

**New Shoreham Town Council
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
6:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 3, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Continued from Monday, April 1, 2013

Present: First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Kenneth C. Lacoste, Town Councilor Sean McGarry, Town Councilor Norris Pike, Town Councilor Christopher Warfel. Also present were Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge and Finance Director Amy Land. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

First Warden Gaffett called the meeting to order at 6:00, continued from April 1, 2013 at 7:00.

9. Receive and act on Boy Scouts of America letter re: special temporary permit for portable restrooms at the Boy Scout camp

Mr. Lacoste moved grant a six month special temporary permit to the Narragansett Council of the BSA for portable toilets in accordance with the request in their letter of March 15, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Warfel.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

10. Receive and act on Councilman Warfel letter/memo re:

- Banning the use of Mylar balloons on BI

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Warfel moved to send a letter to the Tourism Council and the BI Times notifying them that the Town requests that event planners, visitors and residents voluntarily refrain from the use helium inflated balloons and encourage the use of other environmentally friendly substitutes to decrease pollution and the danger to sea life, seconded by Ms. Gaffett.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

- request of Town Manager to solicit from staff ideas regarding benefits of regionalization

A brief discussion ensued. The Town Manager will solicit ideas from employees to pass along to the Washington County Regional Planning Council.

- request of Town Manager re: RI DOT and subcontractor/consultants contact information

Councilor Warfel wanted a list of upcoming projects scheduled by the RI Department of Transportation for the town roads. Under the Town Council-Town Manager form of government, the Town Manager is the appropriate contact person for state agencies such as DOT. Discussion of "TIPS" program. The Town Manager reported on how RI DOT projects are chosen and prioritized.

11. Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

- act on Shell Fish Commission appointment

Ms. Gaffett moved, seconded by Mr. Pike, to appoint Parker Black to fill Ardys Phillipone's unexpired term on the Shellfish Commission, and to send Ms. Phillipone a letter of thanks.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

- receive Town Clerk memo re: Commission on Motor Vehicle for Hire member attendance

Mr. McGarry moved, seconded by Ms. Gaffett, to remove Monica Hull Shea from the Commission on Motor Vehicles for Hire.

Ayes 1 (McGarry) Nays: 4 (Gaffett, Lacoste, Pike, Warfel)

A discussion ensued. Ms. Hull Shea was absent from 8 of the 11 past meetings of the Commission. The Council agreed they should establish a procedure for dealing with such situations in the future.

Ms. Gaffett moved to direct the Clerk to send Ms. Hull Shea a tactful letter letting Monica know the absenteeism is unacceptable. The motion as seconded by Mr. Lacoste.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Mr. Warfel moved to notify the Motor Vehicles for Hire Commission that they are in violation of their charge to meet monthly and to notify them the Town Council expects the Commission to meet year round. Motion was seconded by Ms. Gaffett.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

• announce Board, Committee and Commission openings

First Warden Gaffett announced Water and Sewer Commission terms expire annually in May. The terms of one full commissioner and two alternates on both boards will be finished.

12. Receive and act on Board of Tax Assessors letter re: Property Roll abatements

Mr. Warfel moved, seconded by Mr. Lacoste, to accept the March 19, 2013 recommendation of the Tax Assessors and abate the property rolls accordingly, seconded by Mr. Lacoste.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

13. Receive and act on Town Clerk memo re: Game license fees

Ms. Gaffett recused.

Mr. Pike moved, seconded by Mr. Warfel, to set a licensing fee of \$150 per game.

Ayes: 4 (Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0 Recuse: 1 (Gaffett)

14. Minutes: March 18, 2013; March 20, 2013

Ms. Gaffett moved to accept the minutes of March 18, 2013 and March 20, 2013 with corrections noted. Seconded by Mr. Lacoste.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

15. Correspondence: Representative Donna Walsh re: Wastewater Task Force

No action was needed and none was taken.

At 7:00 a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lacoste and seconded by Mr. McGarry.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Minutes approved June 5, 2013

Fiona Fitzpatrick,
Town Clerk