

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
COUNTY OF NEWPORT**

The Town Council of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Workshop on Tuesday, the 22nd day of September 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tiverton High School – Auditorium, 100 North Brayton Road.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President deMedeiros, Vice President Chabot, Councilor Lambert, Councilor P. Mello, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Perry and Councilor Sousa were present. Town Solicitor Anthony DeSisto was also present.

1. Call To Order

Council President deMedeiros called the Workshop to order at 6:30 pm with a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Town Clerk Nancy Mello conducted the roll call.

Presentation by John E. Taylor, Jr. Chairman Twin River Worldwide Holdings, Inc. on Proposal for Casino in Tiverton (Plat 203, Lot 111 and Plat 204 Lots 101,102,103,106,108) West Side of William Canning Blvd, Tiverton

Council President deMedeiros explained the Twin River Management Group is developing a gaming proposal for a casino in North Tiverton. They are soliciting feedback through a series of charrettes or workshops. In October their plan is to submit preliminary design concepts with a definite proposal for early November. This is the last workshop scheduled. Presentation participants for the workshop were the following: Chris Beaulieu-Shea, Director of Engineering, Cherenzia and Associates, LTD, Todd Brayton, PE (Senior Project Manager, Bryant Associates, Scott Rabideau, PWS (President, Natural Resource Services, Inc.), Peter Stevens (Principal, JCJ Architecture), Paul Hamel (Senior Associate, JCJ Architecture), W. Mark Russo, Esq. (Partner, Ferrucci Russo, P.C.), John E. Taylor, Jr. (Chairman, Twin River Worldwide Holdings, Inc.) and Daphne Politis (Principal, Community Circle).

The charrettes are part of a continuing conversation with the community. Twin River Worldwide Holdings, Inc. (TRWH) is in the process of developing a proposal of a convenience casino small in size with easy access. This proposed casino would be approximately 25% of the size of the one in Lincoln. Mr. Taylor discussed the timeline, getting feedback from the community and coming back in early November with a definite proposal. If the Town Council passes a resolution then it will go to the Governor and State Legislature for submission to the November 2016 ballot. Both statewide and local voters have to approve the ballot question. Mr. Taylor explained the process started by having respectful conversations, not everyone has been supportive, thanked all for the respect given. In the various small meetings with residents heard a lot of concerns about crime, traffic and the impact on the budget. The wetlands have been delineated and this information is being reviewed by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM). An easement is being negotiated for emergency access only. A lot of time has been spent on the traffic issue, taking a look at the proposed roundabout for this part of Town. A lot of feedback has been received from the charrettes on the design. There is nothing on paper at this point, anticipated having a concept by early October.

The audience was given electronic clickers to answer a series of questions regarding the proposal. A scale of 1-5 was used by the audience to input answers with immediate tabulation. Questions posed to the audience included design features, safety, traffic, building details, towers, covered entry and other amenities including the possibility of a hotel and restaurant. Each charrette is using the same presentation and the same format. A brief question and answer period followed.

Council President deMedeiros thanked everyone for their time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Sousa motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Chabot, motion passed unanimously.

The workshop adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

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ATTEST: _____
Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk