

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Glocester on March 20, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 P.M. by William A. Worthy, Jr., President.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Jonathan E. Burlingame, Stephanie A. Calise; Cheryl A. Greathouse; Walter M.O. Steere, III, Vice President; William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Gary Trembl, Director Public Works; Chief J. Delprete, Police Chief; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Don Zimmerman, Human Resources Consultant; Dennis Begin; Building/Zoning Official

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor W. Worthy asked all to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to speak on an agenda item to please step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

Councilor W. Worthy asked for a motion to move Item VIIIA Resolution in Opposition to RI 2025 Gun Legislation to the front of the agenda.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to MOVE Item VIIIA. New Business 2025 Gun Control Legislation to the front of the agenda; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM VIII. NEW BUSINESS A. MOVED TO THIS LOCATION

VIII. New Business

A. 2025 Gun Control Legislation

1. Discussion and/or Action regarding proposed legislation

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy invited K. Paul (signed up for Open Forum), resident of Scituate, to speak. K. Paul stated that the taxpayers of each town would be burdened with the costs of the unfunded mandate to store, keep secure and process individuals and guns on a registry if this proposed bill is passed.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that he requested this item and feels that if this bill passes it would impact many Glocester residents. Councilor W. Worthy stated his opinion that the second amendment as well as all amendments need to be protected.

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the question before Council is to first consider if considering a resolution is needed on the agenda tonight or not. J. Fecteau stated that typically Council first discusses, at a meeting, if they want to support a resolution and then if so, the resolution is placed on an upcoming agenda for further consideration and vote.

Councilor W. Worthy stated his agreement as to the typical resolution process. Councilor W. Worthy stated this proposal is different in terms of typical topics and as it was so recently proposed in the legislature time was a factor.

Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that this is not a town issue but an individual constitutional issue. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that this is another example of over reaching by the government . Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that state government is trying to push more and more away from local government and gave the example of the new zoning laws that were passed.

Cassidy Greathouse, resident, stated his opinion that the proposed gun legislation would burden the police with the requirements of this proposed legislation of creating and maintaining a registry of every gun and gun owner without being funded as well as being in violation of state law.

Councilors J. Burlingame, S. Calise and C. Greathouse each stated their opinion in support of our rights. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Councilor W. Steere is correct in his opinion as to the government overreaching . Councilor W. Worthy described the many effects of this proposed legislation and to encourage people to become educated.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to CONSIDER a vote to adopt a Resolution in opposition to proposed 2025 Gun Legislation, House Bill 5436 and Senate Bill 359 ; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Resolution In Opposition to Rhode Island 2025 Gun Control Legislation - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy read the Resolution as follows:

State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester
RESOLUTION# 2025-03
OF THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER
OPPOSITION TO RHODE ISLAND 2025 GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Glocester pursuant to Rhode Island statute and the Town of Glocester's Town Charter, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Glocester, Rhode Island; and

- WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified on December 15, 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the individual right of the people to keep and bear arms; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S.570 (2008),affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to **"keep and bear arms,"** as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and is applicable to the states; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment; and
- WHEREAS, Article I, Section 22 of the Rhode Island Constitution adopted in 1842, provides that **"The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."**; and
- WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6 of the Rhode Island Constitution provides that **"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, papers and possessions, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue, but on complaint in writing, upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation and describing as nearly as many as may be, the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."**; and
- WHEREAS, as a matter of general principle, and in recognition of over 230 years of lawmaking under the guidance of the Constitution for the United States of America having properly established numerous laws regarding criminal use of firearms that are wholly adequate when judiciously enforced such that additional laws are unneeded, any law which upon passage renders a lifelong law-abiding citizen a felon through no action of their own, is an unjustified law and should be unconstitutional under multiple amendments in the Bill of Rights; and
- WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council of the Town of Glocester to declare its support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and to the provisions of the Rhode Island Constitution which protect the citizens of the State of Rhode Island's individual right to keep and bear arms; and
- WHEREAS, the Glocester Town Council members each took an oath to support and defend the United States Constitution, the Rhode Island Constitution, and the laws of the State of Rhode Island which are not deemed unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, and the Charter of the Town of Glocester; and
- WHEREAS, the Glocester Town Council members give great weight to and adhere to the belief of James Madison, Jr., the fourth President of these great United States, that:

