

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Glocester on April 3, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 P.M. by Walter M.O. Steere, III Vice President

II. Roll Call

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

Member Absent: William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliozi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Gary Trembl, Director Public Works; Chief J. Delprete, Police Chief; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director; Robert Shields, Recreation Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

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

None

V. Proclamations - Discussion and/or Action

A. #2025-01 Earth Day - April 22, 2025

Councilor W. Steere stated that each year the Town acknowledges the celebration of Earth Day and shares the work of our residents, and boards. Councilor W. Steere stated that tonight we have a proclamation which he read as follows:

**State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester
Proclamation of the Town of Glocester
#2025-01 Earth Day - April 22, 2025**

WHEREAS, The Town of Glocester recognizes that the First Earth Day in 1970 was the beginning of the modern environmental movement which helped shape the values and priorities of an entire generation. As a result of citizen demand, Congress passed the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, as well as superfund legislation thereby putting a lasting framework for our future in place; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders, and Glocester residents in particular, have demonstrated leadership in environmental action and awareness, and expect sound environmental action from their leaders; and

WHEREAS, In observation of Earth Day, on Saturday April 26th, the Town of Glocester, through its Conservation Commission and Land Trust, will host the annual Earth Day Roadside Litter Clean-Up. The general public, businesses and youth groups are invited to meet at the Pavilion at Kent Field, in Chepachet, at 9:00 a.m. for roadside clean ups in Chepachet and Harmony; also, following this event, the Conservation Commission will be establishing a pollinator wildflower habitat at Kent Field; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council supports activities celebrating Earth Day in Glocester, statewide, nationally, and on a global level, and we encourage our youth and adults alike to take a pledge to help to keep our earth “Clean and Green”; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Town Council and Town Clerk encourage Glocester residents to participate in the Conservation Commissions’ and Glocester Land Trusts’ annual Clean Up Event, in neighborhood clean-ups, and in supporting all efforts to do our part in caring for our planet for Earth Day and every day.

Councilor William A. Worthy, Jr., President Jean M Fecteau, CMC , Town Clerk
Councilor Walter M.O. Steere, III, Vice- Pres
Councilor Jonathan Burlingame
Councilor Stephanie L. Calise
Councilor Cheryl A. Greathouse

Dated this 3rd day of April 2025

seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. #2025-02 Arbor Day - April 25, 2025
Councilor W. Steere stated that the Town also acknowledges the national celebration of Arbor Day each year and read the following Proclamation:

State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester

**Proclamation of the Town of Glocester
#2025-02 Arbor Day**

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday, called Arbor

Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are also a renewable resource of wood for our homes and fuel for our fires. Trees in our Town enhance our property, beautify our community, and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Glocester; its' Conservation Commission; its' Tree Warden; and our Land Trust have and will continue to work towards preserving and improving our green spaces as stewards of our towns' bounty of natural beauty and clean air; and

WHEREAS, for Arbor Day this year the Conservation Commission will be planting and tending to blight resistant American Elm Trees at Kent Field; and

WHEREAS, There are many events planned statewide for the celebration of Arbor Day this year that will help promote and teach our families the value of preserving our environment while providing a fun family experience; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the Town Council and Town Clerk of the Town of Glocester do hereby proclaim our commitment to Arbor Day, on April 25th, 2025, in the Town of Glocester, and urge all citizens to celebrate by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and we urge all citizens to plant trees and promote this celebration of nature for future generations.

