

The Town of James Island held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC. This meeting was also live streamed on the Town's website at www.jamesislandsc.livestream-townmeetings and was held in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

The following members of Council were present: Dan Boles, Lewis Dodson, Cynthia Mignano, Darren "Troy" Mullinax, and Mayor Brook Lyon, who presided. Also present: Town Attorney Brian Quisenberry, Finance Director Mike Hemmer, Public Works and Licensing Manager Melissa Flick, Town Engineer Laura Cabiness, Island Sheriff's Patrol Captain Shawn James, Planning and Zoning Director Kristen Crane and Town Clerk Frances Simmons.

Mayor Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting was published and posted in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island. The Town encourages the public to provide comments prior to its Town Council meeting. Residents wishing to address the Council are limited to three (3) minutes and must sign in to speak. Comments may also be sent ahead by emailing to: info@jamedislandsc.us, mail, or place in the drop box at the Town Hall.

Mayor Lyon introduced herself as mayor, the members of Town Council, staff, and recognized and congratulated Shawn James, newly promoted to Captain.

Opening Exercises: Councilman Dodson recited a prayer that his great grandmother, a poet laureate from Mississippi, and an uncle that served on Town Council offered at meetings. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Presentation: Wakeup Carolina: Nanci Shipman, founder and Executive Director of Wakeup Carolina thanked the Council for the opportunity to present a proposal to partner with the Town through the SC Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF). Ms. Shipman's proposal, "*The Spero Collective*", is a collaborative initiative designed to strengthen overdose prevention, recovery, and wellness to individuals and families for opioid treatment. James Island is slated to receive funding for \$79,156.07 from the Opioid settlement and projects includes a "Barney Box" Naloxone Stand, with 24/7 access to Narcan. The partnership also includes a community coordinator who will conduct communication and education to the public to help with opioid addiction.

Mayor Lyon stated that the deadline to apply for the funds is tomorrow (October 17). She clarified that if the Town does not apply we will lose the funds. Ms. Shipman answered questions from Council. Proposal:

Presentation: Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax: Devri DeToma, Charleston County, gave an overview of the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax (TST) Half-Penny Tax. She said that Charleston County Council formed a committee in September to solicit feedback from municipalities and citizens for the future funding of infrastructure, greenspace, and transit as the Half-Cent Sales Tax, in existence for 20 years will expire in 2027. Municipalities and citizens are being asked to share their thoughts about how 4.25 billion should be used for future projects if the Half-Cent Sale Tax is not extended. Ms. DeToma noted the short time of 45 days for response but encouraged Council to prioritize what they would like to see, what has worked well, and what has not. No suggestion is a bad idea at this point. Some projects funded through the Half-Cent Sales Tax include 895 miles of resurfacing rural roads and local paving, there is 73% better pavement condition than the state, 49 miles of bike and pedestrian paths, and improvements to 69 intersections. The survey can be completed online, feedback sent to: TST@publicinput.com or scan the QR code (in the handout). Presentation:

Ms. DeToma answered Councilwoman Mignano's question about the tagged trees (at the round-about) on Fort Johnson and Camp. She said they are protected trees and are not being taken down. Councilman Boles asked about the concrete barrier (left on Fort Johnson) and livability concerns. Ms. DeToma asked him to send her an email, and she will follow up on these concerns.

Public Comment:

Zoe Gaillard, 1880 Ferguson Rd: Zoe recommended the proclamation on tonight's agenda to recognize her former teacher, Colonel Remington. Zoe said that she attended JI Charter HS and graduated in 2022. She joined the JROTC in her sophomore year and described herself as shy with low self-confidence. She credits her instructor, Colonel Remington who helped her find her voice and boosted her confidence. During the next three years, she became one of the most knowledgeable cadets in the unit with more than 80+ hours of community service. Colonel Remington has been like a dad to her ever since high school. He is the kind of person that looks out for others and brings laughter wherever he goes, even during tough days with his dad's jokes. She is proud to be like a daughter to him and to be a part of his family.

Oblain Perez, 35 Cross Creek Dr: Oblain is an alumnus who graduated in 2023. He was also a student of Colonel Remington. He joined the unit in his freshmen year as a shy student and as he learned more about the program and Colonel Remington, he loved it. While growing up he did not have much of a father's figure or the morals that he has now. Colonel Remington was a father figure who taught him the wisdom that he carries to this day making him who he is. One of the biggest things he was taught was "*choices have consequences, good or bad*". Colonel Remington helped to inspire and motivate him to enlist in the Army National Guard which he still serves. He is grateful for everything that Colonel Remington has taught him and could not have asked for a better instructor and father figure. He is happy that Colonel Remington continues to show that same kindness to all cadets who need it and benefits from it.

