

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on June 4th, 2020:

Pursuant to R.I. Executive Orders #20-05 and #20-25 executed by Governor Gina Raimondo on March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 15, 2020, this Meeting is being Teleconferenced via Zoom. The information to join this zoom meeting was included in our posting as required by the noted Executive Orders.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: George O. (Buster) Steere, Jr., President; Walter M. O. Steere, III, Vice-President; William E. Reichert; Patricia Henry; and Julian (Jay) Forgue.

Also Present: Matt Floor, IT Director; Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Tim Kane, Town Solicitor; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Diane Brennan, Finance Director; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Ken Johnson, Bldg/Zoning Official; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilor G. Steere reminded the Council there may be some people joining this meeting by telephone or without video capability so please identify yourself when speaking, particularly when making or seconding a motion please identify yourself.

Councilor G. Steere went on to explain the procedure for the meeting via zoom.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor G. Steere stated wishing to speak should raise their hand and Karen Scott will recognize those that wish to speak in turn.

None

V. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2020 and Budget Public Hearing minutes of May 28, 2020

Councilor Henry stated there is a correction regarding a misspelled word, (Page 10 decriminalize is correct word), Clerk noted.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of May 21, 2020, as corrected, and the Budget Public Hearing minutes of May 28, 2020; seconded by Councilor Forgue

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Unfinished Business

A. HR Position - Discussion and/or Action to fill position

Councilor G. Steere stated this item was Tabled from last meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to Table the Appointment to the position of Human Resource Administrator to the meeting of first meeting of July ; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated Council needs to act on this matter as soon as possible because the Finance Director/Personnel Director will be leaving shortly and personnel help will be needed.

Atty. Kane gave his input on possible solutions to fill this position.

After discussion, it was agreed that we could possibly start advertising now and what that ad would consist of. Councilor G. Steere stated we can start interviewing people. Councilor Henry discussed a potential subcommittee to interview candidates.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to authorize the advertising for a part-time or private contractor Human Resource employee for the Town of Gloucester; seconded by Councilor Henry

Discussion: D. Brennan referred to the last advertisement used for this position and Council consensus was that was acceptable language.

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye

Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Boards and Commissions

1. Appointment - Discussion and/or Action

a. Conservation Commission - One Three year term to expire 1/2023

Councilor G. Steere stated the Board hasn't met to give a recommendation but there are a few names on talent bank list in council's packet. Council expressed waiting to get a recommendation from Board.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to TABLE, to the meeting of July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the appointment to the Conservation Commission for one three year term to expire 1/2023; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye

Councilor Henry - Aye

Councilor Reichert - Aye

Councilor W. Steere -Aye

Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Gloucester Code of Ordinance - Discussion and/or action

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Proposed Amendment to Chapter 157, Disorderly Conduct and Indecency, Section 2.E , Section 2. E. re-lettering e. - v. and Section 4 Violations and Penalties  
Councilor G. Steere stated this item was tabled for more clarification from Solicitor.

Atty. Kane detailed a memo he forwarded to Council regarding the opinion of Assist. Town Solicitor William Bernstein that he agrees we should amend the ordinance. Atty. Kane stated they both feel we have a comprehensive ordinance relative to disorderly conduct but both solicitors agree the ordinance should be amended as proposed.

MOTION to was made by Councilor Henry to DECLARE 1<sup>st</sup> READING complete and SET PUBLIC HEARING for July 2, 2020 for the consideration of the amendment to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Chapter 157, Sections 2 & 4; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Personnel

1. Appointment : Discussion and/or action
  - a. Assistant Animal Control Officer

Councilor G. Steere stated this was continued for advertising. D. Brennan stated we have received some responses but we have not completed the process to get to a recommendation yet. (Chief DelPrete spoke but was inaudible)

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to TABLE the appointment to the position of Assistant Animal Control Officer until the application process is complete and a recommendation is ready to be submitted to Council; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Policy for access to Town Security cameras - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated this item was previously tabled.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE to the second meeting of June, 2020, the policy for access to Town Security Cameras; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye

Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. New Business

A. Covid-19 Updates/Actions - Discussion and/or Action

1. EMA Update

Gerry Mosca, EMA Director, updated the Council. G. Mosca stated currently the numbers state wide are leveling out but he recommends that no one get complacent and to continue wearingface coverings and practicing social distancing. G. Mosca updated on MED PODS training classes being held on line and asked those that could to consider taking the on-line training. G. Mosca explained trained volunteers will be important going forward to a time when a vaccine for COVID-19 is ready for distribution. G. Mosca and Council discussed the timing for slowly reopening the Town Hall and G. Mosca recommended an “appointment only” plan at first. Discussion followed on the safety precautions and protocol being implemented.

G. Mosca stated we should follow what the state is doing for restaurants. The Clerk stated her office has already issued temporary outdoor licenses for three restaurants. Councilor W. Steere asked if there has been guidance on capacity of indoor and outdoor areas at restaurants.

The Clerk stated she believed the state guideline was that the total for both indoor and outdoor are not to exceed indoor capacity. The Clerk also stated as more people are allowed indoors the number outdoors should lesson.

Councilor G. Steere stated we could amend our declaration to allow Town Hall to open by appointment after all the safetyprotocols are in place. The Clerk updated the Council on the steps completed at Town Hall. Councilor G. Steere stated the Clerk could determine when the Town Hall is ready for appointments and to post on website.

2. Emergency Declaration Status, Extension, and/or Amendments

**(Current declaration runs to June 5, 2020)**

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to EXTEND the Gloucester **Declaration of a State of Emergency** to June 19, 2020; with the following amendments: to allow the Town Hall to open by appointments only when safety protocols are in place; and to allow restaurants to operate by state guidelines; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Council Discussion: none

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W.Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Police Department: Negotiations for purchase/obtaining additional land abutting current town property - Discussion and/or action Discussion: Councilor G. Steere stated an architect did a phase 1 study to determine if an addition could be placed on police department. Councilor G. Steere stated it was determined it was doable if we were able to acquire the property behind the police station. Councilor G. Steere stated there was some discussion, a year ago, with the property owners and after discussion it was agreed that Council could again approach the owners. (Chief spoke but had technical difficulties)

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to go forward with negotiations; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Council discussed who could represent Council with owners. Atty. Kane recommended the Council withdraw their motion and second and consider a motion to form an acquisition/negotiating team consisting of Councilors W. Steere; G. Steere; and the Chief. Atty. Kane stated he and Karen Scott would be available if necessary.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to form an acquisition/negotiating team consisting of Councilors W. Steere, G. Steere, and Chief DelPrete; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye

Councilor Henry - Aye

Councilor Reichert - Aye

Councilor W Steere - Aye

Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Gloucester Town Budget 2020-2021

1. Review of Budget and/or Amendments to Budget: Town Council Discussion and/or action Discussion: Councilor G. Steere stated there has been a lot of discussion on the budget and there may be a few changes. Councilor G. Steere invited D. Brennan to explain.

D. Brennan explained some of the amendments proposed:

The Regional School District adopted a number, Tuesday night, that was slightly less than what was originally proposed in our budget. (\$32,000 reduction)

Revaluation item was moved out of Capital (\$35,000) and moved into operations.

Diane Brennan explained a chart she prepared for Council that included Operational expenses being funded in part from surplus, at different levels, and increases to tax rates resulting from her scenarios, which included housing values.

Councilor G. Steere discussed that some Council members were concerned with the concept of using \$604,000 from the Fund Balance of \$800,000 towards operations. Councilor G. Steere also expressed his concerns of the possibility of creating a structural deficit going forward. Councilor G. Steere stated one of the scenarios would bring down the amount out of the Fund Balance use of \$604,000 to \$298,000 with a tax increase of 1.5%. Councilor G. Steere stated he felt that could be made up by growth in the coming year. Discussion followed on growth numbers in town; not wanting to increase taxes; and revaluation impact.

Councilor Henry questioned the town's high tangible tax rate. D. Brennan stated she just has always maintained the ratio between all rates in town. Councilor W. Steere stated this would be a good question for the Tax Assessor. D. Brennan stated that she would recommend a change to that particular tax rate be done over time if the Council decides to change it. P. Henry spoke about a possible tax rate increase; her response from residents in our current world situation; and previous years budgets. Councilor Henry questioned raising taxes while holding on to 17% Fund Balance. Councilor W. Steere discussed the unknowns coming forward financially on a state wide level. Councilor W. Steere stated he hopes residents understand the problems the state is having in light of these unknowns, and referenced unknown funding formulas and reimbursements. Councilor W. Steere stated if we level fund this year there could possibly be a 4% + increase next year at a time when we, as residents, cannot handle it. Councilor Forgue stated he does not want to pay more taxes but stressed we must be prepared, especially if the state cuts funding. Council members talked, at length, regarding the budget, taxation, school funding, and the current state of financial affairs.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to increase the 2020/2021 appropriation by 1.5%; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: Council talked further about the budget and taxation.

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Nay  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED

The Clerk stated she felt the Council could send an ad to the Bargain Buyer explaining to the taxpayers what this budget represents and why.

Discussion followed regarding moving more funds into capital for road paving.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to add a ballot question authorizing the transfer of

\$200,000 from surplus to capital for road paving; seconded by Councilor Reichert  
Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Adoption of Budget or set special meeting date to adopt 2020-2021 Budget (for Referendum) - Discussion and/or action MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to ADOPT the 2020/2021 Budget, as amended by previous motions, for presentation to the voters at the Financial Town Referendum to be held on June 23, 2020; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Nay  
Councilor Reichert-Aye  
Councilor W.Steere -Aye  
Councilor G. Steere -Aye

MOTION PASSED

3. Approval of Ballot Questions : Financial Town Referendum, June 23, 2020- Discussion and/or action Councilor G. Steere stated the following questions are to be voted on for approval to go to the Financial Town Referendum ballot:

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPROVE the following:

Ballot Question #1:

Shall the Town Budget for fiscal year 2020/21 appropriate a sum of \$ 30,742,121 which includes Municipal Services & Capital Expenses; Gloucester School Dept. Operating & Capital Expenses; Gloucester's share of the Foster/Glocester Regional Operating & Capital Expenses; and includes a Levy of Property Tax (not including Motor Vehicle taxes) of not less than \$ 20,550,000 or more than \$ 20,850,000?



Ballot Question #2:

Shall the Town Budget include an appropriation of \$300,000, from surplus, towards a \$1.5 million dollar commitment (this is the Fifth installment of five annual installments) for the necessary repairs to the Gloucester Elementary Schools, this appropriation will come from the assigned surplus and will not increase the amount to be raised by taxes?

Ballot Question #3:

Shall the Town Budget include an appropriation of \$ 50,000 as a reserve for loss in state aid for Gloucester Public Schools; this appropriation will come from existing surplus and will not increase the amount to be raised by taxes?

Ballot Question #4

Shall the Town Budget include an appropriation of \$150,000 from the surplus for future operational expenses of Gloucester Public Schools; this appropriation will come from existing surplus and will not increase the amount to be raised by taxes?

Question #5: Shall the Town Budget include an appropriation of \$200,000 from the surplus for capital expenses; this appropriation will come from existing surplus and will not increase the amount to be raised by taxes?

Seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor Forgue-Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere -Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. Extension of IFB 2016-Senior Center cleaning - Between Town of Gloucester & Simply Clean-Discussion and/or action Councilor G. Steere stated the Council has received a request from the Senior Center Director to extend IFB 2016-02 Senior Center Cleaning.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to EXTEND IFB 2016-02 for Senior Center cleaning, with Simply Clean, with pricing, terms and conditions remaining the same until June 11, 2021 with the option to extend an additional 12 months if mutually agreed upon by both parties; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere -Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Senior Center- Proposed contract for seal coating and line striping of parking lot Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere read the following memo from the Senior Center Director:

To Diane Brennan Finance Director,

I am writing to suggest the award of the contract for sealcoating and line striping of the parking lot at the Senior Center be awarded to Nu-Look Seal Coating Company, Inc. Not only are they the lowest bid, they are also local and have excellent customer service. Their original bid was \$4965, but we realized that it needed to be adjusted to include prevailing wage. Making that adjustment brought the proposal up to \$6870. We have \$5500 allocated in capital budget. I could write to the Budget board requesting additional funds or you had also mentioned that DPW might have additional funds in their budget. Please advise on best course to move forward. Sincerely, Melissa Bouvier Senior Center Director (end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to AWARD to Nu-Look Seal Coating Company Inc. at the bid price of \$6,870 for seal coating and line striping parking lot at the Senior Center; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Recusal  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere -Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Personnel:

1. Town Clerks Office

- a. Request for Senior Clerk to carryover vacation time from 2019/2020 fiscal year to 2020/2021 fiscal year- Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that Council has rec'd a request from Sue Harris requesting a carry over of vacation time and the Clerk has also sent correspondence in support of Sue's request due to short staffing from December to now.

Discussion: none

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to GRANT the carry over of vacation time, for Senior Clerk Susan Harris, not to exceed 75 hours, to fiscal year 2020-21; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye

Councilor Henry - Aye

Councilor Reichert - Aye

Councilor W. Steere -Aye

Councilor G. Steere -Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Tax Collector

- a. Request for TaxCollector to carryover vacation time from 2019/2020 fiscal year to 2020/2021 fiscal year - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that Council has rec'd a request from Diane Brennan and from Jane Steere to allow Jane to carryover vacation time to the next fiscal year. Councilor G. Steere stated the request is for 75 hours.

Discussion: none

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to GRANT the carry over of vacation time, for Tax Collector Jane Steere, not to exceed 75 hours, to fiscal year 2020-21; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere -Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Planning Dept. - Discussion and/or Action

a. Accept Resignation - Planning Board Recording Clerk

Councilor G. Steere stated that Karen Scott, Planner, has asked Council to accept the resignation of Katie Steere from the position of Planning Board Recording Clerk.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to ACCEPT the resignation of Katie Steere from the position of Planning Board Recording Clerk; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Appointment or approve process to fill position- Planning Board Recording Clerk

Councilor G. Steere stated that Council has rec'd a recommendation from the Planner:

To: Town Council Members  
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner  
Date: June 1, 2020 Re: Planning Board Clerk

The Town received several applicants for the position of Planning Board Clerk. Three (3) interviews were conducted back in January 2020. A follow up interview was conducted via zoom on May 28, 2020.

My recommendation is to appoint Shelley Marteka to the position of Planning Board Clerk. Shelley is a Gloucester resident with word processing experience. She feels comfortable attending meetings in zoom. The board looks forward to working with Shelley as the Planning Board Clerk.

The recommended appointment date is June 4, 2020 in time for the next planning board meeting. This position is not eligible for benefits. The salary for the position is \$150 per meeting upon

approval of the minutes, with an additional \$50 stipend for all meetings that exceed two (2) hours.  
(End of memo)

Discussion: none

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to APPOINT Shelley Marteka to the position of Planning Board Recording Clerk, effective June 5, 2020, at a salary of \$150 per meeting upon approval of minutes, with an additional \$50 stipend for meetings that exceed two hours, no benefits with this position; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere -Aye

Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Finance - Finance Director/ School Business Manager
  - a. Accept Resignation - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated the Town Council has received the resignation of Diane Brennan, Finance Director/School Business Manager effective July 10, 2020

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to ACCEPT, with regrets, the resignation of Diane Brennan from the position of Finance Director/School Business Manager effective July10, 2020; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: Town Council members expressed their thanks to Diane Brennan for her years of service to the town.

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W.Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Authorization to begin process to fill position - Discussion and/or Action  
Council Discussion: Councilor G. Steere stated we will have to advertise and go forward with the process. Councilor Henry stated as liaison she will work with D. Brennan to formulate the advertising. Councilor W. Steere questioned if this position should include the school also. Discussion followed on the different ways the school business manager job was handled in the past and present. There was consensus to hire for the full position now but to start working with the school committee to possibly separate the two positions in the future.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to AUTHORIZE the hiring process, to begin with advertising, and interviews to be held by D. Brennan, J. Steere, P. Henry, & J. Forgue; final candidates may then be referred to Town Council for second interview; seconded by Councilor Forgue

Council Discussion: Kathy Sorensen addressed the Council and questioned if P. Dubois, Supt. of Schools, would have input for the business manager position.

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W.Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Authorization of Expenditure

1. Town Council Contingency Fund - Signage for Ponaganset High School Graduating Class - Discussion and/or Action Council purchased a sign and placed it at the Town Hall to commemorate the graduating 2020 class from Ponaganset High School.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to AUTHORIZE an expenditure not to exceed \$150 from the Town Council Contingency Account for the purchase of signage, placed at Town Hall, to commemorate the Ponaganset High School graduating Class of 2020; seconded by Council members all agreed they would personally pay for the sign; seconded by Councilor Forgue

Councilor G. Steere and others agreed they would contribute their personal funds to pay for the sign.

Councilor Henry withdrew her motion. Councilor Forgue withdrew his second.

No Action.

H. Personnel Handbook

1. Authorization to appoint/hire Legal Counsel to review, update/make recommendations for changes - Discussion and/or Action Atty. Kane stated he spoke to Jeff Kasle and he expressed that he would time to work on reviewing the Town's handbook. Atty. Kane stated there were funds in the legal budget to cover this item.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to retain Jeff Kasle to review, update/make recommendation for changes to the Gloucester Employee Handbook at a cost not to exceed \$6,000; seconded by Councilor Henry

Council Discussion: none

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye

Councilor Henry - Aye

Councilor Reichert--Aye

Councilor W.Steere -

Aye Councilor G. Steere

- Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VIII. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. Council has rec'd correspondence from John Tillinghast, owner of Bowdish Lake Campground. Mr. Tillinghast is concerned the tangible taxrate is too high for those that just keep their campers parked all winter. Mr. Tillinghast is also asking council to write to the Governor regarding keeping George Washington State Campground closed. Mr. Tillinghast has issues with public facilities and their effect on private facilities. Councilor G. Steere stated the campground is closed now and they feel private business will do better without the state campground.

Councilor W. Steere thanked everyone that made the senior graduation caravan a success.

Councilor Henry questioned if mail was received from J. Colaluca regarding litter on Chestnut Hill Road. Councilor Henry will reach out to her.

IX. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor G. Steere stated if any Dept. Heads would like to speak you can raise your hand as prev. explained and Karen will recognize those that wish to speak.

1. D. Brennan discussed amendments to the Dispatcher Contract in the form of an MOA that will be coming forward to Council.

T. Kane stated he will put that in an amendment form and send to Council for their agenda.  
2. Councilor Henry questioned Councilor Reichert, as liaison to Public Works, regarding a partially finished fence install at the Highway Department. Councilor Reichert stated he is not aware of it nor does he get involved. Councilor Reichert stated if you want something done just ask the Director. Councilor G. Steere asked Councilor Reichert to ask the Director.

X. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor G. Steere stated if any members of Bds. or Commission would like to speak raise your hand as previously explained and Karen will recognize those that wish to speak.

None

XI. Open Forum

Councilor G. Steere stated those wishing to speak, raise your hand and Karen will recognize those that wish to speak in turn.

None

XII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 10:16 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Reichert

VOTE: AYES- G. Steere, W. Steere, Reichert, Henry and Fogue

NAYS-0 MOTION PASSED

Discussion:

VOTE: AYES NAYS

MOTION PASSED/FAILED