Councilor William A. Worthy, Jr. President Jean M Fecteau, CMC , Town Clerk
Councilor Walter M.O. Steere, III, Vice President
Councilor Jonathan Burlingame
Councilor Stephanie L. Calise
Councilor Cheryl A. Greathouse

Dated this 3rd day of April 2025

seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VI. Resolution

A. #2025-02 Opposition to 2025 Proposed Legislation

Councilor W. Steere stated that our staff has followed this years legislative introductions and have brought back information to the Council. Councilor W. Steere stated that our Planner has given us information about recently proposed zoning legislation that we feel further attempts to remove town oversight per Gloucester's zoning ordinances. Councilor W. Steere stated that tonight we have a Resolution which he read as follows:

**Town of Gloucester, State of Rhode Island
Resolution #2025-02
In Opposition of Proposed Housing Legislation**

WHEREAS: The House of Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly has proposed housing legislation that could negatively impact Gloucester ; and

WHEREAS: Proposed Zoning and Subdivision Act Amendments (H- 5794) negatively impacts Gloucester by allowing unlimited development to be created on an existing street without Planning Board approval; removes the Zoning Board of Appeals from hearing appeals on land development projects; allows for unlimited density for adaptive reuse projects so long as 10% of the units are low to moderate income; and

WHEREAS: Proposed Low and Moderate Housing Act Amendments (H- 5801) negatively impacts Gloucester by removing the town's ability to require consistency with the comprehensive plan in a comprehensive permit application; does not allow a town to make negative findings of consistency with a town's affordable housing plan unless "significant" progress has been made toward that plan; amends the findings language to clarify that the state's need for low to moderate income housing outweighs a town's zoning ordinance provisions; removes the provision to meet local needs in a comprehensive permit type development even when 10 % threshold is met; and removes the provision that a town could be meeting local needs if 20% of the approved residences in a single year are for low to moderate income housing ; and,

WHEREAS : Proposed Utilizing State Owned Vacant Properties for Housing (H- 5802) negatively impacts Gloucester by exempting the state from following local zoning regulations for development on state owned land for housing purposes as long as a public hearing is held in Providence; and,

WHEREAS: Proposed Village/Mixed Use Zoning (H-5800) negatively impacts Gloucester by requiring the town to permit medium and high density residential development in the Village District; and

WHEREAS: Proposed Attached Single Family Homes (H- 5798) negatively impacts Gloucester by allowing attached single family dwelling units in a designated zoning district and on their own lot but without regard to increased requirements as to minimum lot size, width, depth, frontage ; and

WHEREAS: Proposed Infill and Oversized Lot Subdivisions (H-5799) negatively impacts Gloucester by allowing existing lots to be subdivided into smaller lots that do **not** meet the zoning

requirements in that area so long as the created lots are 50 % of the lots within 200 feet and also be eligible for reduced setbacks; and

WHEREAS: Proposed Co Living Housing Options (H-5797) negatively impacts Glocester by allowing for dorm like residential developments in that the sleeping and living quarters are private but bathroom and kitchen facilities are shared so long as the development is in an area serviced by transit and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Glocester Town Council hereby requests that the General Assembly fully oppose the proposed housing legislation stated herein as all could negatively impact the rural nature of Glocester as established in its zoning ordinances; 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 and to all cities and towns for their support in opposing these bills.

This RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

Passed this 03rd day of April, 2025

GLOCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that the state house does not follow any sound plans as to development. Councilor W. Steere stated that the development plans do not make sense for the entire state especially for a town such as Glocester and that the effect is to take away all zoning. Councilor Steere stated in his opinion that is not right. Councilor S. Calise stated her opinion that the proposals are an overreach by the state.

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of March 20, 2025
MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of March 20, 2025; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere
NAYS-0
MOTION PASSED

VIII. 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. Steere stated that there are no recommendations from the chair at this time. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Board is starting to meet so perhaps that will help with the volunteer situation.

Councilor W. Steere stated that Council can APPOINT from the Talent Bank listing or TABLE to the next meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointments to the Parade Committee, Alternate #2 and Alternate #3, to the Town Council meeting of April 17, 2025; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame suggested the Parade chair contact the individuals on the talent list.

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Land Trust - Member at Large from Planning Board

One Term to expire 1/31/2026

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

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Calise to TABLE the appointment to the Member-at-Large Position to the Land Trust from the Planning Board to the April 17, 2025 Town Council meeting; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that Per the Gloucester Town Charter, a current member of the Planning Board is appointed to the Land Trust so he hopes the position is filled soon.

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere

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. Steere stated that there are no recommendations from the Chair at this time. Councilor W. Steere stated that Council can TABLE or APPOINT from the Talent Bank listing provided in the packet.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the appointment, to the #1 ad-hoc non voting position on the Economic Development Commission; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere
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 non voting position on the Economic Development Commission; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere
NAYS-0
MOTION PASSED

IX. New Business

A. Police Department Budget requests:

1. Funds Transfer request from line item- IT Salary to Police Dept. Overtime-
Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Steere stated that Council has received a request from the IT Director that addresses this item and the next item. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Finance Director has submitted a memo stating the IT Department Budget has the funds to support. Councilor W. Steere read the IT Director's request as follows:

To: Honorable Gloucester Town Council
From: Matthew Floor, IT Director
RE: IT Budget transfer authorization and comp discharge
Date: March 15, 2025

Honorable Council Members:

This memo is being submitted to request authorization to transfer funds from the IT Department account number 01-080-2010 (IT wages) to the Police Department account 01-040-2015 (Police Overtime).

As you are aware, the Town received \$490,000 in Congressionally-directed spending through Senator Reed's Office for dispatch and communications renovations which were originally slated to be part of a greater police station expansion and renovation project. With the failure of the bond referendum we were unable to execute this project as originally intended as we did not have the funds. Chief DelPrete, Dispatcher John Falco and I met on this and decided we would attempt to complete this project with in-house staff in lieu of returning the \$490,000 as we did with the other \$3,850,000 in grant funding. The dispatch room was extremely outdated and in disrepair making this opportunity too important to pass up.

Dispatcher Falco and I estimated approximately 100-120 hours each for local labor for the project which was authorized by Chief DelPrete and included: the demo of the existing room, relocation of the technology into a temporary dispatch workspace, renovation and re-wiring of the new room and design, setup, configuration and installation of the technology into the new room. Additional code work was completed using ARPA funds obligated to this project.

This project was an unanticipated expense as we never intended to do this scope or magnitude of work ourselves, nor was it budgeted. By holding off on hiring a P/T IT person until July there is money available in the IT Budget that can cover these expenses. These expenses are far more appropriate in the IT budget than the police budget.

I respectfully ask that the Council authorize the transfer of \$5,210.88 from account 01-080-2010 to 01-040-2015 for the 118 hours Dispatcher Falco worked on the project. I would additionally ask that the Council authorize the discharge of 115 hours of comp time earned on this project to me at the end of the fiscal year paid from 01-080-2010 at a cost of \$5,744.25.

Thank you
(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that the new dispatch center is very modern.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the transfer of \$5,210.88 from account 01-080-2010 to 01-040-2015 Police OT and to AUTHORIZE the payment of said funds in the amount of \$5,210.88 to Dispatcher John Falco for the 118 hours worked on the renovation to dispatch center; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated his thanks to M. Floor and J. Falco for their work and noted their work saved the town a great deal of money.

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Authorization request for the payout of Employee Compensation Time from IT Salary line item - IT Director - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Steere stated that this item was explained in the previous item.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the payout for Employee Compensatory Time, to IT Director Matthew Floor, from the IT Salary line item, for 115 hours of compensatory time earned on the dispatch renovation project from Acct. #01-080-2010 IT Salary in the amount of \$5,744.25; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame stated that his opinion is to not have comp time being paid as salary to become a habit. Councilor S. Calise stated that she does not want to set a precedent. Chief Delprete stated that the cost would have been about \$100,000 to \$300,000 if outside techs had to be brought in to do this work. Chief Delprete stated that both M. Floor and J. Falco went above and beyond in performing this work and worked weekends and holidays. Chief Delprete stated that they were under pressure to complete the project before time ran out with this \$490,000 grant.

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

3. Authorization request for the payout of Employee Compensation Time from current budget - Animal Control Officer - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Steere stated that Council has received a request from the Chief of Police that he read as follows:

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Chief Joseph DelPrete
Date: March 26, 2025
RE: Animal Control Officer Compensation Time

It is respectfully requested that Animal Control Officer Jennifer Grundy be allowed to buyout 40 hours of her accumulated compensation time in the next payroll period.

The buy- out amount will be 40 hours times \$26.45/hourly rate for a total of \$1,058.00. The Animal Control Officer regularly accumulates compensation time on after hours and weekend call outs. The current 2025 fiscal year budget can support this request. The Animal Control Department is operating efficiently with one weekend shelter worker and currently no Assistant Animal Control Officer.

The Animal Control Officer Balance will be 94 hours and will be used in either time off or buyout at the end of this current fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph DelPrete

(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame asked if these hours were overtime hours. Chief Delprete stated that the Animal Control Officer does not get overtime but that these are hours she has worked outside her regular hours because the shelter is very busy. Councilor J. Burlingame asked if there was money in the budget for this item. Chief Delprete stated there were funds in the budget.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the payout of 40 hours of accumulated compensation time, in the amount of \$1,058, from 24/25 budget, to Animal Control Officer Jennifer Grundy in the next payroll period; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Request for funds - Memorial Day expenses - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Steere stated that Council has received a request from the Recreation Director which he read as follows:

TO: Town of Gloucester Town Council
FROM: Robert Shields, Recreation Director
DATE: April 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Parade Funding Request

I am writing to request funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to support the Town of Gloucester's annual Memorial Day Parade. The requested funds will be used to cover the cost of two buses (approximately \$1,200) needed to transport the Ponaganset Middle School and High School band members, ensuring their participation in this important community event.

The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Memorial Day, stepping off at approximately 10:30 AM. In addition to this funding request, I will attempt to utilize the remaining balance of my budget

to offset the purchase of wreaths that will be placed at each memorial along the parade route as a tribute to our fallen service members.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your support in helping us honor and remember those who have served our country.

Sincerely,

Robert Shields

Recreation Director

(End of memo)

Discussion: R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that the requested amount should be sufficient to pay for both the busses and the wreaths. Councilor W. Steere stated that this is one of the best events in time and the council has funds in their contingency account. R. Shields thanked Council.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Calise to AUTHORIZE the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for expenses incurred by the Recreation Department for the Memorial Day Parade; said funds will be expended from the Town Council Contingency Account, #01-001-2111; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Code of Ordinances

1. 1st reading - Creation of Gloucester 250 Commission - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Town Council has voted to move forward with the creation of the "Gloucester 250 Commission. Councilor W. Steere stated that in accord with the Town Charter, Council may create or abolish a Town Board or Commission by the adoption of an ordinance. Councilor W. Steere stated that, therefore, tonight we have the 1st reading for a proposed ordinance:

Councilor W. Steere read the proposed ordinance is as follows:

FIRST READING April 3, 2025

Gloucester Code of Ordinance

Part 2: Boards, Commissions, Committees and Positions

Chapter 80

Gloucester 250th Commission

§ 80-1 Establishment

§ 80-4 Funding

§ 80-2 Appointment, membership, vacancies

§ 80-5 Reporting and Accountability

§ 80-3 Duties

§ 80-1 Establishment

In accordance with the Gloucester Town Charter, Article XIII, Section C13-10 there is hereby established the Gloucester 250th Commission which shall be active from the effective date of passage through December 31, 2027.

§ 80-2 Appointment; membership; vacancies

A. The Gloucester 250th Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Town Council. The said commissioners shall hold their respective positions through December 31, 2027 or until their successors are appointed.

B. Members of said Commission shall serve without pay and at the pleasure of the Town Council. In the event of a vacancy, interim appointments may be made by the Town Council to complete the unexpired term of such position.

§ 80-3 Duties

A. The Gloucester 250th Commission is tasked with the following responsibilities:

1. To plan and organize events, activities, and initiatives that celebrate and commemorate Rhode Island's historical contributions to the ideals of freedom, equality, and independence in observance of the nation's 250th anniversary.
2. To promote civic pride and local history awareness within the Town of Gloucester.
3. To collaborate with relevant organizations, institutions, and community groups to achieve the Commission's goals.
4. To engage in and support activities that promote civic pride and acknowledge local history, including decorations, events and activities.

§ 80-4 Funding and Support

A. The Commission may request from the Town Council, during the annual municipal budget process, funds to support activities and initiatives of the Gloucester 250th Commission.

B. The Commission shall also accept donations, through the Finance Department, to support their activities and initiatives.

§ 80-5 Reporting and Accountability

A. The Gloucester 250th Commission shall provide progress reports to the Town Council on a quarterly basis outlining their activities, expenditures, and progress towards their goals.

B. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the R. I. Open Meetings Law, to include agendas, notifications and meeting minutes.

(End of proposed ordinance)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councillor J. Burlingame to DECLARE the 1st reading of the proposed ordinance entitled "Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Part 2: Boards, Commissions, Committees and Positions, Chapter 80, Gloucester 250th Commission complete; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Set Public Hearing date- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Steere stated that Council is proposing the adoption of a new Ordinance which would create a new commission, the Gloucester250 Commission. Councilor W. Steere stated that the 1st reading is complete and a public hearing date needs to be set.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to SET April 17, 2025 for a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance "Chapter 80, Gloucester 250th Commission"; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

X. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had any legislative news or questions.

None

XI. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. Councilor W. Steere stated that Council received a memo from a concerned citizen on the speeding on Money Hill Road, the clerk forwarded to the Chief.

XII. Department Head Reports/Discussion

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

1. K. Scott, Town Planner stated that she worked with G. Trembl, DPW Director, regarding the trash issue at the transfer station and came up a solution to block the garbage from going into the water. K. Scott and G. Trembl will have a row of tall evergreens planted in front to prevent trash from blowing into the water. K. Scott stated that she received an \$8000 grant to use for the plantings. K. Scott stated that grant was a no match grant through Southern New England Program. Councilor W. Steere stated his thanks to both.
2. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked if the town council would like to hold the budget public hearing at the high school instead of the town hall because it can hold more people. J. Fecteau stated that she is hearing that a lot of people may attend the public hearing.

Councilors stated that it was a good idea to move the venue to the high school.

XIII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

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

1. K. Lamontagne, Parade Chair, stated that the Parade Committee held a meeting today. K. Lamontagne stated that the committee voted and approved the fireworks to be held on June 27th with a rain date of July 12th. K. Lamontagne stated that if any councilors have any suggestions as to the Grand Marshall to please let her know. K. Lamontagne stated that the next meeting is April 17th and they will work on vendors and entertainment.

XIV. Open Forum

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

1. W. Steere, resident, stated that he attended the school committee meeting and stated that the school received a grant in the amount of \$647,000 from the RI Infrastructure Bank for water issues at West Glocester School. W. Steere stated that G. Gras and S. Essex did a great job in finding and applying for the grant.

D. Igliazzi, Town solicitor, asked the Council to add, an item C to executive session for discussion only. Regarding the pending opioid litigation.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Calise to add for discussion only, pending opioid litigation ; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor W. Steere stated that we now need a motion to convene to closed session.

XV. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive 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 – (employee 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: Negotiations for successor union contracts

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame 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 – (employee 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: Negotiations for successor union contracts
- C. Potential litigation-re: Opioid Litigation- for discussion only
seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

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

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

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

All were informed that they would be allowed back into the meeting after executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

All waiting were invited back into the meeting room.

Return to Regular meeting

XVI. 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 J. Burlingame to Reconvene Open Session, Disclose zero (0) votes were taken in Executive Session & to Seal the Minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

XVII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to ADJOURN at 10:09 p.m.; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED