

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – December 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council will be held on December 12, 2011 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, Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL

Motion to move items 15a, 18c, 8e, 8b and 8c to be heard next on the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

5. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

a. James Mageau – Attorney General’s decision re: Mageau v. Charlestown Town Council

6. ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION REPORTS

a. Town Administrator

b. Town Solicitor

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Discussion of IRS Publication 526 as it relates to the Friends of Ninigret Park

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and adoption of a Town Council policy regarding the appointment of Board and Commission applicants.

b. Discussion and potential action of Homestead Exemption.

c. Approval of RIDEM grant application by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

d. Discussion of White Tail Deer Management at Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge.

e. Discussion, review and potential vote regarding an Affordable Housing Resolution and proposed Affordable Housing Legislation.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public hearing and possible vote on Ordinance #345 amending Chapter 158 – Parks, Beaches and Recreation Areas.

10. COUNCIL SITTING AS BEVERAGE LICENSING BOARD

a. Request from the Meadow Brook Inn for a 12:30 am closure on New Year’s Eve (December 31, 2011/January 1, 2012).

11. LICENSES AND PERMITS - None

12. CONSENT AGENDA *All items marked with “CA” are to be considered consent agenda*

Motion to accept, approve and place on file the following as the consent agenda: 13a, 13b, 17a, 18a and 18b

13. MINUTES AND REPORTS

“CA” a. Town Council Minutes: November 9; November 14 (Executive and Regular sessions)

“CA” b. Reports: Building Official, November 2011; GIS, November 2011; Police Chief, November 2011; Public Works Director, November 2011; Tax Collector - June 2011; July 2011; August 2011; September 2011; Town Clerk, November 2011; Treasurer, November 2011; Wastewater Manager, November 2011

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Board and Commission vacancies

15. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

a. Presentation of the Charlestown Hometown Hero Award to Arrowhead Dental Associates

b. Resolution and possible vote on a Resolution in the Aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene.

16. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

a. Letter from Margaret L. Hogan, Esquire on behalf of James Lynch, regarding defects in the Zoning Ordinance: Signs

17. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- “CA” a. Appointment of Evelyn Smith as Chariho of the Affordable Housing Commission per §3-2 of the Town Code, with a recommendation from the Commission.
- b. Appointment to the Affordable Housing Commission, term to expire in September of 2013. (Applications received from: Linda Felaco, Sandra K. Puchalski, James A. Duckworth, Melina Lodge, Charee M. Jackson Andersen, Gabriel Warren, Ronald J. Areglado and Susie Hughes)
- c. Resignation of Elizabeth Carpentieri from the Wastewater Management Commission.
- d. Resignation of Christopher J. Sheehan from the Budget Commission.

18. FISCAL MATTERS

- “CA” a.. Request from the Town Treasurer to transfer funding for the 27th pay period and the approved 2% pay increase from contingency to the various department salary lines.
- “CA” b. Request from the Tax Assessor for Abatements in the amount of \$8253.55.
- c. Presentation of the preliminary report from the YMCA Property Advisory Panel and potential action on a Resolution in support of the Charlestown Land Trust’s purchase of the YMCA property for preservation.

19. LEGAL MATTERS

- a. Reconsideration of and potential action on the vote of June 15, 2011 regarding Personnel - Town Administrator (Performance Review and Potential Salary Increase)

20. ADJOURNMENT

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