

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, and Town Clerk Meredith J. DeSisto

Absent: Human Resources Director MariAnn Oliveira

Council President Speakman called the meeting to order at 7:02 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:

- Cemetery Commission: (1 vacancy) – Susan Taylor
- Housing Board of Trustees: (3 vacancies – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Alternates) – Jennifer Azevedo. President June Speakman recused herself.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

- Cemetery Commission: The appointment of a member to the Cemetery Commission was deferred. Mr. Primiano suggested that an exit interview with John MacIntyre take place in order to understand the expertise that is required of the chair and the members of the Cemetery Commission. Mr. Primiano as liaison to the Cemetery Commission will reach out to the Cemetery Commission and gather the information.
- Housing Board of Trustees: The appointment of a member to the Housing Board of Trustees was deferred.

RESIGNATIONS:

There were no resignations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Summer Concerts:** Sunday August 9th at Tillinghast Farm - The Nightlife Orchestra - 6-7:30 P.M. and Sunday, August 23rd at Barrington Beach - Boston Premier Band 6-7:30 P.M. Recreation and Leisure Services Director Michele Geremia announced the remaining Summer Concerts.
- **Annual Teen Beach Party:** Wednesday, August 19th at Barrington Beach – 5:30–7:30P.M. Recreation and Leisure Services Director Michele Geremia announced that the Recreation Department in conjunction with the BAY Team will hold the Annual Teen Beach Party. Mrs. Geremia stated that the rain date is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2015.
- **With Deep Sadness We Announce the Death of John Lazzaro:** Mrs. Speakman announced the passing of John Lazzaro who served as Police Chief and was a member of the Town Council. She said that it was an honor to know him because he reached out to so many people and was a great volunteer. Town Manager Peter DeAngelis said that he was the ultimate public servant and loved the community. Mrs. Weymouth stated that she was impressed with his independent thinking and cared greatly about the Town of Barrington. Chief LaCrosse said that John had such tenacity. Mrs. Speakman asked for a moment of silence to meditate on John Lazzaro's memory.
- **Member of the Rotary Club Michael Davis asks for Support for the Autism Project:** Rotary Club member Mike Davis asked the Barrington Community to support The East Bay Support Center for the Autism Project. These organizations along with the Rotary Club will be sponsoring an event to support the Autism Project at Frerichs Farm and Greenhouses on September 19, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA (*)

Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo requested that the abatement (agenda item #11) that refers to the Barrington Yacht Club be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Carroll requested that agenda item #13 "Request to Bike to the Beach for Autism on September 4, 2015" be removed from the Consent Agenda. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to adopt the Consent Agenda items #8 - #12 without agenda item #13 and without the Barrington Yacht Club abatement (agenda item #11) as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Ursillo requested that the abatement of the Barrington Yacht Club be tabled until a future meeting. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to table the abatement of the Barrington Yacht Club until a future meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Carroll asked for clarification on the Request to Bike to the Beach for Autism. Recreation and Leisure Services Director Michele Geremia explained that this is not a bike race but a biking event. She said that there are approximately 60 bikers that will bike from Boston to Newport. The bikers will be using the bike path in Barrington between the hours of 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on September 4, 2015. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Primiano to approve the application in consent agenda item #13 for the request to Bike to the Beach for Autism on September 4, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

***MINUTES**

It was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of the June 29, 2015 and sealed Executive Session minutes of May 21 and 26, 2015 and June 1, 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 Woodland Road.
- **National Grid:** It was unanimously voted to grant permission to National Grid to open the highways at Highview Avenue.

***ABATEMENT LIST**

It was unanimously voted to accept the Abatement List (abatement of Barrington Yacht Club removed) in the amount of \$622.16 and as described therein. See page 80A.

***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, Senior Services Director, Library Director, Barrington Adult Youth Team Coordinator, Recreation and Leisure Services Director and Town Clerk. See Consent Agenda above.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Preservation Society member Burton Van Name Edwards, 3 Honeysuckle Court, stated that the Preservation Society will be announcing a public forum to be held in the month of November to prepare for Barrington's 300th Anniversary celebration.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCES:

- **Public Hearing of An Ordinance #2015-4 to Amend Chapter 33 "Personnel Policies" (OPEB Trust Fund):** Mrs. Speakman opened the public hearing for Ordinance #2015-4 to Amend Chapter 33 "Personnel Policies (OPEB Trust Fund) which was filed on June 19, 2015 and introduced on June 29, 2015 and set for hearing on August 3, 2015. There was no public comment. Mrs. Speakman closed the public hearing. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to adopt Ordinance #2015-4 an Amendment to Chapter 33 "Personnel Policies" OPEB Trust Fund. **The motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION:

- **Discuss and Act on Authorizing the Adoption of the Trust's OPEB Funding Program:** RI Interlocal Trust Director of Operations and Member Services Colleen Bodziony and PARS (Public Agency Retirement Services) Senior Vice President Maureen Toal along with Finance Director Kathy Raposa were present to answer questions regarding the option to participate in the Rhode Island Interlocal Trust OPEB (Other Post Employee Benefits trust program (Other Post Employee Benefits). Discussion ensued regarding number of members participating in RI Interlocal Trust's program; anticipated return; monthly statements and fees. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to

adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption of the Trust's OPEB Funding Program, as described in a memorandum from the Finance Director, dated May 14, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY:

- Monthly Report: Directors Allan Klepper and Joel Hellmann were present to answer questions regarding the monthly report. Mrs. Speakman asked if the leak located at the White Church Bridge had been repaired. Mr. Klepper stated the leak has been repaired and the cost will be covered by the contractor and will not affect the rate payers. Discussion ensued regarding consolidation and the Providence Water Board and the cost of their new building and expenses to the ratepayers. Mrs. Speakman suggested that this topic be placed on the Tri-Town meeting.
- Tri-Town Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to be held at the Bristol Town Hall: Mrs. Speakman announced the Tri-Town meeting with Bristol and Warren to hold a discussion on an additional or alternate water supply.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON PROPOSAL TO REMEDIATE ECHO LAKE CONTINUED FROM MAY 4, 2015 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Mr. Primiano recused himself. Ned Barton, 14 Echo Drive, was present and summarized his request: Echo Lake is used by many for outdoor recreational activities. This lake also serves as a drainage conduit for much of the middle highway corridor. Runoff from St. Andrews, Roberta Plat and Volpe Pond all filter through Echo Lake. The lake is periodically over grown with invasive plants and if not remediated the lake may turn into a marsh. Mr. Barton said that he is a member of the Rhode Island Country Club (RICC) and said that they own Echo Lake along with the Barrington Land Conservation Trust. Mr. Barton stated that he has met with RICC and is requesting that they give this lake to the Town. Mr. Barton said that he has consulted with Aquatic Control Technology and said that the best way to solve the growth of these aquatic plants is by chemical applications. Mr. Barton stated that Aquatic Control Technology is the only company qualified in the state of Rhode Island to remediate fresh water ponds. Mr. Barton concluded by stating that his proposal is for the Town, RICC and the abutting neighbors to share in the cost to remediate Echo Lake. Mrs. Speakman stated that this matter was referred to the Conservation Commission through a motion on May 4, 2015. She said that the Conservation Commission submitted their report but at this time they are not in favor of the remediation of Echo Lake. Mr. Carroll stated that drainage is a concern. Mr. Carroll said that within the 2015 Comprehensive Plan a future action item is to, "Complete a watershed study within priority areas...to identify and prioritize future storm water/water quality improvement projects..." Mr. Barton said that he believes if the lake is not remediated and the vegetation increases after several years the lake may become a marsh and the marsh may become "wetlands". He said he believes that the drainage could be hampered by the overgrown vegetation. Conservation Chair Cyndee Fuller stated that her concern is that using a chemical application to remediate against invasive vegetation may "wipe out" positive vegetation and life. Mrs. Fuller said that sometimes nature just takes over and the end result is a marsh. She said that another concern is that the Town does not own the property and questions if a precedent would be set if we contribute to the remediation process. Mr. DeAngelis said that presently there is no urgency to protect our drainage system but a study is warranted. Mrs. Strong stated that without the hydrology study she is not in favor of remediation to Echo Lake. Discussion ensued with the implementation plan for the study of the watershed which is outlined in the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Strong said that she is in favor of conducting a hydrology study. She said that her concern is if private property owners choose to remediate Echo Lake what impact would that have on the Town's watershed. Marcus Paiva, 7 Walker Farm Lane, said that he is concerned with the overgrown vegetation. He said that he enjoys the various recreational activities that Echo Lake has to offer the community. Mr. Paiva suggested for the Town to research other methods to reduce the weeds. Charlotte Sornborger, 1 Wildacre Lane, said that she is not speaking as a member of the Barrington Land Conservation Trust member. Mrs. Sornborger suggests that the Town create a long-term management plan for the watershed. **No action was taken.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUB AND HAMEHO GARDEN CLUB FOR A BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER CONTINUED FROM JUNE 1, 2015 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PARK & RECREATION, UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL AND POLICE COVE PARK COMMISSION:

Motion by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to allow for the installation of a Blue Star Marker, at Police Cove, as requested at the location recommended by the Police Cove Park Committee with the commitment from the Town Manager that Barrington Garden Club and Hameho Garden Club are in agreement. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Preliminary Determination on Whether to Charge for Abandoned Land
- Schedule Public Hearing for September Town Council Meeting and Order Publication and Service of Notice at Petitioner's Expense

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 to hear the petition to abandon the undeveloped southern section of Locust Street South of High Street and to advertise notice of the public hearing for three (3) consecutive weeks in the Barrington Times and to provide notice to abutters. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSS AND ACT ON BIDS:

- Award Bid to Vision Government Solutions, Inc. for Assessment/Collection Software: **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to accept the bid to provide tax administration, collection and billing software to Vision Government Solutions, Inc., as described in a memorandum from Mike Minardi dated July 10, 2015 at a cost of \$110,000. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Award Bid to William Anthony Excavating for Police Cove Park Boat Ramp: **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to add the construction of the boat ramp to the Town's Police Cove Park construction project to William Anthony Excavating, of North Kingstown, RI at a cost of \$185,719.59 to include a 10% contingency, which will be subject to State approval and funding as described in a memorandum dated July 30, 2015 from Phil Hervey. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Award Bid to Flood Ford of East Greenwich, RI for one (1) Transit Van for Barrington Department of Public Works - Sewer Division: **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to award the bid to provide One (1) new transit van to Flood Ford of East Greenwich, RI at a cost of \$28,654.00, as described in a memorandum dated July 13, 2015 from Alan Corvi. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Mrs. Strong suggested if this topic could be placed on the upcoming BCWA Tri-Town meeting agenda.

SET AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

- Appointment on Planning Board and Cemetery Commission
- H6107 Sub A Legislation
- 300th Anniversary of Barrington

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGL:

- **42-46-5 (a) (6) Prospective Business**
- **42-46-5 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property**

Motion by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to move into executive session at 8:50 P.M. in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (6) Prospective Business; RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Motion by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Strong to move out of executive session at 9:40 P.M. and that a vote was taken regarding a prospective business that will be in the Town of Barrington and to seal the minutes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mrs. Strong to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Meredith J. DeSisto, Town Clerk