

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, Tax Assessor Michael Minardi, Police Chief John M. LaCross, Fire Chief Gerald Bessette, Public Works Interim Director Joseph Piccerelli, 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 and Leisure Services Director Michele Geremia

Council President Speakman called the meeting to order at 6:30 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:

- Planning Board: (1 reappointment) – Anne Galbraith
- Board of Assessment: (2 reappointments) – Kristopher Leadem and Clint Watts (interviewed October 2015)
- Housing Board of Trustees: Jennifer Azevedo

### **DISCUSS AND ACT ON RESIGNATIONS:**

- Jennifer Azevedo, Planning Board, effective May 31, 2016: **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Primiano to accept the resignation, with regret of **Jennifer Azevedo, Planning Board**, resignation effective immediately. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Christine O'Grady, Planning Board, will take effect pending her replacement: **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Primiano to accept the resignation, with regret of **Christine O'Grady, Planning Board**, resignation will take effect upon her replacement. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:**

- Planning Board: (1 reappointment) - **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to reappoint **Anne Galbraith** to the **Planning Board**, with a term ending date of May 31, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Housing Board of Trustees: (3 vacancies: 3 alternates) - **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to appoint **Jennifer Azevedo** to the **Housing Board of Trustees**, as a 1<sup>st</sup> alternate with a term ending date of May 31, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Board of Assessment: (2 reappointments) - **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to reappoint **Kris Leadem and Clint Watts** to the **Board of Assessment**, with a term ending date of May 31, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.** (Later in the evening Mr. Ursillo clarified that Mr. Watts was accepted as a full member.)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 148<sup>th</sup> United Veterans' Council Annual Memorial Day Parade: Opening ceremony will begin at Victory Field at 8:30 A.M. on Monday, May 30, 2016. (Announcement made by Mrs. Speakman.)
- Proclamation: National Women's Lung Health Week May 8-14, 2016. (Mrs. Speakman read into the record the proclamation.) **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to accept this proclamation for National Women's Lung Health Week May 8-14, 2016. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Budget Hearing: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. (Announcement made by Mrs. Speakman.)
- Financial Town Meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at the High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. (Announcement made by Mrs. Speakman.)
- Barrington Beach Opening: Weather permitting the Barrington Beach will open for the season on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 9:00 am. Resident passes can be purchased at the Recreation

Department 9:00am – Noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm Monday – Friday. (Announcement made by Mrs. Speakman.)

- Summer Concert Series: Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm – Greenwich Bay Brass at Woods Pond. (Announcement made by Mrs. Speakman.)
- Barrington Tree City USA: Arbor Day Foundation Names Barrington a 2015 Tree City USA. Town Manager Peter DeAngelis solidifies and reinforces the importance of becoming a Tree City. Mr. DeAngelis acknowledges the efforts of Interim Director of the DPW Joseph Piccerelli and Conservation Commission Chair Cyndee Fuller.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following correspondence was received into record and can be viewed on the Town of Barrington's website under Quick Links – Clerkbases.

- Joaquim DeAmorim: Town Councilman Primiano recuses himself from the discussion. Mr. DeAmorim was present. Mr. DeAmorim stated that approximately two (2) years ago that the Town Council passed a motion with recommendations from the Conservation Committee. Mr. DeAmorim said that the motion/recommendations have not been adhered to and therefore he is requesting further investigation. Discussion ensued. **The Town Council referred this matter to the Town Solicitor and be placed on the Town Council agenda on June 6, 2016.**
- Board of Canvassers: Schools As Polling Places: **The Town Council agreed that the Board of Canvassers letter was a well-reasoned and accurate response and that schools continue to serve as polling places and be made public record.**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

- Oppose S2263 and H8080 Relating to Elections and School Closings: **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to Oppose S2263 and H8080 Relating to Elections and School Closings. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Restoring Funding for State Aid to Libraries: Library Director Deborah Barchi was present for the discussion. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to support the resolution to restore funding for state aid to libraries. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Support of the Green Economy Bond: Barrington Land Trust member Tim Faulkner was present for the discussion. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to support the resolution of the Green Economy Bond. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA (\*)**

Mrs. Strong requested that the Solicitor's Report be removed from the consent agenda. **Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to adopt Consent Agenda items #9-#14 without the Solicitor's Report as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.** Mrs. Strong asked for clarification within the Solicitor's Report titled, Spencer Trust and the correspondence from the Attorney General's office regarding a March 1<sup>st</sup> vote to transfer funds. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Primiano to accept the Solicitor's report. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **\*MINUTES:**

It was unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of the April 7, 2016 and the sealed Executive Minutes of March 7, 2016. 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, Public Works Director, Town Planner (no report), 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 Beaver Road.
- National Grid: It was unanimously voted to grant permission to National Grid to open the highways at Bay Avenue, Clarke Road and Promenade Street.

