

At a Special meeting for organizational purposes of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on January 4, 2021:

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that pursuant to current R.I. Executive Orders executed by Governor Gina Raimondo this meeting is being teleconferenced via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order by the Town Clerk at 7:20 P.M. due to technical difficulties on the part of one Council member accessing via zoom.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Stephen Arnold; Julian (Jay) Forgue; William E. Reichert; Walter M.O. Steere, III ; and William Worthy Jr.

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; and Adam Muccino, Finance Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the purpose of this meeting was for the organization of the Town Council specifically to Vote on President and Vice -President for the term to expire 12/31/2022 . J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked if there was a motion to nominate the Town Council President. Several councilors were heard at the same time but one motion was heard overall. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk , asked Councilor Worthy to repeat his motion for clarity.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to NOMINATE Councilor Forgue to the position of Town Council President; seconded by Councilor Arnold.

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated that from a practical view the president runs the meetings and signs the documents ;but, from the public prism, the role is more important. Councilor Steere stated that the voters voted for experience when they voted for two of the top three vote getters which were returning council members with ten years plus experience. Councilor Steere stated that he was going to nominate Councilor Reichert because he has more experience than anyone else. Councilor Reichert thanked Councilor Steere.

The Clerk asked the Deputy Town Clerk to POLL the Council:

Councilor Arnold- Aye

Councilor Forgue- Aye

Councilor Reichert - Aye

Councilor Steere- Nay
Councilor Worthy- Aye

MOTION PASSED

The Clerk turned the meeting over to Councilor Forgue, the Town Council President. Councilor Forgue asked for a motion to nominate the Vice-President of the Gloucester Town Council.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to NOMINATE Councilor Reichert to the position of Vice President of the Gloucester Town Council; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated he nominated Councilor Reichert for the same reasons that he wanted to nominate him for president.

Councilor Forgue asked the Deputy Clerk to POLL the Council.

Councilor Arnold- Aye
Councilor Forgue- Aye
Councilor Reichert -Aye
Councilor Steere- Aye
Councilor Worthy- Nay

MOTION PASSED

V. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Adjourn at 7:47 P.M. ; seconded by Councilor W. Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES-UNANIMOUS
MOTION PASSED