“Oppressors can tyrannize only when they achieve a standing army, an enslaved press, and a disarmed populace”; and

WHEREAS, the Glocester Town Council desires to protect the rights of law abiding citizens, individuals who have committed crimes with firearms should be fully prosecuted with existing laws on the books; and

WHEREAS, bills that have been passed and are being considered by the General Assembly would require the confiscation and storage of otherwise lawfully owned firearms, and make the Towns and Cities of Rhode Island, responsible for these costs; and

WHEREAS, R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-47-41. Government firearm registration prohibited specifically says, ***"No government agency of this state or its political subdivisions shall keep or cause to be kept any list or register of privately owned firearms or any list or register of the owners of those firearms; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to firearms which have been used in committing any crime of violence, nor to any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence."***; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island firearm purchase requirements already include a background check, a seven day waiting period, and a "Blue Card" for the purchase of handguns; and additionally, a lengthy process for obtaining a concealed carry permit - all evidence of some of the most restrictive gun purchase/ownership laws in the country; and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Gun Violence Solutions report that ***"Rhode Island had the lowest overall gun death rate and gun suicide rate in the country in 2022."*** - is further evidence of the effectiveness of laws already in existence in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the limited gun violence that does exist is not from law abiding citizens who own firearms, but from criminals who pay no attention to any existing or proposed laws, so it naturally follows that any bills restricting the rights of firearm owners will have NO impact on the criminal element responsible for gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the so-called "assault weapons" targeted in proposed legislation is sweepingly broad and includes many semiautomatic rifles, shotguns, and handguns in common competition and hunting usage - none of which have been part of the so-called "gun problem."; and

WHEREAS, these bills not only penalize law abiding citizens from exercising their Constitutional right for owning a firearm, but they also damage federally licensed firearms dealers, who are Rhode Island business owners. They would most certainly restrict their sales and livelihood; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly, in its 2025 legislative session has pending before it bills regulating and restricting the rights afforded the citizens of the State of Rhode Island through the Second Amendment to the United States' Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, most notably including, but not limited to:

House Bill 5436 and **Senate Bill 359**, the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025, would prohibit the possession of "assault weapons," defined very broadly to include a wide range of semiautomatic firearms making these bills more accurately the Rhode Island Semiautomatic Firearms Ban of 2025. In order to be exempt, the weapon must, within twelve (12) months of the bill's passage, be registered seemingly in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws§ 11- 47-41, be rendered inoperable, be surrendered to a registered firearm dealer or police department or be transferred to a person in another jurisdiction where such firearms are allowed. It would also require any heirs of a decedent to surrender or transfer the firearm. If registered, the lawful owner would be required to submit fingerprints and pay a fee for registering the firearm;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Glocester on June 6, 2019, declared itself a Second Amendment Sanctuary Town, reaffirmed on April 15, 2021, and now reaffirms that declaration, and hereby takes the following position on state legislation that potentially abridges our Second Amendment rights. We find and declare that these gun restriction bills, if enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly, infringe upon the rights of the People of the Town of Glocester and the People of the State of Rhode Island to keep and bear arms. We are collectively opposed to the infringement of these rights established by our Founding Fathers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these bills impose unfunded mandates upon local governments; and the Town Council of the Town of Glocester will not appropriate funds for capital construction of building space and/or the purchase of storage systems to store weapons seized, pursuant to any requirements set forth in the legislation if enacted by the General Assembly for the purpose of enforcing any law, that unconstitutionally infringes upon the rights of the People of the Town of Glocester to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island Municipality, State Senators, State Representatives, the Governor and the Lt. Governor respectfully requesting their support.

Passed as a resolution of the Glocester Town Council this 20th day of March, 2025.

GLOCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

Councilor Pres. William A. Worthy, Jr.
Councilor Vice-Pres Walter M.O. Steere, III
Councilor Jonathan E. Burlingame
seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Councilor Cheryl A. Greathouse
Councilor Stephanie L. Calise
Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
 NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

V. Resolution

- A. Support of “Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid (RIGL § 16-7.2-6)”
Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received a resolution from the Exeter/West Greenwich School District requesting our support of Categorical Transportation Aid funding. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Superintendent of Foster/Glocester Regional Schools supports the adoption of a resolution which he read as follows:

**Resolution #2025-01
In Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid
As outlined in RIGL § 16-7.2-6**

WHEREAS: State funding obligations for regional school districts have been reduced, including fund payments to the Foster/Glocester Regional School, which has left the communities' taxpayers to make up for the shortfalls; and

WHEREAS: Foster/Glocester Regional School is faced with the incredibly difficult choice of whether to fully absorb the funding shortfalls, request more taxpayer contributions from member communities, and/or reduce student programming; and

WHEREAS: It is vital that students at the Foster/Glocester Regional School be provided with high-quality public education without overburdening community taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Glocester Town Council hereby requests that the General Assembly fully fund the Transportation Categorical Funds between the State and regional school districts pursuant to the relevant requirements of RIGL § 16-7.2-6 (e); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to forward this resolution to the Town of Glocesters' legislators in the Rhode Island General Assembly
This RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

Passed this 20th day of March, 2025

Councilor William A. Worthy, Jr. President

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of March 6, 2025
B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements - February 2025
C. Finance Director's Report - February 2025

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of March 6, 2025; there are no ADDITIONS or ABATEMENTS to the 2024 Tax Roll for February 2025 and to APPROVE the Finance Director's Report of February 2025; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Boards and Commissions - Discussion and/or Action

1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Parade Committee (continued from 9/5/2024)

1. Alternate #2, Alternate #3

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there are no recommendations from the chair at this time. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council can APPOINT from the Talent Bank listing or TABLE to the next meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Calise to TABLE the appointments to the Parade Committee, Alternate #2 and Alternate #3 to the Town Council meeting of April 3, 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Land Trust - Member at Large from Planning Board
One Term to expire 1/31/2026

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there are no recommendations from the chair at this time.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointment to the Member-at-Large Position to the Land Trust from the Planning Board to the April 3, 2025 Town Council meeting; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that he hopes the Planning Board submits a name for this position soon as it is a position required by the Charter.

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Board & Commission Appointments - Terms concurrent with Town Council, to expire 12/31/2026 - Discussion and/or Action

1. Economic Development Commission

a. One ad-hoc non voting member #1, term to expire 12/31/2026

Councilor W. Worthy stated that no recommendations have been received from the Chair at this time. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council can TABLE or APPOINT from the Talent Bank listing provided in your packet.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointment, to the #1 ad-hoc position on the Economic Development Commission; seconded by

Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. One ad-hoc non voting member #2, term to expire 12/31/2026
MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointment, to the #2 ad-hoc position on the Economic Development Commission; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A. 2025 Gun Control Legislation

1. Discussion and/or Action regarding proposed legislation

Item already addressed

B. Proposed budget for FY 2025/26

1. Accept Proposed Budget from Budget Board for Public Hearing (to be held April 21, 2025) - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that tonight the Budget Board gives the Council their recommended budget for FY 2025/26. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council will “accept” the budget, as is, for the Public Hearing to be held on April 21, 2025. Councilor W. Worthy stated that there will be no changes to the budget proposed by the Budget Board until that time. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the budget will be available to the public in the office of the Finance Director and on-line at www.glocesterri.gov on Friday, March 21st, 2025.

