

The April 23, 2020, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President.  
This was a Virtual Meeting using Zoom via Computer or Phone at 7:01 p.m.

The following members were present:

**Denise L. DiFranco, President**  
**Cheryl Hawes, Vice President**  
**Chris Stone**  
**Heidi Rogers**  
**Joe Cardillo- absent**

Also present:

Kelli Russ, Treasurer  
Susan Dillon, Town Clerk  
Jennifer Siciliano  
Mark Tourgee, Solicitor

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes for March 26, 2020.

Approval of Payroll Warrants

a. # 39 - \$32,287.94

b. # 40 - \$40,653.34

c. # 41 - \$34,839.10

d. # 42 - \$ 36,442.09 3.

Approval of General Warrants

a. General Warrants #15 - \$66,408.86 b. General Warrant  
#16 - \$56,550.48

4. Monthly Reports (March 2020)

a. Building and Zoning

b. DPW

c. Human Services

d. Police Report

e. RIRRC Report

f. Tax Assessor

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve  
the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion passed 4 – 0.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris  
Stone, aye; and Heidi Rogers, aye.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Solar Ordinance  
Moratorium**

Jennifer Siciliano stated that we would have to have a  
public hearing and would have to advertise that extra  
time would be needed because of the Coronavirus  
emergency. October 22 was suggested as a meeting date.  
Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to extend the  
moratorium until October 22, 2020.

Motion passed 4 – 0.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris  
Stone, aye; and Heidi Rogers, aye.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Adopt a Declaration of a  
State of Emergency**

Denise L. DiFranco stated that they would continue with  
the previous declaration made prior to this, but added a  
few new things pertaining to gatherings of six or more  
people, wearing face masks, etc. which will remain in  
effect until May 8, 2020 with possible extension to May  
14.

Heidi Rogers read the Declaration (see Exhibit A).

Chris Stone moved, Denise L. DiFranco seconded, to  
adopt the declaration as read with the correction of five  
or more people at gatherings prohibited. Denise L.

DiFranco noted that some changes and making some  
concessions for campgrounds so she did not include it.

Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adopt the  
declaration as read with those corrections.

Motion passed 4 – 0.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris  
Stone, aye; and Heidi Rogers, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco discussed campgrounds and noted  
that she did not include them because they were  
amenable to guidelines. She also stated she could extend  
it seven days to the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Resolution 2020-04  
Requesting the Governor to  
Convene a Special General  
Assembly**

Denise L. DiFranco stated that the council received Resolution 2020-04 from Representative Mike Chippendale asking to get back into session. Heidi Rogers read the Resolution (see Exhibit B). Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the Resolution from Representative Chippendale 2020-04.  
Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Denise L. DiFranco, Heidi Rogers, Bob Moreau  
Motion passed 4 – 0.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Heidi Rogers, aye.

**C. Planner Resignation**

Planner Jennifer Siciliano submitted a resignation letter. The letter was read into the record by Cheryl Hawes (see Exhibit C).  
Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the letter of resignation with regrets.  
Discussion: Heidi Rogers, Cheryl Hawes, Denise L. DiFranco  
Motion passed 4 – 0.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Heidi Rogers, aye.

**D. Advertisement for Planner  
Position**

Denise L. DiFranco suggested using the ad from the last time and for 24 to 29 hours.  
Discussion regarding leaving that open. Kelli Russ, Treasurer, suggested leaving it at 28 hours with a salary range of \$38,643 - \$45,043.  
Jennifer Siciliano suggested contacting Glocester and Exeter planners who both work part time. She also mentioned the RI Planners newsletter and her college alumni list as a possibility.  
Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to advertise for a new planner at the salary stated in the following places: Muni.com, RI Planners Newsletter, League of Cities and Towns, Jennifer's Alumni list and Online Organizations  
Motion passed 4 – 0.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Heidi Rogers, aye.

**E. Interview Committee for  
Planning position**

Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to form an interview committee on Zoom comprised of Heidi Rogers, Cheryl Hawes, Kelli Russ, Joanna Achille, and Jennifer Siciliano.  
Motion passed 4 – 0.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Heidi Rogers, aye.

**V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- DPW Dept. – Replace loader
- FTM – Discussion
- Ball / Recreation Field
- April 30 Budget Meeting
- Outstanding litigation on hold

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to adjourn.  
Motion passed 4 – 0.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Heidi Rogers, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by

Susan Sprague, Deputy Town Clerk