



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March, 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

I. TOWN COUNCIL

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Presentation of 2020 Audit

Mary Sahady and Josianne Araujo from Hague, Sahady & Co., CPA's PC joined the Council Meeting via Zoom to discuss the 2020 Audit. John Ward, Finance Director was also in attendance to answer and questions regarding the audit.

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman

SECONDER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Kenneth Pichette, Pamela Azar, Bruce Ogni

- D. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes Approval

- 1. Wednesday, January 20, 2021

2. Minutes of Feb 16, 2021 7:00 PM

A motion was made by Councilman Pichette that the Consent Agenda be approved, which includes the Minutes of the February 16, 2020 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Azar. Ayes: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Azar, Ogni. Approved (5-0)

2. Consideration of Monthly Bills

1. Report 2021-17

Monthly Bills March 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2021 03 FY21 Direct Pay (PDF)
- 2021 03 FY21 Accounts Payable (PDF)

- 2021 03 FY21 Library (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

3. *Claims for Referral to Committee*

1. **Claim 2021-4**

Emanuelle Guilme

ATTACHMENTS:

- Claim Guilme (PDF)

RESULT: DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS] **Next: 4/20/2021 7:00 PM**
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. **Claim 2021-5**

Stephen Thornton

ATTACHMENTS:

- Claim Thorton (PDF)

RESULT: DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS] **Next: 4/20/2021 7:00 PM**
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

3. **Claim 2021-6**

James Zak

ATTACHMENTS:

- Claim Zak (PDF)

RESULT:	DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/20/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

4. Reports

a. Town Administrator

1. Report 2021-18

Monthly Report: Human Services

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. Report 2021-19

Tax Assessors Monthly Report- February 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

- February 2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

3. Report 2021-20

Monthly Report: Library

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

4. Report 2021-21

Monthly Activity Report: Public Safety

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

5. Report 2021-22

Monthly Report: DPW February 2021

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

6. Communication 2021-12

Monthly Report - Planning Department

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

7. Report 2021-23

Monthly Report - Finance March 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2021 03 monthly council report (PDF)
- 2021 03 Tax Receipts as of Feb 28 2021 (PDF)
- 2021 03 Rev and Exp as of Feb 28 2021 (PDF)
- 2021 02 28 Water Commission Finance Report(PDF)
- 2021 03 School Finance Report (PDF)
- Table Game Commissions (PDF)
- FY2021 Revised State aid per Governor FY2022 budget proposal (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

8. Communication 2021-13

Director of Personnel

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

5. **Pole Placement**

1. **Pole Placement 2021-1**

National Grid & Verizon New England, Inc @ Michael Drive

ATTACHMENTS:

- Pole Placement (PDF)

6. **Communications**

a. **State Mandated Financial Reports**

1. **Communication 2021-14**

Albion Fire District

ATTACHMENTS:

- Communication Albion Fire District (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

b. **Communication 2021-15**

Coventry Town Council

ATTACHMENTS:

- Communication Coventry (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

c. **Communication 2021-16**

Central Falls City Council

ATTACHMENTS:

- Communication Central Falls (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

d. Communication 2021-17

Burrillville Town Council

ATTACHMENTS:

- Communication Burrillville (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

e. Communication 2021-18

Letter from the Budget Board

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilman Russo asked that this Communication be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Russo to refer the communication from the Budget Board to the Town Solicitor for an analysis and written response. This response would be given to the Town Council and Budget Board. Seconded by Councilman Pichette. Ayes: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Azar, Ogni. Approved (5-0)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Communication from Lincoln Budget Board 3-4-2021 (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

7. Tax Abatements

1. Report 2021-24

March 2021 Tax Assessor Abatements

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

In the amount of \$279.10

ATTACHMENTS:

- March 2021 (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

E. Public Comment

Public comment from Bob Turner of the Budget Board.

F. Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance Committee Report

1. Ordinance 2021-1

Salary Ordinance

HISTORY:

02/16/21 Town Council DEFERRED
Next: 03/16/21

ATTACHMENTS:

- Non Union Salary Ordinance (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Kenneth Pichette, Pamela Azar
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

b. Claims Committee Report

1. Claim 2021-2

Claim Sheila Brown

HISTORY:

02/16/21 Town Council REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 03/16/21

ATTACHMENTS:

- Claim Brown (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

G. New Business

a. Resolutions for Introduction for Referral to Committee

1. Resolution 2021-4

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN OPPOSITION TO RHODE ISLAND 2021 GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilman Keith Macksoud stated he does not like putting these issues on the Cities and Towns.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. Resolution 2021-5

Authorize Cancellation of Certain Taxes March 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2021 February Abatement (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

b. Ordinance for Referral to Committee

1. Communication 2021-19

Letter from Town Planner on Amendment to Mapped St. Ord

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to TC - Edward_Winterberry_Christian Court Map Ordinance (PDF)

RESULT:	DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/20/2021 7:00 PM
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SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

2. Ordinance 2021-2

Amendment to Mapped St. Ord - Winterberry Road

ATTACHMENTS:

- Amendment to Mapped St. Ord - Winterberry Road (PDF)

RESULT:	DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/20/2021 7:00 PM
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SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

3. Ordinance 2021-3

Amendment to Mapped St. Ord - Edward Lane

ATTACHMENTS:

- Amendment to Mapped St. Ord - Edward Lane (PDF)

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SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

4. Ordinance 2021-4

Amendment to Mapped St. Ord - Christian Court

ATTACHMENTS:

- Amendment to Mapped St. Ord - Christian Ct (PDF)

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SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

c. Valentine Whitman House**1. Communication 2021-20**

Real Property Conveyance Agreement

ATTACHMENTS:

- Valentine Whitman Real Property Conveyance Agreement (PDF)

RESULT:	DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/20/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Bruce Ogni, Councilman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

2. Communication 2021-21

PRI Project Summary FINAL

ATTACHMENTS:

- Valentine Whitman PRI Project Summary FINAL (PDF)

RESULT:	DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/20/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Bruce Ogni, Councilman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

3. Communication 2021-22

Preservation Easement DRAFT

ATTACHMENTS:

- Valentine Whitman Preservation Easement DRAFT (PDF)

RESULT:	DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/20/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Bruce Ogni, Councilman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

H. Adjourn

Councilman Russo gave an update from the Capital Improvement Committee. He stated that he took a tour of the High School and he is very impressed by the work that has been done and the great impact these improvement will have on the Town. He didn't want all the negative discussions to overshadow the great things happening.

A motion to Adjourn at 8:01PM, was made by Councilman Pichette. Seconded by Councilman Russo. Ayes: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Azar, Ogni. Approved (5-0)