Discussion: M. McNamara, Budget Board Chair, stated her acknowledgment of the Budget Board members and stated it was difficult year. M. McNamara stated E. Beltram, Finance Director; and Lori Chirico, Finance Office were all a big help.

Councilor W. Steere thanked all the Budget Board members and stated that the budget process is not an easy task, takes a lot of time and is very important to the town.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to ACCEPT for Public Hearing the Budget Board’s proposed budget for FY 2025/26, said Public Hearing to be held on April 21, 2025; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Boards & Commissions

1. Resignations- Discussion and/or Action

a. Gloucester Housing Authority

One unexpired 5 yr term to expire 6/30/2025

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received the resignation of Stephen Gadoury from the Gloucester Housing Authority.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to ACCEPT the resignation of Stephen Gadoury, as of March 10 2025, from the Gloucester Housing Authority, seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

NAYS-0

RECUSAL- Calise

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action

a. Gloucester Housing Authority

One unexpired 5 yr term to expire 6/30/2025

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair of the Housing Authority has recommended Jacqueline Muollo to the Gloucester Housing Authority. Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is a talent bank application on file for Ms. Muollo.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPOINT Jacqueline Muollo to the Gloucester Housing Authority to the unexpired 5 year term to expire 6/30/2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

NAYS-0

RECUSAL- Calise

MOTION PASSED

D. Consideration to create “Gloucester 250 Commission” - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated that tonight Council can discuss and decide if we want to participate in the RI250 celebration by creating a local commission to plan and facilitate “events” as outlined in Section 3 of the draft resolution presented by Roy Najecki. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Roy has volunteered to work with and on a Gloucester 250 Commission.

Discussion: R. Najecki stated that the draft resolution mimics other towns’ resolutions and shared some of his possible ideas for the education, enlightenment and celebration of the 250 anniversary of the country.

J. Fecteau stated that if any councilors have any suggestions regarding the draft resolution to send

them to her. J. Fecteau stated that once the resolution and charge of the commission is finalized and adopted at hopefully the next meeting then her office can advertise for applications for members. Councilor W. Steere stated his thanks to R. Najecki.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the creation of a Gloucester 250 Commission; the charge of said Commission will be adopted by a Resolution of the Town Council, after review by the Town Solicitor; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

E. CivicPlus- Authorization for non-renewal of Statement of Work- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a memo from the Clerk which he read as follows:

March 19, 2025

TO: Town Council
FROM: Jean Fecteau, Clerk
RE: Renewal of CivicPlus SOW

Town Council

This memo is a request to authorize the Clerk's Office to notify CivicPlus that we do not wish to renew our Statement of Work upon the renewal date of May 6, 2025, thereby also cancelling the CivicPlus Master Services Agreement.

After many attempts to implement the software we find that the renewal cost is too expensive to justify as the end product did not meet our expectations. We researched prior to signing on for the software and it appeared to provide us with a more efficient process for setting agendas and interacting with town employees in doing so. However, it turned out to be too problematic in some areas to provide the level of work we were used to providing.

With these reservations, I cannot justify a \$5,300 renewal fee.

I thank you for your consideration.

Jean M. Fecteau, Clerk
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Clerk to notify CivicPlus that the Town of Gloucester will not be renewing the State of Work on the May 6, 2025 renewal date, thereby cancelling the CivicPlus Master Services Agreement; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated his thanks to J. Fecteau for all her work for the Council as did Councilor J. Burlingame.

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

F. Authorization to utilize Electronic E-Permitting for Zoning Applications -
Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: D. Begin, Building/ Zoning Official stated that he is asking for authorization to implement e- permitting for zoning applications. D. Begin stated that he recommends the implementation as it will save time; make the review of applications more efficient and easier; there is training and the cost is reimbursed from the state. D. Begin stated that state does provide instructors .

