildings. Nor will this prevent a problem with a collaboration of funding once the moratorium is lifted on building new schools. Paul Dulchinos, 20 Walnut Road, asked if the PACE program would allow residents to change from oil to gas. Mr. Magaziner said that he does not see a problem within the legislation. Mr. Magaziner thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to present the program of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank. Mrs. Speakman thanked Mr. Magaziner for his time and effort to explain Article 24. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to authorize the Town Manager to sign the enclosed letter and to endorse the proposal. Discussion ensued regarding the concerns of the Town Manager Peter DeAngelis. Mr. DeAngelis stated that he is pleased to see that the state is taking the initiative to move the state forward but he is concerned that the town supports these proposals but never get the benefits of these programs. Mrs. Speakman suggested to Mr. DeAngelis that he could compose his own letter. Mr. Primiano stated that he is troubled, although Mr. Magaziner said that this proposal is regarding Article 24, he reads a section from Article 8 "... allow cities and towns to enter into loan agreements with the infrastructure bank under a number of circumstances which would bypass with provisions of the Town Charter..." Allan Klepper stated that BCWA found benefits to the ratepayers when it was under the name of RI Clean Water Finance Agency. Discussion ensued with the town's bond ratings vs. borrowing funds through different agencies/subsidies. **The motion passed three (3) in favor, Mrs. Speakman, Mrs. Weymouth and Mr. Carroll and two (2) opposed, Mrs. Strong and Mr. Primiano.**

CONSENT AGENDA (*)

- Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to adopt the Consent Agenda items #9 - 13. **The motion passed unanimously.**

***MINUTES**

It was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of the May 4 and 15, 2015 Council meetings. **The motion passed unanimously.** See Consent Agenda above.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

It was unanimously voted to adopt the following monthly department Reports: Fire Chief, Police Chief/Animal Control Official, Building Official (no monthly report), 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.

***UTILITY PETITIONS**

- **Bristol County Water Authority:** It was unanimously voted to grant permission to Bristol County Water Authority to open the highways at: Crown Avenue and Samoset Avenue.

- **National Grid:** It was unanimously voted to grant permission to National Grid to open the highways at: Blanding Avenue at Greene, Charles Street, Conway Drive, Crown Avenue on Howard, Hilltop Avenue, Maple Avenue, Middle Highway and Rumstick Road.

***ABATEMENT LIST**

It was unanimously voted to accept the Abatement List in the amount of \$608.68 and as described therein. See page 50A.

***SURPLUS PROPERTY**

There was no surplus property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY: Allan Klepper was present.

- **Monthly Report:** There were no questions.
- **BCWA Water Main Install Work for 2015:** There were no questions.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT TO THE AUTISM ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Representative Scott Pickering from the Bristol Rotary Charities Foundation, Inc. was present to request from the Town Council a liaison appointee to serve on the Autism Advisory Council. Mr. Pickering explained that one of the many projects is to establish a center in the East Bay and provide counseling and training services to families who are dealing with a family member stricken with Autism Disorder. The services would be free of charge; privately funded as well as grant funded. Mr. Pickering stated that we have already established three (3) locations, Mt. Hope School, The East Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Highlander Charter School in Warren; all free of charge. Mr. Pickering said that the plan is to open the centers in the fall of 2015. Discussion ensued regarding a councilmember vs. a community member to serve as liaison. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to advertise for a liaison to serve on the (East Bay) Autism Advisory Council to represent Barrington. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUB AND HAMEHO GARDEN CLUB FOR A BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER

Representative for the Barrington & Hameho Garden Club Sandi Tynyk was present to request permission from the Town Council to erect, dedicate and maintain a Blue Star Memorial Marker and its plantings at the new Police Cove Park on County Road, adjacent to the river and the memorial bridge. Mrs. Tynyk stated that the proposed installation and site of this memorial was presented to the Town Planner Phil Hervey. Mrs. Tynyk clarified that the two (2) clubs would like to install the Memorial Marker of a cost of \$1,400. She said that the two (2) clubs have agreed to finance the purchase of this marker, and care for its surrounding shrubs and flowering plants, using a maintenance-friendly landscape design. In addition, the clubs have volunteered to purchase, plant and tend the plantings at no cost to the Town. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Primiano to refer to Police Cove Park Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee and United Veterans Council for recommendations to the Town Council for the Town Council meeting on Monday, June 29, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON CREATING A MECHANISM FOR A COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES REGARDING STATE LEGISLATION:

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to continue this topic to the next meeting of the Town Council on Monday, June 29, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH VITULLO FARM:

Town Manager Peter DeAngelis updated the Town Council on the Vitullo Farm Property. Mr. DeAngelis stated that in a memo dated May 5, 2015 from the Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo that part of the negotiations with Robert Vitullo and Marion Viera was the expense of tearing down the barn on the property. Mr. DeAngelis stated that through a "friendly suit" a lien was placed on the property for the cost to the Town in the amount of \$29,245 which will be payable upon the last of them to die or their conveyance of the property to an heir or third person. The amount of the lien will carry interest of just under 4% per annum. Mr. DeAngelis stated that a Consent Judgement, approved by the Court will be recorded in the Barrington Land Evidence Records. Mr. DeAngelis stated that no action is required by the Town Council.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON RATIFICATION OF 2013-16 CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LOCAL 14845 UNITED STEEL WORKERS:

Motion by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to amend the 2013-16 contract between the Town and the United Steelworkers (representing Public Works Union Employees). The amendment to the final year of the 2013-16 agreement will include a 1.5% salary increase across the board. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON INTRODUCTION AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR #2015-3 SALARY ORDINANCE:

Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to introduce Ordinance #2015-3 Amending the Code of the Town of Barrington, Chapter 45, Salaries and Compensation, Non-Union Employees, which was filed on May 21, 2015 and to set a public hearing for Monday, June 29, 2015 in the Council Chamber. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION COSTS REGARDING THE TOWN COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND:

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1500 from the Council Contingency Fund for expenditures associated with the June 15, 2015 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON BIDS:

- **Award Bid for Construction of Raised Boardwalk for "Blue Trail" at Veterans Park:**
Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to continue this topic until Monday, June 29, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

SET AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015:

The following items to be placed on the agenda for the June 29, 2015 Town Council meeting"

- Appointment to the Ad Hoc Advisory for Amey Tucker Spencer Fund - Allan Klepper
- Discuss and Act on the Status of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Artificial Turf Field
- Public Hearing for Ordinance #2015-3 Salaries Chapter 45 Salaries and Compensation
- Discuss and Act on Awarding Bid for Construction of Raised Boardwalk for "Blue Trail" at Veterans Park (motion to continue)
- Discuss and Act on Tax Exemptions
- Discuss and Act on Creating a Mechanism for a Collaboration with Other Communities Regarding State Legislation (motion to continue)
- Discuss and Act on Request from Barrington Garden Club and Hameho Garden Club for Blue Star Memorial Marker (motion to refer and continue for recommendations)

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGL:

- **Discuss and Approve Sealed Minutes of Executive Session on April 6, 2015 (6:00 pm and 10:35 pm) and May 4, 2015**
- **42-46-5 (a) (6) Prospective Business**
- **42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation Re. Pension and North End Holdings, LLC and Dodd v. Barrington**

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to move into Executive Session at 9:28 P.M. to Discuss and Approve sealed minutes of Executive Session on April 6, 2015 (6:00 pm and 10:32 pm) and May 4, 2015; RIGL 42-26-5 (a) (6) Prospective Business and to Discuss in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation re. Pension and North End Holdings, LLC and Dodd v. Barrington. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Motion by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Primiano to move out of executive session at 10:15 P.M., (no action was taken) and to seal the minutes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mrs. Strong to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M.