

MINUTES OF SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Place: Smithfield Town Hall

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Town Council President John J. Tassoni, Jr.
Town Council Vice President Angelica Bovis
Town Council Member Michael P. Iannotti
Town Council Member Rachel S. Toppi
Town Council Member Thomas Winfield
Interim Town Manager Robert Seltzer
Town Solicitor Anthony Gallone
Town Clerk Lyn Antonuccio

I. President Tassoni calls the Tuesday, May 5, 2026 Smithfield Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. President Tassoni offers a prayer

III. Salute to the flag

IV. Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification

V. Presentations:

A. Special Recognition to DATTCO Bus Monitor Caroline King and Bus Driver Renee Grey.

Council President Tassoni states the following: Bus drivers and monitors are not recognized for the work that they do. We put the lives of our young children in the hands of the bus driver and the monitor. If they did not do what they did on that day, Braxton would not be standing here this evening.

On behalf of the Town Council, President Tassoni presents Ms. King and Ms. Grey with citations.

VI. Minutes:

A. Move that the minutes of the April 8, 2026 work session meeting be approved as recorded.

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the minutes of the April 8, 2026 work session be approved as recorded and sealed. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0/ vote.**

B. Move that the minutes of the April 15, 2025 work session meeting be approved as recorded.

Motion is made by Member Toppi, seconded by Member Winfield, that the minutes of the April 15, 2026 open session meeting be approved as amended. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

VII. Consider, discuss and act upon the following appointments and reappointments:

A. Planning Board reappointments (2) with terms expiring in May of 2029.

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council hereby reappoints James D'Ambra and John Yoakum to the Planning Board with a term expiring in May of 2029. **Motion is approved by 4/0 vote. Member Toppi abstains.**

B. Water Supply Board Advisory Commission with a term expiring in December of 2028.

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council appoints Dante DiGregorio to the Water Supply Board Advisory Commission with a term expiring in December of 2028. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

VIII. Public Hearings:

A. Conduct a public hearing to consider, discuss and act upon amendments to Chapter 145 of the Smithfield Code of Ordinances entitled "Boats and Waterways".

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council table this matter. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

B. Conduct a public hearing to consider, discuss and act upon amendments to the Smithfield Zoning Ordinance; Article 2 entitles "Definitions" and Article 4, Section 4.3 entitled "Table of Uses" relating to data centers sponsored by Council Vice President, Angelica L. Bovis, Council Member Rachel S. Toppi, and Council Member Michael P. Iannotti.

President Tassoni declares the public hearing open.

Town Planner Gregory Guertin explains the following: The proposed amendment defines what a data center is and will be listed in the Table of Uses as not permitted in all zoning districts. In terms of the content of the ordinance, it is that simple.

Vice President Bovis would like confirmation that the original ordinance that went before the Planning Board, included the two (2) year review/interim framework section, and the Planning Board took it out. Planner Guertin confirms this. Vice President Bovis would also like confirmation that the ordinance before the council this evening does not include that. Planner Guertin also confirms this.

Member Toppi gives the attendees a genesis of how this came about: Over the past year research has been conducted on her part through reading material and documentaries regarding the escalating resistance against data centers of various sizes nationwide.

Although she deemed it unlikely that a data center would be constructed in Town, she considered it prudent to take proactive measures.

Consequently, she contacted local officials last Fall to explore the possibility of implementing a townwide ban. By February a proposed amendment was drafted and was slated for submission to the Planning Board for their review/recommendation to the council, which is standard procedure. The submission process was put on hold upon being advised that the Town was working with developers and stakeholders on a business park project in the Hanton City area which might include a data center.

Upon requesting an update on this project to be sent to the council, she did not receive any. A month later the project's public disclosure via a Projo article came as a surprise to many. That same month the project was presented to the Planning Board which issued a unanimous positive recommendation by an 8/0 vote. As a result, we have reached this point.

For clarity, she would like to emphasize that this amendment was drafted as a proactive measure in anticipation of potential developments rather than in response to recent news about a data center construction interest in Smithfield. It is essential for residents to understand that this initiative was reactive, but rather a precautionary step.