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the implementation of OpenGov. Electronic E-Permitting of Zoning Applications for the Town of Glocester in conjunction with the State Division of Business Regulations and the State Building Code Commissioner; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

IX. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Town Planner has forwarded to Council recommendations for recent legislation proposals and the memo is in Council's packet. Councilor W. Steere stated that these are important proposals to consider as several could be very detrimental to our town. Councilor W. Steere stated he would like to request a Resolution for next meeting regarding these detrimental proposals.

J. Fecteau stated that her office received multiple emails regarding resolutions to for the state to reinstate revenue sharing from other town clerks which she will put in council's packet in case Council would like to request a resolution. J. Fecteau stated for the Council to let her know if any of them want it to be placed on an agenda.

X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a letter in support of House Bill H5371 which, if passed, would allow Burrillville & Glocester to publish notice of official actions in any newspaper of general circulation or other digital or print platforms selected by the Town Council.
Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Charlestown Town Council feels this would allow greater flexibility in publishing notices, thereby increasing public access government activities.

J. Fecteau stated that she received several emails regarding this issue too and feels that these cities and towns are supporting Burrillville and Glocester as they feel they could be next. J. Fecteau stated none of the legislators contacted her office. J. Fecteau stated that this ability to publish is already allowed by law.

2. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council inquired as to our plans for celebrating RI250. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the email was forwarded to Roy Najecki.

XI. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Department heads had anything to report or if any Councilors had any questions for Department heads.

1. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that he has been contacted by two individuals who are looking to use Winsor Park for men's softball. R. Shields stated that the field is available for use, that the group has insurance and needs to complete the use form.

R. Shields stated that Tri Town Titans has also asked to use Winsor Field. R. Shields stated that they have submitted a use form and have insurance.

R. Shields stated that he is asking for an agenda item for the next Council meeting to consider awarding funds for busing the band for the Memorial Day Parade. R. Shields stated that he does have enough funds in his budget to pay for the flowers for the parade.

Councilor W. Worthy asked the condition of Winsor Field. R. Shields stated that it is playable and that this group will take care of the infield.

XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Boards and Commissions had anything to report or if any Councilors had any questions for any of the Boards and Commissions.

R. Najecki stated that the Conservation Commission will be holding their annual Earth Day event on April 26, 2025 and that the day will start at the Kent Pavilion at 9:00 AM.

R. Najecki stated that Land Trust is holding an orientation on April 29, 2025 with URI for a "bioglitz", biology information event for the public, to be held the first week in June in Glocester.

XIII. Open Forum

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone had anything to discuss and if so to please state your name when you come to the microphone.

1. J. Duhamel, resident, described the communication issues he felt he was having in trying to discuss his property situation and concerns with the town planner. Councilor W. Steere stated that K. Scott, Town Planner, told him that she set up an in person meeting with Mr. Duhamel and Mr. Duhamel did not show up. Mr. Duhamel stated he did not get the email regarding the in person meeting. Councilor W. Worthy stated he would look into the matter and get back to Mr. Duhamel.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that we now need a motion to convene to closed session. Councilor W. Worthy stated that all will be welcomed in following closed session.

XIV. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session (Closed Session) Pursuant to:

- A. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons – (employees notified) Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council
 - 1. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action re: (1 employee)
- B. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation:
 - 1. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action re: Potential litigation
 - 2. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action re: Negotiations for successor union contracts
 - 3. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action re: International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 638

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session (Closed Session) Pursuant to:

- A. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons – (employees notified) Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council
 - 1. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action re: (1 employee)
- B. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation:
 - 1. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action re: Potential litigation
 - 2. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action re: Negotiations for successor union contracts
 - 3. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action re: International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 638

Seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Councilor Burlingame- Aye
Councilor Calise- Aye
Councilor Greathouse- Aye
Councilor Steere- Aye
Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

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

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Reconvene Open Session, Disclose two (2) votes were taken in Executive Session and to Seal the Minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Councilor Burlingame- Aye

Councilor Calise- Aye

Councilor Greathouse- Aye

Councilor Steere- Aye

Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

XVI. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 11:07 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED