

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 28, 2007

A special meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was called to order at the Jamestown Police Station, 250 Conanicus Avenue at 4:34 p.m. by Council President David J. Long. The following members were present:

Julio J. DiGiando, Vice President
William A. Kelly
Barbara A. Szepatowski

Michael Schnack arrived at 4:45 p.m.

also present: Bruce R. Keiser, Town Administrator
 Arlene D. Petit, Town Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

1) Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) real estate re: farmland acquisition
Council President Long announced that there would be an executive session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) real estate re: farmland acquisition later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2) Tall Ships update
The Town Administrator reported that the Town will be offering parking at the Melrose Avenue School, Lawn Avenue School and at Fort Getty. We expect to have two shuttle buses on Sunday, July 1 and one bus on Saturday. The Town will provide signage to those parking lots.

There was some discussion regarding the Southland Ferry being parked at the concrete pier and using the pier as a station to sell tickets to view the tall ships without Town permission. The Town Administrator stated that he has asked the Chief of Police to check into this matter.

The Town Clerk reported that there has been an increased interest in one day peddler licenses for East Ferry.

It was the consensus of the Council to put the policy and procedures relating to peddlers on the next Council agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Schedule Special Financial Town Meeting re: farmland acquisition
The Council discussed the need to hold a Special Financial Town Meeting for bond approval for the purchase of development rights to farmland in Jamestown. It was the consensus of the Council that the meeting should be held in min-September in an effort to allow time for private fundraising.

The Town Administrator reported that presently there is debt service in the budget of \$2,500,000. The Town has \$500,000 in reserved funds to be put towards the purchase of the development rights. In addition it is expected that we will use funding in the Water Resource Protection account, the Golf Course revenue account, and will receive funding from the fees in lieu of land dedication account. The State will contribute, as well as funding from the Federal Government and the Champlain Foundation.

It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Schnack to hold a Special Financial Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 to receive approval from the qualified voters of Jamestown to seek bonding for the purchase and protection of farmland in the Town of Jamestown. So unanimously voted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) real estate re: farmland acquisition
It was moved by Councilor DiGiando, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to enter into executive session at 4:55 p.m., pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) real estate to discuss farmland acquisition. It was voted, Councilor DiGiando, aye; Councilor Kelly, aye; Councilor Schnack, aye; Councilor Szepatowski, aye; Council President Long, aye.

Upon the return of the Council to the special session at 5:40 p.m., it was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Councilor Szepatowski to seal the executive session minutes from the public. It was voted, Councilor DiGiando, aye; Councilor Kelly, aye; Councilor Schnack, aye; Councilor Szepatowski, aye; Council President Long, aye.

Council President Long stated that there were no votes taken in executive session.

There being no further business before the Council, it was moved by Councilor Schnack, seconded by Council President Long to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Attest:

Arlene D. Petit
Town Clerk

c: Town Council Members (5)
Town Administrator
Town Solicitor
Administrative Circulation