Why a ban for her personally? As of April 2026, the United States is experiencing a significant national wave of data center moratoriums and legislative restrictions. This is driven by:

- Concerns over energy grid strain, water consumption, and rising electricity costs for residents.
- The long term health, environmental, and economic effects of data centers are largely unknown.
- Currently regulatory frameworks are grossly insufficient to protect communities from the encroachment of data centers.

The bottom line is that we cannot let these facilities in before we understand what they do to our grid, water table, environment, health, and economy. Expanding the local taxbase is an important part of the function of local government, but to pursue these ratables at the expense of residents' quality of life and local environment, is an indignity to their constituents.

Solicitor Gallone states that as a housekeeping measure, Planner Guertin's memorandum should be entered as a part of the record. Solicitor Gallone asks Planner Guertin to review the proposed amendment's consistency with the Comprehensive Plan areas where it is deemed consistent.

Planner Guertin explains the following: The proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. This is because it advances the plan's broader land use policies requiring sound land use practices, protection of natural resources and attention to infrastructure and environmental capacity before additional growth is accommodated.

There are a number of goals and policies that speak to this:

- Establish a balance among residential, commercial, industrial, and all other land uses.
- Development of sound land use practices.
- Minimizing impacts of the expansion of potentially hazardous land uses.
- Consideration of the natural capacity of the land to support future development.

Much of the Comprehensive Plan supports the Town's decision to find data centers as a distinct land use and list them as not permitted. Unless and until the Town adopts a complete regulatory framework for evaluating the potential utility, cooling, water, wastewater, mechanical, and ecological impacts.

Member Iannotti questions if it is Planner Guertin's conclusion that the ordinance he has prepared and submitted to the council for adoption is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Planner Guertin confirms this.

The following residents and nonresidents express their concerns about the grid, water contamination, rising energy costs, noise, pollution, mental health, wildlife, fauna, destroying the Town's ruralness, storing personal information, Hanton City's history, tax incentives, AI, etc. All were in opposition to this proposed project going forward.

Matthew Sala, Adam Hutchins, Kathleen Young, Yvette August, Emily Fulginiti, Cynthia Mulvey, Erin Murphy, Brenda Tangney, Kellie Tolley, Marni Pinelli, Patricia Cafaro, Charlene Rivet, Jennifer Gouin, Kate Schapira, Thomas Dubek, Andrea Morrison, Eric Correia, Mary King, Elaine Pelino, Lisa Sullivan, Michael Moan, Christopher Cardin, Kathleen Gustafson, Kimberly St. Sauveur, Richard Graumann, Benjamin Teixeira, Roland Wolfsberger, Kevin Pierce, Mary McConnell, Nathaniel Sharpe, Kelly DeAngelis, Stephanie Amaral, Randall Rose, Jessica Daltorio, Sean Sullivan, Barbara Rich, Kenneth Sousa, Edward DeMayo, P.J. Taylor, Ann Leach, Roger Vaughn, and Rochelle Vaughn.

Representative Gregory Costantino assures all in attendance that he will bring this message to the State House, and with respect to the Sales Tax Bill, being heard in House Finance, Representative Santucci, Senator Tikoian, and himself will be voting against it.

Hearing no further comments, President Tassoni closes the public hearing.

Vice President Bovis thanks everyone for attending this evening. Vice President Bovis states the following: It is great to see everyone rallying for something that is positive, negative, controversial, or whatever it may be. She loves when residents get involved, and she hopes that everyone continues to be involved moving forward.

She is not anti-growth or anti-business; however, she is pro information, knowledge, protecting the residents, and the Town's future. The Planning Board went through this ordinance very thoughtfully. The ordinance was drafted by her and other council members. The Planning Board found this to be appropriate, and the Town Planner confirmed this was consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. She explains to the public what the Comprehensive Plan is and its priorities.

Member Iannotti states the following: The council tries to pass an ordinance like this to protect the Town. Otherwise, applications are submitted and the applicant appears before the Planning Board. This would keep control of this issue with the Town Council who are the elected officials of the Town. It is very important to protect the Town and have an ordinance like this in place now and to move forward with it.

He thanks Vice President Bovis, and especially Member Toppi, who began working on this last summer.

Motion is made by Member Iannotti, seconded by Member Toppi, to adopt the ordinance, as submitted by the Town Planner, and to incorporate the Town Planner's staff memo and testimony into the record.

Town Clerk Antonuccio takes a roll call, and the following votes were recorded:

Member Winfield – nay
Member Toppi – aye
Member Iannotti – aye
Vice President Bovis – aye
President Tassoni - aye

Motion is approved by a 4/1 vote.

C. Conduct a public hearing to consider, discuss and act upon amendments to Article 9 of the Smithfield Zoning Ordinance entitles "Special Districts", Sections 9.4.8, Table 3 - EGO Land Uses, relating to hotel room thresholds within the Economic Overlay Growth Overlay District.

President Tassoni declares the public hearing open.

Town Planner Gregory Guertin explains the following: In terms of the context and content that would be changed is minimal. This is a change from one hundred (100) rooms permitted by right, to up to one hundred fifty (150) rooms by right with the EGO District.

President Tassoni questions if it is Planner Guertin's recommendation that the council move forward with this. Planner Guertin confirms this.

Member Iannotti states that he read Planner Guertin's staff memo. Member Iannotti questions if he discussed crime statistics with the Police Chief or looked into any crime statistics relative to the extended stay hotels the Town currently has.

Planner Guertin explains the following: He has seen data; however, crime statistics are not particularly relevant to the decision the Planning Board must make, whether it be an ordinance amendment or project proposal. That was not a consideration of the Planning Board either in his memo to them or to the council.

Member Iannotti states that Planner Guertin is probably correct; however, he thinks they are relevant to the determination that they, as elected officials, make for sure.

Member Toppi would like to confirm the vote of the Planning Board as being five (5) members in favor of this and three (3) members opposing. Planner Guertin states that the vote sounds correct; however, he does not have the vote with him.

Vice President Bovis would like to confirm some things having to do with this project: This is located in the EGOD of the Route 7/116 corridor and hotels are permitted in that area already. Planner Guertin confirms both items. Vice President Bovis questions the only change would be the maximum rooms allowed from one hundred (100) to one hundred fifty (150) rooms. Planner Guertin confirms this.

Vice President Bovis questions the size requirements, if there are any, (setbacks, frontage, etc.) would remain the same. Planner Guertin confirms this and explains that all other standards currently in the ordinance would still apply.

Vice President Bovis questions this hotel being different from the hotels currently in the Town because it is an extended stay. Planner Guertin confirms this. Vice President Bovis questions five (5) days or more or seven (7) days or more being typical of an extended stay. Planner Guertin believes so; however, it could be slightly more than that.

Vice President Bovis questions that no pool or bar is planned for this hotel. Planner Guertin states it is his understanding that there is no bar or pool planned for this hotel.

Vice President Bovis states that Planner Guertin's memo talked about hotel classifications, and she questions this particular amendment not changing the classification of the hotel. Planner Guertin explains that there is no clearcut answer to this question because there is not a specific standard, and there seems to be different interpretations of those standards. Planner Guertin further explains that in his opinion, and from what he has read it seems to be within the range that it is already in.

Representing the applicant is Attorney John Revens, Jr. and he explains the following: The subject property is located at 235 George Washington Highway, and where the hotel would be is described as AP 46, Lots 89, 89A, and 394. The property is in an underlying zoning overlay district (EGOD). When the Town created that overlay district, the ordinance was established to expedite permitting and the development of mixed use in this area. The subject property is approximately a quarter of a million square feet.

They are here to support the ordinance amendment, and as Planner Guertin explained, the only change is the maximum amount of rooms that is allowed by right in the overlay district. Any setbacks, boundaries, height, lot coverage and parking will not be changed. If the ordinance is amended, this is not a decision for the council, it is a decision for the Planning Board. If the application is completed the way they are anticipating, based on the size of the parcel, this application will not require any relief. The square footage of this proposed hotel, although not a part of the proposed amendment, is less square footage than an existing hotel in Town.

The rooms would be smaller because the company's business model is that there are no other facilities other than rooms. There is no swimming pool, tennis court, or dining room. This allows them to maintain high quality rooms at a very competitive price without having to support the ancillary services.

The current hotel room count threshold reflects the policy calibration, as Planner Guertin indicated to the council, that does not align with current, contemporary hotel design or efficiencies. His client does not build hotels, under any circumstances, and this model of under one hundred (100) does not work operationally or financially.

They have spent a great deal of time analyzing this site and looking at why this is a good place for them to do business. They are prepared to spend millions of dollars on this facility if the ordinance allows them to do so. In other areas of Town that are not located in the EGOD there is not a limit for the number of rooms in a hotel. No one in the Planning Department has been able to figure out where the limit came from or its basis.

President Tassoni questions why over one hundred (100) rooms are needed.

The Vice President of Real Estate for Park Silver Development, Gregory Heflin explains the following: There prototype is one hundred twenty-two (122) rooms. This hotel is not unlike any other hotel, and they compete against The Marriott, The Hilton, Starwood, Wyndham, and Hyatt. All have over one hundred (100) rooms, therefore, this is not any different from what you would see across the board in the hotel industry.

President Tassoni questions if there are any other extended stay hotels in Northern RI. Mr. Heflin states that there is a Residence Inn in Lincoln, Home2 Suites, and there is one South outside of Providence.

President Tassoni questions if they finance their own hotels. Mr. Heflin explains the following: Their projects are financed out of capital and debt is used for construction only. Generally, the lenders are local lenders which stimulates the local banking economy a little. Everything is privately funded through their corporation and capital partners.

Member Toppi would like a definition of an “extended stay”. Mr. Heflin states that the hotel industry definition is anything over seven (7) nights. Member Toppi questions the maximum and if it could be one (1) year. Mr. Heflin states that it could be one (1) year, however, someone court stay at the Courtyard for three hundred (300) days as well.

Member Toppi states that she wants to understand because some hotels are not extended stay, and she reiterates that she would like the official definition inclusive of the range. Mr. Heflin states the following: He would point to the room setup which consists of a small kitchenette, full service refrigerator and a two (2) cooktop stove. He believes that The Marriott and Home2 Suites has a dishwasher, therefore, they are geared towards someone buying groceries and eating in. A business traveler would go to the restaurants, bars, shops, etc. Those staying in their hotels would do that as well, and they would utilize the grocery stores.

Member Toppi questions this company having other extended stay hotels. Mr. Heflin explains the following: They are developing the Woodspring Suites across the country, and he has four (4) operating Woodspring Suites from Florida to Seattle and North Carolina. There are two (2) in construction, six (6) in development, five (5) offers on sites across the country.

Member Toppi questions the average night stay of someone staying in their hotels. Mr. Heflin explains that the average stay is eleven (11) nights. Member Toppi questions if there are people that live their fulltime. Mr. Heflin states the following: No one lives there, no one gets mail there, and no one has school buses come. The rates change on a regular basis; therefore, the rooms are not leased and rates are not frozen. Reservations are made through a reservation system; you check in at 3:00 p.m. and check out at 11:00 a.m.

Member Toppi questions why they think this site would allow them to be successful here. Mr. Heflin explains the following: They have been targeting this area for various reasons; highway systems and corporations. They go through a rigorous three (3) point inspection. They conduct travel research and run a report which gives them rates and occupancy for their competitors. They visit local businesses to figure out the demographics.

Choice Hotels does a site score which gives them demand driving businesses, traffic counts, percentage of incomes spent on rent (this does not apply to them because they are renting, but they compete against other apartments), predicted population growth/density. The Highland Group gives them a score and a projected rate, occupancy, projected performance, and a full report on the area.

Member Toppi questions the average room rate. Mr. Heflin explains that their stays are longer so their rates are lower. Mr. Heflin gives an example of someone staying for a night which cost in the range of \$200 versus someone staying for a longer period of time.

Member Toppi questions if they anticipate leasing space to any other entities to increase occupancy and revenue. Mr. Heflin states that they will not be leasing to other entities.

Vice President Bovis questions the typical clientele. Mr. Heflin states the clientele would be those doing corporate training, those working on infrastructure projects, travelling nurses, those in the military, people waiting for a home while it is in the construction process, and people to be near a hospital for medical purposes.

Member Iannotti questions will they build a one hundred (100) room hotel if the ordinance is not adopted. Mr. Heflin states the following: They would not build the hotel, and they would look for another site. The Town and site were identified as great geography for them being located close to Route 295, other amenities and users. They cannot make the model work for various reasons such as labor.

Edward DeMayo, 75 Whipple Road, questions how many bedrooms are in each room. Attorney Revens states there is only one (1) bedroom.

Cythina Mulvey, 17 Waterview Drive, states the following: She questions if any council members have a police scanner. She urges the council to review the service calls that the men/women must go to in the Route 7/116 corridor as it is right now. There is an overtaxed police department that does not need to stress and strain due to any further of this transitory activity that is encouraged in the anonymity of a rental.

Christopher Cardin, 28 Mountaindale Road, states the following: He is a social worker, and knowing that there are already two (2) or three (3) extended stays in a five (5) mile radius of that area, the Town should not give into them. They do not need the fifty (50) additional rooms. President Tassoni explains that this is not accurate because in 2008 the Commerce Corporation and Bryant University did a study in Northern RI, and in this area, they were five hundred (500) rooms short. Mr. Cardin states that he was commenting on the previous speaker's statement.

Kenneth Sousa, 2 Williams Road, states the following: He questions if the council or Planning Board have received a Market Study from this group. President Tassoni states that this project has not yet gone through the process. He would like to see this because 2008 is very different from 2026. He questions if there is an anticipated occupancy rate. President Tassoni states that they are only asking for additional rooms then the applicant would need to go through the process. President Tassoni reiterates that the applicant has not begun the process yet. Solicitor Gallone explains this needs to go through the development plan review. Mr. Sousa would like to know what are the occupancy rates of two (2) rooms on Route 7 and the other hotel that is 5.6 miles away. He questions if the market can bear it.

Mr. Sousa states that we all know about the problems with the hotels on Route 7. He wants commerce in the Town, but he does not want to see what happened in the past at these hotels. He questions why the Police Chief is not present this evening to discuss this. He feels that the two (2) plazas need to be combined if this happens. He expresses his concerns about the road being a speedway and how you are unable to make a lefthand turn.

Member Iannotti explains the following: He asked that the Police Chief be present tonight, and Town Manager Seltzer indicated that this would put the Police Chief in an awkward position because it is his staff's responsibility to show support for businesses when our research shows a positive impact and show disapproval when he finds negative impacts. He thinks that the key issue for the council would be to know what the crime statistics are. Mr. Sousa serves on the BFRB, and he knows that the Town had to hire extra police officers as a result of the crime associated with the hotels we have.

Mr. Sousa states in order to raise the amount of rooms, you should know what the market is.

Vice President Bovis states that she attended the BFRB meeting at the police department, and she questions the total number of calls per year. Vice President Bovis questions if she is correct that the total was twelve thousand (12,000). Mr. Sousa thinks it was approximately eighteen thousand (18,000) per year.

Vice President Bovis explains that the Police Chief sent the members five (5) years' worth of service call data/logs for the three (3) hotels. Vice President Bovis thinks there is a misconception about what is happening at these hotels, and she reviews this information with the members. Vice President Bovis states the following: The Town has this area that is empty, treeless, and has no animals. It is a barren corner and has been barren for over a decade. The EGOD was approved in 2015, and the landscape in Town has changed, it does not align with the current Comprehensive Plan the way it is written. She thinks about encouraging development in areas where development makes sense. It does not make sense to cut down trees or to encroach on farmland. It is her opinion that it makes sense here. It is possible that a hotel is not the right thing or it could be. She would like to give every business that is willing to develop in an area of Town that makes sense that opportunity.

Mr. Sousa reminds the members that it is an easy on/off of Route 295, and this the way issues those occurred, and states that everyone knows that prostitution was going on. Vice President Bovis states that according to the service call data, there is not a prostitution category. Mr. Sousa explains there was a change to state law about how that is judged. Mr. Sousa is concerned that the market cannot bear this, and there is another purpose for this hotel.

President Tassoni reminds Mr. Sousa that it is a permitted use.

Kelley Tolley, 80 Cedar Forest Road, would like answers to the following questions: the impact to the current police patrol; additional clarification on the subcategories on the service call data logs; the current ratio of actual long term stays for the nurses, corporate citizens, compared to their other hotels versus booking rooms to help people get back on their feet, and benefits to the hotel financially for the Town if it is strictly a hotel. She questions how we would know if there are five (5) or six (6) people in a room. Lastly, she questions if a Traffic Study will be completed.

Paul Lefebvre, 35 Rimwood Drive, questions if there are statistics on whether any illegals are occupying the current hotels. He states that this is something we should have.

Dennis Woisard, 141 Old County Road, states the following: Let's move this forward so that they can go to the next stage. We are talking about prostitution, and if that is the case, do not let Bryant University build any more dorms.

Robert Nikolopoulos, 26 Deerfield Drive, states the following: He is concerned about more lodging that under emergency powers needs to be made available for behavioral health or any other accommodations. There is not enough housing in the state, and he questions there being any guarantees that with another extended stay that this will not be used for that capacity.

Member Toppi states the following: She is struggling to understand why we are increasing the entire zone to one hundred fifty (150) rooms when the developer is asking for one hundred twenty-two (122). She is not inheritably against development; people have the right to make their own money and develop it. The council does not have the occupancy rate as they asked for previously. Considering there are already hotels in the area, she fails to see the benefit to the Town. She questions why we cannot comply with the existing zoning.

Member Iannotti agrees with Member Toppi and questions if our zoning should be tailored for a particular project or should the projects be tailored to fit our zoning. Member Iannotti states the following: Town administration is pushing this, and they met with the developer, they do not want the Police Chief here so the council cannot ask him some of the critical questions about crime caused by these extended stays. Statistics only tell part of the story; you need to get a feel for what effect this has on our police force. This may end up costing the Town money because we are talking about expanding the number of hotels for all of the hotels.

President Tassoni explains the following: We take in \$1.4M per year on the 1% food tax and the hotel tax, and this organization does not have a place to eat; this will help the surrounding restaurants. Once the hotel is built and occupied it will be \$2M. We always say we do not have enough money do to certain things. We may as well put signs up saying "closed for business".

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council adopt, as amended, the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending the Smithfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 9 –Special Districts, Section 9.4.8, Table 3 – EGO Land Uses, Relating to Hotels within the Economic Growth Overlay District (EGOD)," specifically amending Table 3 – EGO Land Uses to permit hotels with fewer than one hundred fifty (150) rooms by right within the EGOD and to continue to prohibit hotels exceeding that threshold, with all other provisions of Article 9, Section 9.4.8 remaining in full force and effect.

Member Winfield – aye
Member Toppi – nay
Member Iannotti – nay
Vice President Bovis – aye
President Tassoni - aye

Motion is approved by a 3/2 vote.

- D. Conduct a public hearing to consider, discuss and act upon approving two (2) One-Day Special Event Licenses for Wat Lao Buddhovath of RI, Inc. for “Buon Lao New Year Celebration”, 88 Limerock Road on the following dates:**
- **Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
 - **Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

All Special Event Licenses for Wat Lao Buddhovath of RI, Inc. are subject to compliance with all State regulations and ordinances.

President Tassoni declares the public hearing open.

Hearing no comments, President Tassoni closes the public hearing.

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Windfield, that the Smithfield Town Council approve two (2) One-Day Special Event Licenses for Wat Lao Buddhovath of RI, Inc. for a “Lao New Year Celebration”, 88 Limerock Road on the following dates:

- Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All Special Event Licenses for Wat Lao Buddhovath of RI, Inc. are subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances.

Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.

IX. Licenses:

- A. Consider discuss, and act upon approving the annual renewal of three (3) Peddler’s Licenses, as listed, as applied, subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances**

- 1. A & W of Rhode Island, Inc., d/b/a “A & W”, to sell Christmas trees, plants and flowers, 460 Putnam Pike**
- 2. Neurodiverse Coffee Cart, LLC d/b/a “Neuro Brews”, to sell coffee from a cart with RI Reg #712098, 26 High View Drive**
- 3. Palagi 2000, Inc., d/b/a “Palagis Ice Cream” to sell frozen treats from a truck with RI Reg#109950, 55 Bacon Street, Pawtucket, RI**

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, to approve that the Smithfield Town Council approve renewing three (3) Peddler’s Licenses, as listed, as applied, subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances

- 1. A & W of Rhode Island, Inc., d/b/a “A & W”, to sell Christmas trees, plants and flowers, 460 Putnam Pike**
- 2. Neurodiverse Coffee Cart, LLC d/b/a “Neuro Brews”, to sell coffee from a cart with RI Reg #712098, 26 High View Drive**

3. Palagi 2000, Inc., d/b/a “Palagis Ice Cream” to sell frozen treats from a truck with RI Reg#109950, 55 Bacon Street, Pawtucket, RI

Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.

- B. Consider, discuss, and act upon approving the annual renewal of four (4) Massage Establishment Licenses, as listed, as applied, subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances.**

1. Enliven Massage Therapy, LLC d/b/a “Enliven Massage Therapy”, 600 Putnam Pike, Suite 202
2. Fox Wellness, LLC d/b/a “Body Grateful Day Spa”, 405 Douglas Pike
3. Kimberly A. LaPierre d/b/a “Apple Valley Wellness Center”, 47A Cedar Swamp Road
4. KNOT Massage Therapy and Wellness, LLC d/b/a “KNOT Massage”, 10 Cedar Swamp Road, Suite A

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council approve the renewal of four (4) Massage Establishment Licenses, as listed, as applied, subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances.

1. Enliven Massage Therapy, LLC d/b/a “Enliven Massage Therapy”, 600 Putnam Pike, Suite 202
2. Fox Wellness, LLC d/b/a “Body Grateful Day Spa”, 405 Douglas Pike
3. Kimberly A. LaPierre d/b/a “Apple Valley Wellness Center”, 47A Cedar Swamp Road
4. KNOT Massage Therapy and Wellness, LLC d/b/a “KNOT Massage”, 10 Cedar Swamp Road, Suite A

Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.

- C. Consider, discuss, and act upon approving the annual renewal of five (5) Massage Therapy Licenses, as listed, as applied, subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances.**

1. Holly Bynum working at “Enliven Massage Therapy”, 600 Putnam Pike, Suite 202
2. Jessica Greenhalgh working at “KNOT Massage”, 10 Cedar Swamp Road, Suite A
3. Katelynn Volpigno working at “Body Grateful Day Spa”, 405 Douglas Pike
4. Kimberly A. LaPierre working at “Apple Valley Wellness Center”, 47A Cedar Swamp Road
5. Robin Tanguay working at “Radiance MFR”, 6 Battey Drive

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council approve the renewal of five (5) Massage Therapy Licenses, as listed, as applied, subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

1. Holly Bynum working at “Enliven Massage Therapy”, 600 Putnam Pike, Suite 202
2. Jessica Greenhalgh working at “KNOT Massage”, 10 Cedar Swamp Road, Suite A
3. Katelynn Volpigno working at “Body Grateful Day Spa”, 405 Douglas Pike
4. Kimberly A. LaPierre working at “Apple Valley Wellness Center”, 47A Cedar Swamp Road
5. Robin Tanguay working at “Radiance MFR”, 6 Battey Drive

Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.

- D. Consider, discuss, and act upon approving a new Mobile Food Truck License for ABCD Brothers Kitchen, LLC d/b/a “ABCD Brothers Kitchen”, to sell sandwiches and empanadas from a truck with RI Reg. # 1LW868, 347 Dyer Avenue, Cranston, RI, as applied, subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances.**

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council approve a new Mobile Food Truck License for ABCD Brothers Kitchen, LLC d/b/a “ABCD Brothers Kitchen”, to sell sandwiches and empanadas from a truck with RI Reg. # 1LW868, 347 Dyer Avenue, Cranston, RI, as applied, subject to compliance with all State regulations and local ordinances. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

X. Old Business: None

XI. New Business:

- A. Consider, discuss, and act upon authorizing the Sewer Authority to enter into an agreement with Beta Group for on-call engineering services for a wastewater pump station evaluation and recommendations study in the amount of forty-seven thousand, seven hundred dollars and zero cents (\$47,700.00) to be funded by the Capital Improvements Budget.**

Motion is made by Member Winfield, seconded by Vice President Bovis, that the Smithfield Town Council authorize the Sewer Authority to enter into an agreement with Beta Group for on-call engineering services for a wastewater pump station evaluation and recommendations study in the amount of forty-seven thousand, seven hundred dollars and zero cents (\$47,700.00) to be funded by the Capital Improvements Budget. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

- B. Consider, discuss, and act upon authorizing a contract, through OMNIA cooperative purchasing program #23-065-PW, with Insituform Technologies, LLC., in an amount not to exceed twenty-seven thousand dollars and zero cents (\$27,000.00) for stormwater maintenance to be funded from the RIPDES Stormwater Budget.**

Motion is made Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council authorize a contract, through OMNIA cooperative purchasing program #23-065-PW, with Insituform Technologies, LLC., in an amount not to exceed twenty-seven thousand dollars and zero cents (\$27,000.00) for stormwater maintenance to be funded from the RIPDES Stormwater Budget. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

C. Consider, discuss, and act upon authorizing a bid award for architectural services for RIDE Stage II Capital Projects and a RIDE Health and Safety project on behalf of the School Department.

Director of Building and Grounds Angelo Mencucci explains the following: Before the council are the results of an RFQ for architectural services, capital projects, and an emergency project. They are not having an OPM, but the need for an architect is to process drawings through RIDE for the 35% reimbursement. They negotiate with the architectural firm because they do not know where their capital is going to “land”, but he does know that there is enough funding for the elevator. He still needs three (3) designs to move forward for the RIDE reimbursement.

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council authorize a bid award for architectural services for RIDE Stage II Capital Projects and a RIDE Health and Safety project on behalf of the School Department. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

D. Consider, discuss, and act upon authorizing the establishment of an ordinance to allow for the creation of a Dam Management District.

Town Manager Seltzer explains the following: This is the follow up to the presentation that was given at the council’s last meeting. This would authorize the Solicitor to put together the Dam Management District.

Motion is made by Vice President Bovis, seconded by Member Winfield, that the Smithfield Town Council approves the Town Solicitor, along with any other required Town officials, collaborating with the Lake Wionkhiege Improvement Association, to write a Town ordinance to establish a Dam Management District. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

XII. Public Comment:

Dylan Embry, 2 Unit Street, Lincoln states the following: The closest access to pickleball is here and the next closest is locked at Kirkbrae Country Club and it is private, and they also charge a large fee, making it not worth it for two (2) courts.

He was playing here, but was asked to leave at 5:00 p.m. He expresses his concerns about the hours being offered. He knows that residents have been complaining, and he knows the sound is annoying. The sound would irritate him if he lived next to the courts. It is a great opportunity to have courts nearby, and he is getting his friends to play the game. A resident called the police, and they were asked to leave, which they had the right to do. He questions if there is anything to do to get those times changed.

President Tassoni explains the following: The times will not be changed because they are waiting for additional acoustics to be delivered. The acoustics will be installed, and they will see if it makes a difference. If this makes a difference, the courts will be able to remain there. If it does not make a difference, they must determine what they will do, possibly moving them to Deerfield Park and making a swap.

Town Manager Seltzer states that there is an outdoor court in Lincoln. Mr. Embry explains that they require you to buy a net which is inaccessible for someone not having \$100 or more.

Mr. Embry further explains that the YMCA in Lincoln charges nonresidents a fee of \$30 per month for the use of the outdoor courts. Mr. Embry also explains the other option is to drive to Bristol because their lights remain on until midnight.

President Tassoni explains that Town Manager Seltzer indicated the work should be done sometime in June.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion is made by Member Toppi, seconded by Member Winfield, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion is approved by a unanimous 5/0 vote.**

Meeting adjourns at 10:16 p.m.

Town Clerk