

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, and Town Clerk Meredith J. DeSisto

Council President Speakman called the meeting to order at 6:32P.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:

- **Autism Advisory Council**: Stephanie Bernardo

RESIGNATIONS

- **Motion** by Mrs. Speakman and seconded by Mr. Primiano to accept with regret the resignation of Sue Leson, Sr. Services Advisory Board, resignation effective June 30, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to accept with great regret the resignation of Michael McCormick, Planning Board, resignation effective June 30, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to accept with deep regret the resignation of John A. MacIntyre, Cemetery Commission, resignation effective June 30, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- **Autism Advisory Council**: **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to appoint **Stephanie Bernardo** to the Autism Advisory Council. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ad Hoc Advisory for Amey Tucker Spencer Fund**: Correction for the record. Mrs. Speakman announced that the Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo determined that the Trustees of the Amey Tucker Spencer Fund are to make the appointments to the Ad Hoc Amey Tucker Spencer Advisory Board; which took place earlier this evening.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**: Mrs. Strong acknowledged the efforts of Meredith DeSisto, Jean Bellm and Mari Ann Oliveira for their work on the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast which was held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Sr. Center.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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- **United Veterans' Council: Thank you for participating.**
- **Sally Carpenter: Reusable Bags (continued later in the evening)**

RESOLUTIONS:

- **Discuss and Act on Amending Chapter A225 Sewer Use Rates and Sewer Improvement Assessment Fee**: **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to amend the Sewer Use Rate to \$4.35 per 100 cubic feet (\$155-10C) and the Sewer Improvement Assessment Charge to \$203.00 per connection (\$155-10C). **The motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA (*)

Mr. Primiano requested that the minutes of June 1, 2015 be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to adopt the Consent Agenda items #9 - #14 without the minutes from June 1, 2015, located within agenda item #9, as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Primiano requested that in the minutes of June 1, 2015, the section titled **RESOLUTIONS:**

Discuss and Act on Support of the Creation of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank: The following changes: "Mr. Primiano stated that he would not commit to bypassing the Town Charter to borrow money without the taxpayers without their vote." Also, "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..."

Motion by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to adopt the minutes from June 1, 2015 Consent Agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

***MINUTES**

It was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of the June 1, 2015 Town Council meeting and sealed Executive Minutes of April 6, 2015 (6:00pm and 10:35pm) and May 4, 2015.

***UTILITY PETITIONS**

- **Bristol County Water Authority:** It was unanimously voted to grant permission to Bristol County Water Authority to open the highways at Riverview Drive.
- **National Grid:** It was unanimously voted to grant permission to National Grid to open the highways at Brookfield Avenue, Colonial Avenue, Fairway Drive, Greenbriar Drive, Maudsley Avenue and Northwest Passage.

***ABATEMENT LIST**

It was unanimously voted to accept the Abatement List in the amount of 445.08 and as described therein. See page 50A.

***SURPLUS PROPERTY**

There was no surplus.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

***REQUEST FOR HOLY ANGELS CHURCH 97th ANNUAL FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION FESTIVAL PROCESSION REQUEST AND CLASS F RETAILERS LICENSE:**

It was unanimously voted to grant permission to Holy Angels Church, 341 Maple Avenue, to hold its 97th Annual Feast of the Assumption Festival procession on Sunday, August 16, 2015 immediately following the 10:30 A.M. Mass, which will begin from the Church parking lot, proceed west on Maple Avenue, north on Barrington Avenue and east on Roffee Street to South Street, returning to Holy Angels Church. It was unanimously voted to grant a Class F Retailer's license to sell malt and vinous beverages only, to Holy Angels Church on August 13, 14, and 15 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. See Consent Agenda above.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE PURCHASE OF STREETLIGHTS:

Phil Hervey was present to discuss the purchase of streetlights from National Grid. Discussion ensued regarding the cost to purchase, converting to LED, maintaining the streetlights and reduction in costs and fees. National Grid Lead Energy Efficiency Representative Jerry Drummond was present for the discussion. Discussion ensued regarding the life expectancy of LED streetlights; state grants; new and innovative features (dimmable, emergency lighting and illumination for emergency police situations and microphones). Mr. Drummond emphasized that the Town must convert to LED in order to receive state grant money. Mr. Drummond said that he will guide the Town through the process. Discussion ensued regarding the collaboration with the Town of Bristol. Mr. Drummond

stated working with Bristol will save the two (2) town's additional money. Discussion ensued regarding the provided 10 year warranty.

Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to authorize the Town to:

- 1) Acquire the Town's streetlights from National Grid at a cost of approximately \$50,077.51 using funding budgeted for streetlights, to include a 5 percent contingency;
- 2) Issue a Request for Proposals from qualified contractors to maintain the streetlights on behalf of the Town, complete the conversion to LED with controls, and assist the Town with completion of solar installations on public buildings.
- 3) Issue the RFP in conjunction with the Town of Bristol, in the event the Bristol Town Council in July or August votes to pursue streetlight acquisition.
- 4) Submit an application to the State for a grant of up to \$105,000 from the State's grant program for LED conversion and controls.

As described in a memorandum dated June 24, 2015 from Phil Hervey. Mr. Carroll amended the motion regarding #4 to include an additional month, August, for Bristol's Town Council Meetings.

The amended motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Speakman thanked the Energy Commission, as well as, Phil Hervey and Peter DeAngelis.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Continued)

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- **Sally Carpenter: Reusable Bags (out of order)** – Mrs. Carpenter was present to discuss her letter that was sent to the Town Council on June 10, 2015. Mrs. Carpenter stated that she believes that these bags that Shaws Super Market and CVS are using contain more plastic which will add to environmental waste. Mrs. Speaker stated that these establishments are not doing anything illegal. Mrs. Speaker said that the Town Council could revisit the current ordinance and invite these establishments to a future meeting with the Town Council. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to refer this subject matter to the Conservation Committee and the Town Solicitor. Reports from the Town Solicitor and the Conservation Commission should be submitted to the Town Council by September 15, 2015 and that this topic should be placed on the October 5, 2015 Town Council agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY:

- **Monthly Report:** Director Joel Hellmann was present to answer questions regarding the monthly report. There were no questions.
- **Tri-Town Meeting:** The Town Clerk Meredith DeSisto stated that no date has been set for a Tri-Town meeting but once a date has been determined an announcement will be posted.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON REQUEST TO ABANDON UNDEVELOPED SOUTHERN SECTION OF LOCUST STREET SOUTH OF HIGH STREET:

Greg Grant, 7 High Street was present for discussion. Mr. Grant submitted a letter to the Town Council on June 23, 2015 for consideration to abandon a portion of Locust Street from High Street to the south.

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to refer to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and other administrative offices (Police, Fire and DPW). **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON STATUS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD:

Mrs. Speakman stated that she spoke with School Committee Chair Kate Brody regarding the artificial turf field. Mrs. Speakman said that Mrs. Brody stated that the School Committee now "owns" the request for an artificial turf field and will fold it into their 2017 strategic plan since it has been determined that the school administration controls school property. Mrs. Speakman said that Superintendent Michael Messoro will act as the "point" person for further questions and comments and believes that he will be implementing a task force to do their due diligence with the health and maintenance costs regarding an artificial turf. Discussion ensued regarding a concern that the Town collaborated with the Committee on Renovating Victory Field, as well as other interested people, and would like the School Committee to inform the Town Council of the details going forward. **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to disband the Ad Hoc Committee on the Artificial Turf Field. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON ASSIGNING A LIAISON, CONVENING AND "CHARGING" THE AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Discussion ensued regarding a concern that all businesses should have a chance to be heard. Mr. Carroll suggested adding to the charge "...and seek to engage all businesses."

Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to charge the Ad Hoc Economic Development Task Force which will be comprised of residents and business owners. To include investigating and evaluating strategies to boost our local economy; and seek to engage all businesses, and, determine whether a part-time Business Liaison or Economic Development person should be hired as a contact for new and established businesses and to facilitate procedures and answer questions. **The motion passed unanimously.** Discussion ensued regarding appointing a Town Council member as the liaison to the newly formed Ad Hoc Economic Development Task Force. Town Council member Michael W. Carroll will serve as the liaison. Mrs. Speakman asked Town Clerk Meredith DeSisto to set up the first meeting with all members and Liaison Michael Carroll. Mrs. Speakman requested that advertisement, requesting additional members, should still continue.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON PENSION REFORM OPTION RELATING TO AMORTIZATION:

Town Manager Peter DeAngelis explained that as a result of the settlement/pending legislation, each municipality has a one-time option to re-amortize the municipal entity's contribution with respect to MERS. A municipality may either elect to re-amortize to twenty-five (25) years or remain on the current amortization schedule. The decision to re-amortize must be made by August 1, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to continue the current 21 year amortization schedule by opting out of the option to re-amortize the municipal entity's (Barrington COLA, Police and Fire) contribution over a twenty-five (25) year period, as described in a memorandum dated June 19, 2015 from Finance Director Kathy Raposa. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON RE-NAMING THE CENTRAL BRIDGE (White Church Bridge) (out of order):

United Veterans Council President Paul Dulchinos stated that at a United Veterans Council meeting which was held on June 9, 2015, a unanimous vote took place, to re-name the Central Bridge in honor of the Barrington Veterans who gave their lives in defense of this nation. Mr. Dulchinos requested that the new bridge be officially renamed, "The Barrington Veterans Memorial Bridge".

Motion by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to endorse the re-naming of the Central Bridge, (known as the White Church Bridge), in honor of the Barrington Veterans and request Senator Cynthia Coyne, Representative Jan Malik and Representative Joy Hearn to enact legislation. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON BAY SPRING COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING STUDY TO BE FUNDED WITH TOWN COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND:

Town Manager Peter DeAngelis stated that he is recommending that the Town award a contract to Nelson Nygaard to conduct a Parking Analysis for the Bay Spring Community Center. The Community Center has been successful in bringing events to the center and parking continues to be a concern. Mr. DeAngelis said that he also recommends funding this study with this fiscal year's Council Contingency Fund.

Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to award the contract to provide the Town with a parking analysis for the Bay Spring Community Center, 170 Narragansett Avenue, to Nelson Nygaard at a cost of \$4,000 and to authorize the expenditure from the 2014-2015 Council Contingency Fund. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE RATIFICATION OF 2013-16 CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS (IBPO) LOCAL #555 (DISPATCHERS):

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to amend the 2013-16 Contract between the Town and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, representing Civilian Dispatcher Employees to include a 1.5% salary increase in the final year of the agreement. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCES:

- **Public Hearing for Ordinance #2015-3 Salaries Chapter 45 Salaries and Compensation:** Mrs. Speakman opened the public hearing for Ordinance #2015-3 Chapter 45 Salaries and Compensation which was filed on May 21, 2015 and introduced on June 1, 2015 and set for public hearing on June 29, 2015. There was no public comment; Mrs. Speakman closed the public hearing. Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll

to adopt Ordinance #2015-3, Amending Chapter 45 Salaries and Compensation. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Introduction of An Ordinance #2015-4 to Amend Chapter 33 "Personnel Policies" (OPEB Trust Fund): Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to introduce Ordinance #2015-4 Amend Chapter 33 "Personnel Policies" (OPEB Trust Fund), which was filed on June 19, 2015, and to set a public hearing for Monday, August 3, 2015 in Council Chamber. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAISED BOARDWALK FOR "BLUE TRAIL" AT VETERANS PARK:

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to reject all bids to construct the raised boardwalk through the wetlands for the proposed trail at Veteran's Park. **The motion passed unanimously.**

SET AGENDA FOR AUGUST 3, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING:

The Town Council set the agenda for Monday, August 3, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGL:

- **Discuss and Approve Sealed Minutes of Executive Session on May 21 and 26, 2015 and June 1, 2015**
- **42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation Re. North End Holdings, LLC and Morse Tax Appeal**
- **42-46-5 (a) (6) Prospective Business**
- **42-46-5 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property**
- **42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel – Solicitor**

The Solicitor's office of Ursillo, Teitz and Ritch received a letter dated May 27, 2015 advising them that the Town Council requests their presence at this evenings meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to move into executive session at 8:11 P.M. to Discuss and Approve sealed minutes of Executive Sessions on May 21 and 26, 2015 and June 1, 2015; and to discuss in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation re. North End Holdings, LLC and Morse Tax Appeal; RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (6) Prospective Business; RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property and RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel - Solicitor. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Motion by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Strong to move out of executive session at 9:00 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 9:00 P.M.

Meredith J. DeSisto, Town Clerk