

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on December 16, 2021:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: William E. Reichert, Vice-President; Walter M.O. Steere, III; Stephen Arnold; and William Worthy, Jr.

Member absent: Julian P. Forgue, President

Also Present: David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Chief Delprete, Gloucester Police; Gary Trembl, Director of Public Works; Robert Shields, Recreation Director; Karen Scott, Town Planner ; Ken Johnson, Building and Zoning Official; John Luszcz, Director of Human Services; and Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor Reichert stated that anyone wishing to speak on any agenda items may speak during this open forum.

None

V. Resolution- Discussion and/or Action

A. Save the Lakes Support

Councilor Reichert stated that Council has a Resolution in support of Save the Lakes efforts to secure state funding which he read as follows:

**RESOLUTION # 2021-07  
LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT REGARDING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**

**WHEREAS**, Save the Lakes, Inc. is a volunteer organization dedicated to protecting and preserving bodies of fresh water in Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, Save the Lakes, Inc., advocates their mission as “an alliance of individuals and organizations dedicated to improving, protecting and preserving the fresh water

bodies of Rhode Island for future generations” and works to ensure good management policies regarding the bodies of freshwater in Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS,** Save the Lakes, Inc. acknowledges that aquatic invasive species were first documented in a 2012 DEM survey as ones that “....grow quickly, spread easily from lake to lake, are harmful to natural plant species, expensive to treat, and can overtake and destroy our lakes & ponds.”; and

**WHEREAS,** Save the Lakes, Inc. is currently advocating to build statewide awareness of aquatic invasive species which threatens all bodies of freshwater in Rhode Island ; and

**WHEREAS,** Save the Lakes, Inc. , is working to promote a statewide program, with statewide funding to help combat this threat; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Glocester calls on the General Assembly to take action to develop and fund a statewide program, in support of Save the Lakes, Inc.’s mission to address the issue of aquatic invasive species threatening all of our bodies of freshwater.

William E. Reichert,  
Town Council Vice- President

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Adopted this 16th day of December, 2021

Seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: Councilor Arnold stated that Judy Colalucca and her volunteers have done a great job bringing this matter of the lakes to light and he hopes that RI will sign on financially.

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Public Hearing- Discussion and/or Action

A. New Kennel License

1. Applicant: James Lykas  
Business: Mind Your Dog, LLC d/b/a Mind Your Dog  
Property location: 401 Putnam Pike

Councilor Reichert stated that this public hearing is for the consideration of a new Kennel license and was advertised in the Valley Breeze on December 2, 2021.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor Reichert stated that the applicant went before the Zoning Board for a use variance and read the following excerpt from the Zoning Board hearing minutes:.

RE: WWAM PROPERTIES, LLC  
DECISION

This matter came before the Board on October 28, 2021 upon the petition of the owner, WW AM Properties, LLC and the applicants, James C. Lykas and Heather L. Lykas, to operate a canine day care and boarding kennel on property owned by WWAM Properties, LLC at 399-401 Putnam Pike, AP 17, Lot 190. The property is located in a B-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zone, which does not allow kennels and/or animal boarding, under Chapter 350 Article II, use regulations Section 1, Subsection 3. A minimum lot size of five acres and a one hundred foot set back from property lines is required for such uses where it is permitted. The owners and applicants have requested a use variance along with a dimensional variance of 3.41 acres of relief from the minimum lot size requirement and ninety-two feet of relief from the one hundred foot set back from property lines.

(Complete Zoning Board minutes are on file)

**CONCLUSION**

At the close of the public hearing, a motion was made by Member Harkness to grant the request for a use variation and it was seconded by Member Kelman. The motion was approved unanimously, Members Meinertz, Harkness, Kelman, Martone and Anderson all voting in favor.

A condition of this grant was imposed limiting the number of kenneled dogs to fourteen and a maximum of forty-five dogs for day care.

A second motion to grant the dimensional relief requested of 3.14 acres of area required and 92 feet from property lines was made by Member Harkness and seconded by Member Martone. The motion passed unanimously, Members Meinertz, Harkness, Kelman, Martone and Anderson all voting in favor.

(End of minutes)

Councilor Reichert asked anyone who wished to speak to please step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

Discussion: Councilor Arnold voiced a concern to the applicant as to the potential noise level. J. Lykas, applicant, stated that the daycare would end at 6:30 PM and that all dogs would be inside the kennel by about 8:30 PM. Councilor Arnold asked if the kennel would be staffed overnight and the applicant stated it would. Councilor Worthy, owner of the premises, stated that he has invested a lot of money into soundproofing materials in the entire building to help the noise levels.

Councilor Reichert stated that if no one else wishes to speak he DECLARES the the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to GRANT a new Kennel License to:

Applicant: James Lykas  
Business: Mind Your Dog, LLC d/b/a Mind Your Dog  
Property location: 401 Putnam Pike

contingent upon all state requirements, if any, being met and Zoning Board recommendation to limit the number of kenneled dogs to fourteen and a maximum of forty-five dogs for day care; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES-Arnold, Steere, Reichert  
RECUSAL- Worthy  
NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of November 18, 2021 and December 2, 2021
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions & Abatements - November 2021
- C. Finance Director's Report - November 2021

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021; to APPROVE the ABATEMENTS to the 2020 Tax Roll in the amount of \$105.80; the 2021 Tax Roll in the amount of \$133.27; NO ADDITIONS for November; and to APPROVE the Finance Director's Report for November 2021; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Recreation Department- Discussion and/or Action  
Plan for amendment and/or clarification to charge of Recreation Commission and Recreation Director's role with the Recreation Commission

Councilor Reichert stated that this item was tabled for more information. Councilor Reichert asked if Council needs more time to consider recommendations.

Discussion: J. Fecteau, Town Clerk stated that she forwarded information to the Council today that she, D. Zimmerman, Acting Human Resources Director and R. Shields, Recreation Director had worked on together to clarify. Councilor Worthy stated that in his opinion it was very clear and

asked R. Shields if he was okay with the document. R. Shields stated he was. J. Fecteau suggested that perhaps she and Councilor Worthy and R. Shields could meet to review one last time before Council considers adopting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the Plan for amendment and/or clarification to the charge of the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Director's role with the Recreation Commission until the first meeting in January- 1/06/2022; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- B. Boards and Commissions
  - 1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action
    - a. Recreation Commission
      - 1. Position # 1- one unexpired term

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation, Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #1; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- 2. Position # 5- one unexpired term 2.

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation, Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #5; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Economic Development Commission

1. Ad Hoc Non Voting member- term to expire 12/31/2022

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation, Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Ad Hoc Non Voting Member position; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Position #3 - Two year term to expire 12/31/2022

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Position #3, for a term to expire 12/31/2022; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

c. Conservation Commission

1. Alternate- One year term to expire 2/01/2022

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Conservation Commission, Alternate position, for a term to expire 2/01/2022; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- d. Planning Board
  - 1. Position # 4- One 5-year term to expire 3/2022

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and the Chair of the Planning Board has asked Council to table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Planning Board, position #4, for a term to expire 3/2022; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- IX. New Business
  - A. Road Dedication/Acceptance- Pond View Court AP 13 Lot 163, Applicant: Adler Bros. Development, LLC- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received a request from the Town Planner which he read as follows:

TRC REPORT

To: Town Council Members  
From: The Technical Review Committee (TRC)  
Date: December 8, 2021  
Applicant: Adler Brothers Development, LLC  
Application: Pond View Court- roadway and drainage dedication

According to Section 300-32 of the Subdivision Regulations, Construction and Improvement Guarantees, upon completion of all required improvements, the applicant shall convey all public improvements to the Town of Gloucester for ownership and maintenance. Applicant Adler Brothers Development, LLC, has requested in writing that Pond View Court and the associated drainage be accepted for maintenance by the Town of Gloucester. The members of the Technical Review Committee have reviewed the subject Road Dedication materials and plans titled "As-Build Plan-Pond View Court" prepared by Richard Bzdyra, PLS dated September 29, 2021. This application was certified complete in content by the administrative officer on December 8, 2021. The Technical Review Committee reports the following:

Findings:

1. Final approval of a major subdivision to subdivide AP 13, Lot 163, consisting of 36.89 acres into six (6) lots for single family homes was approved on December 9, 2019.
2. The Final plat creating the lots was recorded on September 3, 2020 (HF 519, Map 922)
3. The applicant has submitted all the required information for dedication including a description of all facilities to be accepted accompanied by an accurate description of the

street and drainage easements, a set of as-built plans accepted by the Administrative Officer, and executed deeds and easements transferring ownership to the Town of Gloucester.

4. The facilities have been inspected by the Public Works Director, who has certified in writing that all required improvements have been satisfactorily completed in a letter dated November 24, 2021.

Recommendations:

1. As directed by Section 300-32 G. 2 of the Subdivision Regulations, the Technical Review Committee finds that all requirements for road dedication have been met and makes a recommendation for acceptance by the Town Council.
2. As directed by Section 300-32 G. 3 of the Subdivision Regulations, the Technical Review Committee recommends that the maintenance bond requirement be waived for this dedication. The binder course has been in place for this roadway for over one year and has performed as expected.
3. Upon acceptance by the Town Council, the applicant shall record the as-built plans, deed and easement with the Town Clerk. Once recorded, all public improvements shall be permanently owned and maintained by the Town of Gloucester as part of the Town of Gloucester system and the applicant shall no longer be responsible for their care, repair or appearance.

In accordance with Chapter §300-32 (G) 3 of the Gloucester Subdivision Regulations, the TRC hereby forwards this application to the Town Council and has noted its recommendations above.

Planner  
Director of Public Works  
Building/Zoning Official  
(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ACCEPT Pond View Court onto the Official Town Road list and further state Applicant, Adler Brothers Development, LLC, shall meet all requirements as outlined in the TRC Report of December 8, 2021; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Award of Bid: IFB 2021-07 Road Sand - Discussion and/or Action  
Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received a request from the Finance Director regarding the bid for road sand which he read as follows:

To: Honorable Gloucester Town Council, Jay Forgue, President  
From: Adam Muccino, Finance Director



Re: IFB 2021-07 Road Sand Recommendation  
Date: 12/14/2021

On November 15th, 2021 the Board of Contracts and Purchases met to open bids received after advertising for road sand given that the current agreement expires as of December 31st, 2021. The Town received four bids from the following vendors, listed here in no particular order:

- Rawson Materials
- Barnes Concrete
- Material Sand and Stone
- Greenville Concrete Products

The Board of Contracts and Purchases met again on December 8<sup>th</sup> and a motion was approved to recommend to the Gloucester Town Council that the Town award the bid for IFB-2021-07 to Barnes Concrete given that Barnes' bid was the lowest of the four bids received. A copy of the completed bid form is attached.

Respectfully,

Adam R. Muccino  
(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to AWARD IFB 2021-07 Road Sand to Barnes Concrete at the following prices:

\$16.60 /ton delivered, \$24.90/yard delivered, \$12.10/ton picked up or \$18.15 per yard picked up for contract period, January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Personnel

1. Police Department - Dispatcher Part-time position - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received a recommendation from the Chief which he read as follows:

TO: Honorable Town Council Members  
From: Chief Joseph DelPrete  
Date: December 9, 2021

Subject: Police Department Part-Time Dispatcher Appointment

Dear Council Members,

I would respectfully request to make the following employment appointment to the Gloucester Police Department. Appoint Sean Tikiryan of North Providence to a permanent part-time dispatcher position with the Gloucester Police Department at a training rate of \$14.00 per hour starting the week of December 12, 2021. Once Seth Tikiryan satisfactorily completes training, his salary will increase to \$18.51 per hour.

He must complete a criminal history and police background investigation as condition of his employment. This part-time position fills a 16 to 24 hour void in the full time dispatcher schedule. There will be no fringe benefits with this position.

Mr. Tikiryan was selected among nine interviewed candidates, and has first responder/EMS experience as a current employee of the Harmony Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph DelPrete

Chief of Police

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to APPOINT Sean Tikiryan to the position of part time dispatcher at a training rate of \$14.00 per hour starting the week of December 12, 2021. Upon satisfactory completion of training said salary will increase to \$18.51 per hour. Condition of employment is completion of a criminal history and police background investigation. There are no fringe benefits with this position; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

D. IFB #2021-08 Professional Appraisal Services

1. Results of Bid process - Discussion and/or Action

A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that no bids were received .

2. Alternative Options to obtain Professional Appraisal Services:

Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council

A. Muccino stated that he reached out to P. Scotti of Peter Scotti & Associates as this entity is on the MPA list. A. Muccino stated that P. Scotti offered to appraise the FM Global site for a price of \$6750.00 and would complete the appraisal in approximately eight (8) weeks. A. Muccino stated that P. Scotti comes highly recommended by another appraiser on the MPA list. A. Muccino stated that he feels the Council should pursue the appraisal. A. Muccino stated there is money in the Town Council Contingency Fund which could be used to pay for the appraisal. J. Fecteau verified that the contingency fund has approximately \$9000 in it. Councilor Steere asked if A. Muccino was confident of P. Scotti to which A. Mucino stated he was. A. Muccino also stated that time was of

the essence because the current agreement with FM Global expires at the end of December. J. Fecteau asked if FM Global would require any type of documentation to enter and appraise the premises. A. Muccino stated that the only requirement FM Global had was that the person be vaccinated.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to move forward with Peter Scotti & Associates for work at FM Global for an amount not to exceed \$ 6750.00 for the assessment of property; funds to be expended from the Town Council Contingency Fund; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

E. American Rescue Act Funds: Consideration of Dept. Head grant requests- Discussion and/or Action

1. EMA Department:

a. Purchase Deployable Portable Mobile Command Center (MCC) 2.0 with LTE and 5G Connectivity, VolP Phones, battery backup.

G. Mosca, EMA Director described the proposed mobile command center , how it would be used and the benefits to the town. G. Mosca stated that he received another quote today for \$3655.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to set aside \$ 3,655 through the American Rescue Act Fund for the following project: Deployable Portable Mobile Command Center (MCC) 2.0 with LTE and 5G Connectivity, VolP Phones, battery backup per the EMA Director's request; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Purchase 2 Airlight Inflatable LED Light Towers.

Councilor Reichert stated that this item was not included in the original list of pre-vetted projects from the Town Planner but the Planner has since reviewed.

Discussion: G. Mosca explained the benefits of having these towers to offer light in a variety of circumstances. G. Mosca stated that the schools do not have adequate lighting in the parking lots and that the lights would have been beneficial at the multiple clinics that were held at night. G. Mosca stated that they are portable and will last for a long time. Councilor Reichert asked if they ran on diesel. G. Mosca stated that they plug in and can be used with a generator.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to set aside \$ 2,600 through the American Rescue Act Fund for the following project: the purchase of 2 Airlight Inflatable LED Light Towers per the EMA Director's request; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Human Services Dept.
  - a. Mini Van Purchase

Councilor Reichert stated that J. Luszc Human, Sources Director, can explain the reason for his request and the pricing he received.

Discussion: J. Luszc, Human Services Director, explained that his department is in the need of a van that would be more easily accessible for the elderly to get into as well as to be able to hold wheelchairs. J. Luszc explained that the current town van is too high for the many of the elderly and that the car does not have the space for a wheelchair. Councilor Worthy asked about specifics of the proposed van. J. Luszc stated that it is an eight (8) passenger van; has room in the back for wheelchairs and is lower to the ground which will make it easier for the elderly to get in. Councilor Arnold asked if J. Luszc needed a handicap accessible van with a ramp to which J. Luszc stated no. Councilor Steere asked D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, if the van needed to comply with the American Disability Act . D. Iglizzi responded it did not.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to set aside \$ 50,000 through the American Rescue Act Fund for the project: the purchase of a passenger van for transportation of Human Services clients per the Human Services Director's request; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- F. Request for authorization to file for an extension of the FY21 audit with the State Auditor General's Office: Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council

Councilor Reichert stated that Council received a request from the Finance Director which he read as follows:

To: Honorable Gloucester Town Council, Jay Forgue, President  
From: Adam Muccino, Finance Director  
Re: FY21 Audit Extension Request  
Date: 12/15/2021

While it was both a personal goal and a goal that I had for the Finance Office to **not** have to submit a request for an audit extension this year (as we did last year) alas, we will have to try to meet this goal next fiscal year. As outlined in the attached memo to the State Auditor General, there are a number of delays in the process that make this request necessary. With the Council's approval I will submit the attached memo with my signature to our auditor, Baxter, Dansereau and Associates for approval and then to the State Auditor General for review and approval. Assuming we receive approval for the audit extension, and I see no reason why not, I will share that message with the Council.

Respectfully,  
Adam R. Muccino  
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to AUTHORIZE the Finance Department's request for a FY 21 Audit Extension to the State Auditor General; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE:       AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
              NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

G.       Smithfield Street Light - transfer of ownership to Town of Glocester request - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that the Clerk has received correspondence from Kevin Cleary, Smithfield Town Engineer, regarding a streetlight on the National Grid streetlight inventory. Councilor Reichert stated that the streetlight appears to be actually located in Glocester. Councilor Reichert stated that Mr. Cleary indicated that if we were not interested in assuming responsibility for the light, Smithfield may "liquidate" its asset. Councilor Reichert stated that the Clerk has communicated with Mr. Cleary and stated that we would have our Police Chief determine the need for the light from a safety perspective. Councilor Reichert stated that if the pole was found to be useful then we would take the necessary steps to meet our obligation.

