

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council will be held on January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI. The proposed agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Council Sitting as the Beverage Licensing Board

4. Consent Agenda *All items marked with ** are to be considered consent agenda*

Motion to accept, approve and place on file the following as the consent agenda: 5a-5b, 12a, 15a through 15f

5. **Minutes and Reports:

a. Minutes:

Town Council: December 4, 8, 18
Affordable Housing: October 9
Budget Commission: October 21
Conservation Commission: October 28, November 25
Economic Improvement: April 24, August 12
Mud Cove ad hoc: December 3, 2007
Planning: November 19
Wastewater Management: November 12

b. Reports:

Building Official: November
Police: November
Public Works: November
Tax Collector: July-November

6. Public Comment- for items not on the agenda

7. Administrator, Solicitor, Commission Reports

- a. Lillian Arnold, Chairwoman, Conservation Commission – Restoration Nursery at Ninigret Park
- b. Update from the Town Solicitor on the South Shore Mental Health issue

8. Announcements

- a. CRCC passes available at Town Clerk's Office - \$10.00, vehicle registration needed
- b. Contact information for wildlife issues
- c. Pipeline distribution list – e-mail

9. Public Hearings-none

10. Ordinances, Resolutions and Proclamations

- a. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 309 amending Chapter 15-Town Council. Motion to advertise for public hearing on February 9, 2009
- b. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 311 amending Chapter 210 Wastewater Management District. Motion to advertise for public hearing on February 9, 2009
- c. Approval of the Community Septic System Loan Program Resolution approving the request for additional funding in the amount of \$300,000 to the RI Clean Water Finance Agency in order to make loans available to residents for repair and replacement of unsuitable septic systems and authorization for the Council President to execute the necessary documents.

11. Communications and Petitions

- a. Draft communication from the Wastewater Department to DEM. Request Council support of this communication regarding Charlestown Cesspool Phase-out Program and RIDEM Denitrification System Requirements and authorization for the Town Council President to sign a letter of support on behalf of the Town Council.

12. Licenses and Permits

Ninigret Park special events will be voted upon at a special meeting on January 26, 2009.

13. Persons Wishing to be Heard

- a. James Lamphere regarding the handling of wastewater
- b. Alan Jarrell-Kenyon Mill Dump Site

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Resignation from Gail Baker, Board of Canvassers.
- b. Appointment of Constables, Traffic Constables, Special Police Officers with a recommendation from the Police Department. See memo from Lt. McMahon
- c. Appointment (1) to Affordable Housing, term to expire September 2011: Melina Lodge
- d. Appointments (4) to Agricultural Preservation, terms to expire January 2012: Abbie Barber, Michael Merner, Noel Rowe, Dr. Fred R. Vohr
- e. Appointments (2) to the Budget Commission, terms to expire January, 2012: Henry Heminway, Richard Sartor
- f. Appointments (3) to the Conservation Commission, terms to expire January, 2012: Richard Thieke, Kerin Browning, Kenneth Orabone
- g. Re-Appointment of Mike Roy as Harbormaster, term to expire January 2010
- h. Appointments (2) to the Mosquito Abatement District Council, no term expirations: Irv Ziegler, John Kells Sr. We still have vacancies
- i. Appointments (6) to Parks and Recreation, terms to expire January 2012: Daniel Alves, Robert Schiedler, Tom Gilligan, Paula Anderson, Sonita Cummings, Richard Hortsmann
- k. Appointments (5) to the Senior Citizen Commission, terms to expire January 2011: Grayce Anderson, Elizabeth McClung, James O'Brien, Joan Wicklund, Bruce Picard
- l. Appointments (2) to Wastewater Management Commission, terms to expire January 2014: James Cairns, Elizabeth Richardson
- m. Appointment to the Zoning Board of Review, Alt. 3, term to expire July 2009: David Provancha
- n. Appointment of (2) Conservation Commission members to the Mud Cove ad hoc Committee, terms run with current Council term.: Lillian Arnold, Virginia Wootten. We are waiting for the Planning and Parks and Recreation members
- o. Appointment to the Ninigret Park Contamination Study Committee (ad hoc), term runs with current Council term: Virginia Wootten
- p. Request from the Parks and Recreation Commission that the Town Council establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of planning a dog park within Ninigret Park: 5 members, 2 from Parks and Recreation and 3 citizens at large. The 2 Parks and Recreation Commission members are Robert J. Schiedler and Lisa B. Walsh. There are 3 vacancies.

15. Fiscal Matters

- a. Request from the Parks and Recreation Commission for authorization for minor repairs and improvements not to exceed \$30,000 per facility to the Blue Shutters Beach and Charlestown Town Beach, with funding for the work to come from existing Open Space and Recreation Bond funds. (Continued from 12-8-08)
- **b. Request from the Weekapaug Foundation asking to be exempt from real estate taxation from and after December 31, 2008 in accordance with RIGL §44-3-3(25) for Plat 1 Lot 85, known as Bill's Island.
- **c. Award of bid for the purchase of a 2008 Alamo super heavy-duty grass flair 60' mower head with a recommendation from the Dir. of Public Works: Baker Tractor in the amount of \$12,67 after trade in with funding available to come from account 620-6040 (\$3,000) and 630-6040 (\$9,667).
- **d. 2009 Beach fees as recommended by Parks and Recreation: Remain the same as the 2008 fees – Resident beach sticker-\$45; Resident senior-\$25; Non resident beach sticker-\$90; Non resident senior-\$45; Cottage pass-\$360; Daily entrance fees for Charlestown Beach is \$10 per day for weekdays and weekends/holidays; Blue Shutters Beach is \$10 per day for weekdays and \$15 per day for weekends and holidays
- **e. Request from the Tax Collector for abatements totaling \$372.02 and remittances totaling \$15,112.08
- **f. Award of bid for uniform rental, repair and cleaning for Highway and Sanitation Departments with a recommendation from the Dir. of Public Works: Cintas Corporation for a 3 year contract at a cost not to exceed \$11,598.60 with funding from account 610-6065.

16. Legal Matters

17. Unfinished Business

- a. Reimbursement to the Town of Richmond in the amount of \$25,477 for repair of the Biscuit City Road Bridge and authorization for the Town Solicitor to contact the Richmond Town Solicitor and draft an agreement for both towns regarding the bridge.
- b. Recommendation from Parks and Recreation to approve the Chamber of Commerce Bonfire for Saturday, January 17, 2009.

c. Omnibus meeting agenda items – Chariho

18. New Business

a. Ninigret Park Contamination Study Group (name change of ad hoc)

b. Properly marking town owned vehicles

c. Post Employment Benefit Trust

d. Freeze on hiring or replacing of full time staff for the next 6 months, with the exception of the Town Administrator and summer beach personnel.

e. Request from Parks and Recreation that the Ninigret Park hours of operation be changed for the months of May and June to allow for extended hours for fishing:

 Sunday-Thursday 5:00 am to 10:00 pm

 Friday – Saturday 5:00am to 12:00 am

f. Omnibus meeting for all town boards and commissions

19. Council Comments

20. Adjournment

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