Colonel Scott Remington, 5520 Remington Tr, Johns Island: commented that when Zoe told him that he was receiving a mayoral proclamation he was surprised and humbled. He started the job in July 2019 and if he were asked the year before if he would be teaching high school he would laugh at you. That was not something that he considered but life has a way of changing things. When he started the job he questioned his sanity but by the end of the semester he loved what he did. He was in a situation to have direct impact on young people like Zoe and Oblain whose home situation was not ideal, and he was able to impart wisdom and mentor them. It was his daily prayer to be a mentor for the kids in his program. To have them speak the way that they did tonight is humbling to be the recipient of their commentary. The program allows him to watch kids aged 14 and 15 to grow, mature, and hopefully become citizens of character and Zoe and Oblain are fine examples of. This is a great job that he will strongly recommend to retirees at the Air Base because his position ends the 2027 school year and wants his replacement to have the passion that he has grown to have.

Martina Remington, 5520 Remington Tr, Johns Island: Is blessed to have been married to Scott for 40 years. He has taught her much about love in action. He did not mention that he did an entire career in law enforcement at the same time that he served as an Air Force Reservist; and that was love in action, and now he gets to instruct kids daily. She thanked Council for showing this community support to Scott.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of Town Council Regular Meeting of September 18, 2025: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2025, meeting was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Dodson.

Mayor Lyon stated that she did not have a correction but wanted to make a comment on page 3. She commented that she misspoke and did not remember from two years ago when she said that we added an additional speed hump on Seaside Lane, and it was actually two. They were initially going to get two, and two more were added. The Town Clerk has provided copies of the minutes referring to that, but she wanted to make that clarification. There were no other corrections or discussion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Information Reports:

Mayor's Report:

Update on Art and Community Center: biweekly meetings continue with the team and Councilman Dodson has graciously agreed to join and we are grateful for his participation. A community meeting is scheduled for

November 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The architect, engineer, and schematics will be shared. Everyone is invited to attend and give feedback to the process.

Grace Triangle Park: A community meeting will be held on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. We plan to have surveys and designs available for public input.

Lowcountry Local: The community business academy held at the Town Hall each Wednesday is going well. Mayor Lyon said she attended a class where a business product was being designed and marketed. She shared that this has been money well spent.

Forum for Town Council Candidates: The League of Women Voters will host a candidate forum on Monday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Mayor Lyon recognized that the four candidates running for office are present tonight. A meet-and-greet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Town Market Update: Mayor Lyon announced that the Town Market held on October 3 was the best ever. There was a huge crowd of around 700 attendees from start to finish. A silent auction was held to support the James Island Outreach to fund their new pantry. \$3,190 was raised. Mayor Lyon complimented Market Manager Parker Richardson for doing a great job as well as Melissa Flick, Mike Hemmer, and Frances Simmons. The next Town Market will be held on Friday, November 7, 6-9 p.m. featuring Dan and the Donuts Band.

Pinckney celebration will take place on Saturday, November 15 at Pinckney Park.

Round-about and Secessionville Stoplight. Charleston County is hosting a community meeting at the Town Hall on November 4 at 6:00 p.m., which is also election day. Please come to the meeting after voting to find out more about those projects.

Finance Report: Finance Director Mike Hemmer reported that the monthly budget report is included in Council's packet, and the text references the amended budget. The Finance report reflects the changes in the budget, and an addendum was included to respond to specific questions that were asked.

Mr. Hemmer explained that the proposed budget amendment has a slight increase in revenue of \$34,477; and a decrease in expenditures of \$266,400 because there were some capital projects that went to the H-Tax (Hospitality Tax). This is a net improvement of approximately \$300,000.

Island Sheriff's Patrol: Mayor Lyon announced that it was an honor to participate in the program that promoted Lt. Shawn James to Captain. Captain James thanked everyone that showed up to support him. He then reported a quiet month until last night with five vehicle break-ins that occurred. Captain James also shared infractions that took place in the Town. A traffic study will soon be done on Dills Bluff Road.

Public Works Report: Public Works and Licensing Manager, Melissa Flick, presented the September 2025 Public Works Report provided in Council's packets and it was accepted as information.

Requests for Consideration by Staff:

Cecil Circle Culvert Replacement Bid Tabulations: Town Engineer, Laura Cabiness and Melissa Flick provided Council with an update on the Cecil Circle Culvert Replace Project. Four bids were received: LRB Site Prep & Hauling \$43,300; J. Evans Services \$38,460; IPW Construction Group \$34,500; and Landscape Pavers, LLC \$32,765.

The staff recommends award to Landscape Paver, the low bidder, \$32,765. Councilman Boles asked if the decision for the award is from an engineer's standpoint, to which Ms. Cabiness answered. She added she has been working with Landscape Pavers on other projects and has known Arthur Schirmer for a long time. He does a good job with getting a project finished without complaining or asking for a lot of extra money. Ms. Cabiness

added there is a sanitary sewer service line there that needs to be dug out before the work begins and the possibility that a concrete box may need to be put it but that is not definite at this time.

Mayor Lyon called for a motion to accept the staff's recommendation to offer the award for the Cecil Circle Culvert Replacement to Landscape Pavers, \$32,765. Motion was made by Councilwoman Mignano, seconded by Councilman Boles.

Vote:

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye

Unanimous

Requests for Consideration by Council: None.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Mayor Lyon reported that the Planning Commission met on September 9 and discussed accessory dwelling units (ADUs) that passed unanimously. Council will entertain a first reading of the ordinance later in the meeting. She thanked Kristen Crane, Council, and staff for their hard work in getting this done. The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will meet on October 21 to hear the Town's (applicant) case for the removal of two grand pecan trees on the Hillman lot to move forward with the construction of the Arts and Community Center. She asked those interested to please attend the BZA meeting.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilwoman Mignano reported that JI Pride met last night. Helping Hands will host an Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup on January 26. The committee is looking to purchasing hats. The committee will sponsor a table at the Town Market on December 6 for donations to a local foster child fund. Donations of children's articles such as pajamas, socks, etc. are needed as children often come with what they are wearing. Plans are being discussed to reschedule the trash pickup on the connector for October 25.

Children's Committee: Councilwoman Mignano reported that the Children's Committee is working on a fall festival on November 14 from 3-7 p.m. at the Town Hall. She gave thanks to Julia Drayton-Crumblin for helping to put on this event. Food Trucks, face painting, and other activities will be had. The next meeting is scheduled for November 22.

Neighborhood Council: Councilman Boles reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker, Judge Irv Condon, will speak on the probate court. He invited everyone to attend.

- Appointment: Julia Drayton-Crumblin: Motion to appointment Julia Drayton-Crumblin to serve on the Neighborhood Council to represent the Honey Hill community was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Mullinax, and passed unanimously.

History Committee: Mayor Lyon reported on updates from the History Committee. Historical markers are being ordered, and a procedure has been developed for them. The Simeon Pinckney celebration will be held on November 15 at Pinckney Park at 1:00 p.m. A replica of Simeon Pinckney's headstone is being made. The original is in the backyard of a resident, and it was decided it was best to leave it there. The stone is scheduled to arrive in two weeks, and it will be covered until the event is held. Mayor Lyon asked everyone to join with family members, staff, and the community. A reception will follow the installation. The History Council has been displaying information at the Town Market. Next month's information will be on the archaic Indians that once lived on James Island.

Rethink Folly Road: Mayor Lyon announced that the next meeting will be on November 19 at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Drainage Committee: Councilman Mullinax announced that he would like to schedule a Drainage Committee meeting before the end of the year.

Business Development Committee: No Report.

Trees Advisory Committee: The Trees Advisory Committee met on Tuesday and will have a tree give-a-way at the November 7 Town Market. An Arbor Day celebration will be held on Friday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m. at Pinckney Park.

James Island Intergovernmental Council: Councilwoman Mignano announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m. the Town Hall.

Tax Committee Accommodation: No Report.

James Island Arts Council: Mayor Lyon announced that a reorganization meeting of the James Island Arts Council will be held on Tuesday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Proclamations and Resolutions:

Proclamation for National Colonial Heritage Month: The recipient of the proclamation was not present. Mayor Lyon read the proclamation by title and asked the Town Clerk to forward it to the recipient.

Proclamation: Teacher Appreciation: Colonel Scott Remington, JROTC, JI Charter High School: Mayor Lyon read the proclamation in honor of JROTC instructor, Colonel Remington into the record. Colonel Remington commented on the touching remarks that were made about him by Zoe Gaillard and Oblain Perez. Photo shoot followed.

Resolution #2025-14: Support Plans to Work with Wakeup Carolina to Secure Funding From Opioid Recovery Board: Mayor Lyon presented the resolution for the Town to partner with Wakeup Carolina to secure grant funding from the opioid settlement. She noted that the application deadline is tomorrow. These funds will help persons in the recovery of addition from opioids. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Dodson asked if the funds were guaranteed to which Mayor Lyon confirmed that it is, and also that the Town will have its own Narcan box stationed at the Town Hall and would support programs through Wakeup Carolina

Vote:

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye

Unanimous

Resolution to Rename Pinckney Park Simeon Pinckney Park: Mayor Lyon announced that a number of relatives of Simeon Pinckney have reached out to her requesting that the name of Pinckney Park be changed specifically to Simeon Pinckney Park. The name change would honor and memorialize the legacy of their ancestor by having the name changed. Letters of support were received from: Sherry Ivery Moore, Jerome Harris, Victor Crouch Judy Singleton, and Deacon Davis. Mayor Lyon called for a motion to approve the Resolution to Rename

Pinckney Park to Simeon Pinckney Park. Motion was made by Councilman Dodson, seconded by Councilman Boles.

Vote:

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye

Unanimous

Ordinance #2025-08: An Ordinance Amending the Business License Ordinance of the Town of James Island to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 1776 of 2020: Mayor Lyon stated it is her understanding that this ordinance is required by State law. She said Tami Fralix, Director of Revenue Collections for Charleston County is present tonight and she and Melissa Flick will explain the ordinance.

Melissa Flick said every two years the state requires that municipalities adopt the new business license class schedule. The class schedule change triggers the second part of the ordinance, to adjust the base fee. Ms. Fralix said the standardization act that passed in 1976 was to get everyone in the state on the same page with business licenses because before everyone had a different way of organizing the classes. Now, everyone is required to use the NA Industrial Classification Standard (NAICS) where businesses change within that standard according to its profitability.

The business license ordinance is set up for those businesses in Class 1 (those with the lowest margin of profitability (i.e., grocery and retail stores), and higher classes, i.e., attorneys. Every two years there is a requirement to rebalance. When businesses move into a lower or higher class it changes how much money the Town expects to bring in the next year. One of the biggest changes is Class 4 (personal services, including landscaping, hairdressers, et.), any services that are vague, but considered a personal service This class went from Class 4 to Class 3. In the Town's Ordinance the change is \$5.00 for the base rate for all classes and a .20 rate per thousand. An example was given that a landscaper previously in Class 4 (moved to Class 3). He was paying a base fee of \$45; if he goes up \$5.00 and moves to Class 3, he still pays \$45 so that has not changed. The rate per thousand is still lower than it was in Class 4. So, a landscaper grossing \$100,000 would be paying \$5.00 less under this Ordinance change. She said there are some businesses that went to a higher class; but those moved to a lower class will not see much difference. Businesses such as mining, transportation, and warehouses are in a higher class and there are none in the Town.

Ms. Fralix said if no changes are made, based on the forecast of gross receipts from last year, we could expect to bring in \$40,000 less than we did this year, which represents 13-14% of current business license revenues. Councilman Boles asked since we do not have mining and warehouses in the Town who is paying the \$40,000. Ms. Fralix said that is taken care of on the increase of the base rate and the .20 increase in the rate per thousand.

Councilman Boles said that he does not want to go after the "little" guys. Melissa Flick added that if we make no changes (if we do not adjust by the \$5.00) that goes away because certain businesses in rate classes would be a step down and pay less per thousand. Mayor Lyon added that some businesses are not paying more because they are moving to a lower category and asked if we would not lose \$40,000 which Ms. Fralix said is distributed across the businesses. Businesses that are Class 3; (which the Town does not have much of) were Class 4. Mayor Lyon asked if Charleston County is raising their rates and Ms. Fralix said they raised it the last time and if the Town raises theirs now, will be where the County is.

There was some discussion regarding other municipalities and whether or they have raised their class rates. Councilman Dodson asked at about the City of Folly Beach and Ms. Fralix replied that Folly Beach is currently higher and are not changing; their highest source is short-term rentals that is in a higher class.

Ms. Fralix answered Councilwoman Mignano's question about the purpose of the ordinance with the goal of having all businesses in their proper rate class when they move from one class into another. Further the Town would be correcting its rate classes, so it is revenue neutral; not raises taxes. She said the Ordinance has to be passed; whether the rates are increased is up to the town. Councilman Dodson explained the changes proposed.

After additional discussion Mayor Lyon called for a vote. Councilman Dodson moved for the approval of the \$5.00 base increase, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. There was discussion among Council and several members felt that additional information was needed. Councilman Dodson withdrew his motion, and Councilman Mullinax withdrew his second. A motion to table decision tonight for the First Reading of the ordinance was made by Councilman Dodson, seconded by Councilman Mullinax.

Vote:

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye

Unanimous

Council will hold First Reading at its November 20, 2025, and a Public Hearing will be heard at that time.

Ordinance #2025-09: An Ordinance to Amend the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget for the Town of James Island: Mayor Lyon called for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Councilwoman Mignano thanked Mike Hemmer for answering all of the questions that she had. No discussion.

Vote:

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye

Unanimous

Ordinance #2025-10: Proposed Amendments to the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR): Definitions: 153.0131 Non-conforming Structures: 153.359; Non-conforming Registered Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): 153.362: Planning Director, Kristen Crane, gave an overview of the proposed amendments: 1) Adding definitions for accessory dwelling units and non-conforming registered accessory dwelling units; 2) Non-conforming structures; adding reference to new section; 3) adding wording to allow for non-conforming registered accessory dwelling units with conditions and requirements.

Ms. Crane said she reviewed the videos from Council's workshop where they spoke about having a phased approach for ADUs and this would be Phase 1. Any ADU prior to this version of the Town (October 2012) that was converted or built (if someone goes through this process) would be considered a non-conforming registered ADU. This would not account for those who have permits with the County or the Town but would be for those who cannot prove that they were permitted. This would be helpful to become compliant and have a registry. Once Phase II begins existing ADUs from 2012 onwards could be heard before the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). She will begin to work on Phase II. Mayor Lyon called for a motion to approve the Ordinance for the proposed amendments. Motion was made by Councilman Boles, seconded by Councilwoman Mignano.

Vote:

Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye

Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye
<u>Unanimous</u>	

Mayor Lyon and all members of Council thanked Ms. Crane for all of the hard work she put into this process, Councilman Mullinax added this is a good step towards affordable housing.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mayor Lyon announced that we will have two additional council members after the election, and we need to be able to accommodate them. She has spoken to the members of Council individually about options and she and the Town Clerk have discussed them. Mayor Lyon has spoken to carpenters and furniture specialists for ideas about what could be done to use what we have. She said one company could make a table that is set in the center for another council member and make a table for the Town Clerk from the same material for \$1,000 each. Mayor Lyon noted Councilwoman Mignano, and others have some concerns with the tables because of the grooves in the wood. It collects dusts and other debris. The vendor could blow it out and sand and epoxy the tables along with two that we purchase for \$6,000 if we go that route and have it ready by January 1 when Council takes office. This price would also include a panel at the front of the tables instead of the curtains there. Another option would be to do something similar to Folly Beach and put the tables in storage for the new Arts and Community Center and build something from scratch for \$10-20,000. Mayor Lyon said she is open to other options. There was discussion among Council about the functionality of the current table and its history, also other frugal options. Councilwoman Mignano said she would do research as well and get pricing from a company that she knows. Mayor Lyon indicated she would let Council know how we would proceed after Councilwoman Mignano speak with her contacts.

Executive Session: Mayor Lyon announced that the Town Council may enter into an Executive Session in accordance with Code of Laws of South Carolina 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss receipt of legal advice for the litigation matter KT Properties, LLC vs. Town of James Island. Upon returning to Open Session the Council may act on matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Mayor Lyon asked for a motion to enter into the Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. Councilwoman Mignano moved, seconded by Councilman Dodson.

<u>Vote</u>	
Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye
<u>Unanimous</u>	

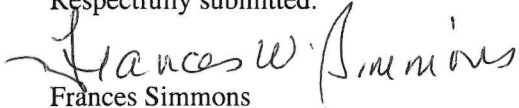
Return to Regular Session: Mayor Lyon asked for a motion to return to Open Session at 9:40 p.m. Motion made by Councilwoman Mignano, seconded by Councilman Dodson. Mayor Lyon announced that no votes were taken during the Executive Session

<u>Vote:</u>	
Councilman Boles	Aye
Councilman Dodson	Aye
Councilwoman Mignano	Aye
Councilman Mullinax	Aye
Mayor Lyon	Aye
<u>Unanimous</u>	

Announcement/Closing Comments: Councilman Dodson thanked staff for their hard work and Frances Simmons for working with Wake-Up Carolina on the opioid application process; Councilwoman Mignano reminded everyone to attend the family festival on November 14 at 3:00 p.m.; Councilman Boles wished everyone a Happy Halloween; Councilman Mullinax thanked staff for their hard work; Mayor Lyon thanked staff for their hard work, Stan Kozikowski for his volunteering efforts and reminded everyone of the Council Forum on Monday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Frances Simmons
Town Clerk