Discussion: Chief Delprete stated that it is Pole 32 at the intersection of John Street and West Greenville Road and it is 50/50 as to its use or not. A. Muccino stated the cost to operate is minimal at about \$10-20 per month. J. Fecteau stated that there may be a program that would allow the state to take over the light once we own it.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to notify the Town of Smithfield and National Grid that the Town of Glocester is willing to assume responsibility for Pole #32 West Greenville Road, Glocester, RI 02828; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- H. Request to begin successor agreement - Clerk's Union Local 1322  
1. Appoint negotiation team - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that the Clerk has received the following which he read as follows:

December 2, 2021

To: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk  
From: Beth DeCorte, Union Steward Local 1322  
Re: Contractor Negotiations 2023 - 2025

The Clerks Union Local 1322 contract expires June 30, 2022. We are ready to begin negotiations for a successor agreement on behalf of the bargaining unit. Please notify who shall represent the Town in negotiations so I can contact them to set up a meeting.

Thank you,  
Beth DeCorte  
(end of memo)

Councilor W. Reichert stated that typically at this time Council appoints two members from the Council to represent the Council in negotiations and when ready, those members report back to Council their progress with the negotiations.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to APPOINT Councilor Reichert and Councilor Worthy to represent the Town Council and begin negotiations for a successor agreement with the Gloucester Clerk's Union Local 1322 ; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Reichert, Steere  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Councilor Reichert asked if the correspondence needed to be read into the record. D. Igliazzi stated that the letters do not need to be read but should be acknowledged.

1. Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding the Chief's proposal for a shooting range on the town property known as Gloucester Veterans Memorial Recreation Area.

2. Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received a letter from resident, Raymond Theriault, regarding his idea for use of Federal Relief Funds to freeze taxes for permanent homeowners over 65 years of age.

XI. Department Head Reports/Discussion

1. Chief Delprete stated that he wanted the Council aware of a potential national “tik tok” challenge to schools regarding a nationwide bomb threat. Chief Delprete stated that the police will have a big presence at the schools tomorrow in response to the “tik tok” challenge.

2. G. Trembl, DWP Director, stated that the ice rink was all set up and thanked the Chepachet Fire Department for filling it.

3. G. Mosca, EMA Director, stated that the governor wants cities and towns to distribute rapid COVID tests. G. Mosca stated he had received the ones he ordered as well as the masks. G. Mosca stated that a plan would be determined for distributing the tests and the masks.

4. M. Bouvier, Senior Center Director, will require masks to be worn through the holidays due to the governor’s mandate.

5. J. Luszc, Human Services Director, stated that Thanksgiving went great in that eight (8) families received the meal donations; that three (3) families would be sponsored for Christmas and given gifts.

XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

1. S. St. Pierre, Gloucester Land Trust Chair, gave a summary of the many projects the Land Trust worked on throughout the year at the various Land Trust properties. S. St. Pierre stated that the Land Trust did not receive any violations from DEM regarding the dam. S. St. Pierre thanked G. Trembl and the Department of Public Works for all their help.

XIII. Open Forum

None

XIV. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to: R . I . G . L . 4 2 - 4 6 - 5 ( a ) ( 2 )  
Pending Litigation: Opioid Class Action Suit

Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council pertaining to opioid litigation including:

- A. Review Estimated Potential Settlement Amounts - J&J Intrastate Allocation
- B. Review Estimated Potential Settlement Amounts - Big 3 Distributors Intrastate Allocation
- C. Approval and execution of Subdivision Janssen Settlement Participation Form

- D. Approval and execution of Subdivision Distributor Settlement Participation Form

Councilor Reichert stated that they would need a motion to convene into Closed Executive Session:

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to: R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Pending Litigation: Opioid Class Action Suit Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council pertaining to opioid litigation including:

- A. Review Estimated Potential Settlement Amounts - J&J Intrastate Allocation
- B. Review Estimated Potential Settlement Amounts - Big 3 Distributors Intrastate Allocation
- C. Approval and execution of Subdivision Janssen Settlement Participation Form
- D. Approval and execution of Subdivision Distributor Settlement Participation Form

seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Reichert requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold - Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye

MOTION PASSED

After Executive Session:

- XV. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes take in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to RECONVENE Open Session, Disclose two (2) votes were taken, and Seal the minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

Councilor Reichert requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold - Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye

MOTION PASSED

Councilor Reichert stated that the next item on the agenda does not require any action



- XVI. Opioid Class Action Suit -Authorization to sign Participation, Election & Release Forms Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council pertaining to opioid litigation including:
- A. Review Estimated Potential Settlement Amounts - J&J Intrastate Allocation
  - B. Review Estimated Potential Settlement Amounts - Big 3 Distributors Intrastate Allocation
  - C. Approval and execution of Subdivision Janssen Settlement Participation Form

NO ACTION

XVII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to ADJOURN at 9:15 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
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MOTION PASSED