### **\*ABATEMENT LIST:**

It was unanimously voted to accept the Abatement List in the amount of \$4,264.99 and as described therein. See page 155A.

**\*SURPLUS PROPERTY:**

It was unanimously voted to declare the following items as surplus property and authorize the Town Manager at his discretion to dispose of this property (discard) if not practical to sell in accordance with Chapter 49 of the Town Ordinances: DPW, 1999 Stump Cutter

**\*ATTORNEYS' FEES FOR ZONING APPEALS**

It was unanimously voted to accept the Memo regarding Attorney's Fees for Zoning Appeals from Attorney Amy Goins dated April 26, 2016. See Consent Agenda.

**DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE BARRINGTON 300<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION**

Burton Van Edwards, a member of the Barrington 300<sup>th</sup> committee was present for discussion. Mr. Edwards requested for the Town Council to officially accept the Barrington 300<sup>th</sup> committee as part of the Town's boards and commissions. Discussion ensued regarding a non-profit 501(c) (3); establishing an account; implementing a "charge" and appoint members. Town Manager Peter DeAngelis stated that the Council consider "contingency" money for the committee. **Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to create an Ad Hoc Barrington 300<sup>th</sup> Commission as part of the Town of Barrington's boards and commissions. At the next meeting of the Town Council (June 6, 2016), a "charge/mission" to the newly established commission will be addressed as well as the appointment of new members and funding will be discussed. **The motion passed unanimously.** Councilmembers Strong and Primiano will serve as liaisons to the Ad Hoc Barrington 300<sup>th</sup> Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ad Hoc Spencer Trust Chair Lee Miller requested that a member of the council be appointed to serve as an advisor in order to establish validity to the ad hoc committee. Mrs. Speakman stated that this will be placed as an agenda item for the next meeting of the Town Council on June 6, 2016. Conservation Chair Cyndee Fuller apologized for arriving after the discussion of the correspondence from DeAmorim. Mrs. Speakman suggested that she provide any additional information to the Town Solicitor.

**DISCUSS AND ACT ON VICTUALING AND HOLIDAY LICENSE FOR SOWAMS A.M. INC. D/B/A SOWAMS VARIETY, OWNER, ASEEL AL-SINAYYID**

Owner Aseel Al-Sinayyid was present. Mrs. Speakman asked if there were any members of the audience that wished to speak in favor. A show of hands (approximately 30) showed support for the requested licenses. Mrs. Speakman asked if there were any members of the audience who wished to speak opposing the licensing; there were none. Mrs. Speakman stated that a letter of opposition was sent by Mr. Friej opposing the licensings. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to grant the victualing and holiday license on the condition that all requirements from the Town and State have been met and proper paperwork has been filed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Speakman recessed the meeting at 7:29 PM

Mrs. Speakman reconvened the meeting at 7:34 PM

**Clarification:** Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo asked the Town Council to clarify an earlier motion regarding the appointment of Clint Watts. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Primiano to appoint Clint Watts as a full member to the Board of Assessment with a term ending date of May 31, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY REPORT:**

- Monthly Report (2): Director Allan Klepper was present for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding completion of a valve replacement located under the Barrington bridge; annual net write-offs (uncollected water usage invoices); and, a 2.65% increase for the non-union employee pay raise package.

**DISCUSS AND ACT ON ALLIN'S COVE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND REFER THE PLAN TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Peter Burke, Chair of Stewardship for the Barrington Land Trust and Wenley Ferguson, Restoration Coordinator was present for discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the Allin's Cove Conservation area. The primary reason for protection of this land is to preserve it as a wildlife habitat and nursery and sanctuary for estuarine flora and fauna.

Mr. Burke explained the management objectives:

1. Protect and enhance wildlife and wildlife habitat.

2. Protect, encourage and maintain the natural, native state of the cove, salt marshes, beaches, upland and buffer areas from encroachment by invasive species.
3. Present Allin's Cove as a useful site for potential educational opportunities.

Mr. Burke explained the Management Plans:

Upland Area:

- Mow half of upland area annually at a height no shorter than 8 inches with clean equipment. The mowing will take place in October or later.
- With volunteers, locate and remove all black swallow-wort, bag and remove from the site.
- With volunteers, find and cut all milkweed plants in June to promote monarch butterfly population.
- Monitor area for litter and remove as needed.
- Monitor area for encroachment, dumping and unpermitted uses.
- Monitor osprey nests and activity.

Buffer Area:

- With volunteers, remove all Oriental bittersweet, wild rose, honeysuckle, Russian olive and other invasive species annually.
- Monitor for knotweed and remove as needed.
- Monitor area for litter and remove as necessary.
- Monitor area for encroachment, dumping and unpermitted uses.

Beaches and Sand-Spit Area:

- Monitor area for litter and remove as necessary.
- Monitor area for encroachment, dumping and unpermitted uses.
- Monitor sand-spit for migration and intrusion in the salt marsh and cove.

Salt Marsh Area:

- Monitor area for litter and remove as necessary.
- Monitor area for encroachment, dumping and unpermitted uses.
- Maintain goose excluder fence.

General:

- Visit site at least 6 times per year and file monitoring report in writing twice yearly.

Discussion ensued regarding the mowing of the land – every other year; no less than 8"; water to wood. Mr. Burke stressed that it is important to give a reasonable amount of time for small creatures to venture into the woods. Ms. Ferguson stated that she has been working with the Barrington Land Trust for approximately 9 years. Ms. Ferguson discussed the past management actions and the importance of maintaining the coastal grassland because it could turn into a habitat for invasive plants. Discussion ensued regarding a prescribed "burn" but the area is too small. Discussion ensued regarding the partnership with Coastal Resources Management Corp, in which the permits from the Barrington Land Trust will end in 2019. Mrs. Weymouth requested a clearer map of owners. Discussion ensued regarding the process to inform the public (receive and refer to various boards/commissions in which public comment will be allowed). Discussion ensued with signage determining land designation.

**Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to receive and refer the Baseline Documentation Report and Management Plan to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Town Solicitor, Town Manager and Department of Public Works (DPW); and, to be placed on the Town council agenda for July 11, 2016. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION ON AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING (AFFH)**

Councilman Primiano stated that he still continues to have concerns accepting any funds from CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) and the obligations that come from the acceptance of these funds. Discussion ensued regarding the State and Town's compliance and obligations. **No action was taken.**

**DISCUSS AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM EAST BAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EBCDC) FOR \$125, 000 FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR PALMER POINTE**

**Motion** by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Weymouth to table this discussion in order for Consultant to EBCDC Frank Spinella, FJS Associates, LTD; Newport RI to be present for the discussion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**DISCUSS AND ACT ON LETTER SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR CORNERSTONE ADULT SERVICES**

Town Planner Phil Hervey was present for discussion. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to authorize the Town to submit a letter supporting regional CDBG applications providing

funding to support public services offered in Barrington by Cornerstone Adult Services. **The motion passed 4-0-1; in favor, Mrs. Speakman, Mrs. Weymouth, Mrs. Strong and Mr. Carroll; no opposing, and one abstention, Mr. Primiano.**

### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RI INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FINANCING FOR EFFICIENT BUILDING FUND PROJECTS, LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION AND ENERGY EFFICIENT PROJECTS AT TOWN BUILDINGS**

Town Planner Phil Hervey was present for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding changing the wording from buildings to facilities. Mrs. Strong questioned if this resolution needs to be approved at the Financial Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the set-up of legislation for cities/towns financing via RI Infrastructure. Peter Clifford, 6 Starbrook Drive, asked for clarification regarding the estimated funding of \$630,000. Discussion ensued regarding savings through purchasing and maintaining LED streetlights; incentives from National Grid and the State.

**Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to authorize the resolution appropriating \$1.1 million to finance the conversion of the Town's streetlights to LED and energy projects at Town facilities, and to approve Ameresco, Inc. of Framingham, MA as the Town's energy partner to install the energy efficiency projects at municipal and school facilities, to include Public Works, the Public Safety Building and the Public Library, as described in a memorandum dated April 25, 2016 from Phil Hervey subject to the Town Solicitor's review and approval. **The motion passed 4-1, Mrs. Speakman, Mrs. Weymouth, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Primiano; Mrs. Strong opposed.**

### **DISCUSS AND ACT ON PARK & RECREATION MOTION FOR A \$10.00 NON-RESIDENT BEACH DAY PASS**

Park & Recreation Chair Mike Seward was present for discussion. Discussion ensued with potential parking overflow. Mr. Seward stated that if the parking is maxed out, then non-resident passes will cease from being sold on that day or until parking becomes available. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to adopt a \$10.00 non-resident daily parking fee at the Barrington Beach, as recommended by the Park & Recreation Commission. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **DISCUSS AND ACT ON RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **Chapter A225 Fee and Fines - Beach Passes**

- ❖ Resident Day \$5.00 Pass
- ❖ Non-Resident \$10.00 Pass

**Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to adopt the resolutions regarding charging \$5.00 for a daily resident Barrington Beach pass and \$10.00 non-resident fee. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **DISCUSS AND ACT ON BIDS:**

- Award Bid for LED Streetlight Conversion Project: Siemens Industry, Inc.: **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to award the contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$630,000, to replace existing high sodium streetlights with LED streetlights, subject to the completion of the acquisition of the streetlight inventory from National Grid. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Award Bid for Passive Park Improvements at Town Hall/Library: Beausoleil Bros., Inc.: **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to award the contract to construct the Civic Center Trails project to Beausoleil Bros., of 330 Station Street, Cranston, RI, in the amount of \$114,834.00, to include a 5% contingency, as described in a memorandum dated April 25, 2016 from Phil Hervey. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- ESS (Engineering Services)/Brickyard Pond Phosphorous Reduction Analysis: **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Strong to contract with ESS Group to conduct a phosphorous reduction analysis of Brickyard Pond at a cost of \$24,010. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Police/Fire – Main Server: **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Primiano to award the purchase of a computer server to Dell Inc., One Dell Way, RR2, Round Rock, TX, at a cost of \$12,000, as described in a memorandum dated April 27, 2016 from Chief LaCross. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **DISCUSS AND ACT ON RECYCLING POLICIES:**

Mrs. Weymouth stated that the Town does a remarkable job with the recycling program as well as providing containers for recycled materials. Discussion ensued regarding the continuing education and encouragement to recycle; providing additional bins/containers for other materials such as bubble wrap

and Styrofoam. Discussion ensued regarding requiring recycle bins to be placed out on trash day but concluded that the Town has a recycling center (located on Upland Way) and many residents take advantage of this service.

**DISCUSS AND ACT ON VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION:**

Mrs. Strong stated that our volunteers should be acknowledged. Discussion ensued regarding a new format – celebrating the volunteers during a summer concert.

**SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016:**

- Ad Hoc Spencer Trust
- DeAmorim Correspondence
- Barrington 300<sup>th</sup> Commission

**EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RIGL:**

- **42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation Re. North End Holdings, LLC**
- **42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining Police, Fire, DPW and Dispatchers**
- **42-46-5 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property**
- **42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel: Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr.**
- **Discuss and Approve Sealed Minutes of Executive Session on April 7, 2016**

**Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to move into executive session at 9:45 P.M. according to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation Re. North End Holdings; RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining Police, Fire, DPW and Dispatchers; RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property; RIGL 42-46-5-(a) (1) Personnel: Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr. and to Discuss and Approve Sealed Minutes of Executive Session on April 7, 2016. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** by Mr. Primiano and seconded by Mr. Carroll to move out of executive session at 10:30 PM, and that a **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Carroll to authorize the Town Manager to enter into collective bargaining agreements with the unions of Police, Fire, DPW and Dispatchers; and to seal the minutes of the executive session. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURN:**

**Motion** by Mrs. Strong and seconded by Mr. Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

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Meredith J. DeSisto, Town Clerk