

At a meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Glocester on October 16, 2025

I. Call to Order

Councilor W. Worthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliozi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Karen Scott, Town Planner (arrived at 7:50 pm)

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor W. Worthy asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item to please step to the microphone and state your name when called on. Councilor W. Worthy stated that if anyone wishes to speak to the public hearings on the agenda, to wait to that portion of the meeting until Council has determined how they will proceed tonight.

Erica Dauphines, 107 Gold Mine Road, spoke of her opinion regarding the trees that need trimming along Gold Mine Road and Durfee Hill Road. Councilor W. Steere stated that if the trees are on the roadway then it is a town responsibility but if the trees are not on the roadway then it is the property owner's responsibility. E. Dauphines stated her opinion that most seem to be along the roadway of the state property, Durfee Hill Management Area, on Gold Mine Road. Councilor W. Steere suggested a letter be sent to the state.

V. Resolution - #2025-10

In Support of Restoration of State General Revenue  
Sharing to Cities and Towns

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received requests for support from multiple cities and towns to join in the effort to request the state reinstate Revenue Sharing. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Council asked for a resolution in support which he read as follows:

Resolution #2025-10  
In Support of Restoration of General Revenue Sharing to Cities and  
Towns

Whereas: Cities and Town across Rhode Island have been struggling with the recent inflationary environment; and

Whereas: In 2009 the General Assembly discontinued revenue sharing due to the economic collapse; and

- Whereas: The removal of General Revenue sharing forced the Cities and Towns to increase property taxes to make up for this loss in revenue; and
- Whereas: The State of Rhode Island has seen a very good rebound from the economic crisis brought on by the COVID Pandemic; and
- Whereas: The past 3 fiscal years the State of Rhode Island has benefitted from the economic rebound with \$878 million FY 2022, \$410 million FY 2023 and a \$292 million surplus for FY 2024; and
- Whereas: \$70 million of one-time expenses for much needed repairs of our beautiful State House was built into the FY 2024 budget and can simply be relocated to General Revenue Sharing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Glocester Town Council hereby requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly and Governor reinstate General Revenue Sharing for all 39 Cities and Towns to help reduce the impact of inflation on the citizens of Rhode Island; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island and our local legislators to join in our request to have the General Assembly restore general revenue sharing in the upcoming FY 2027 budget.

This RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage. Passed this 16th day of October, 2025

GLOCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

Councilor Pres. William A. Worthy, Jr.  
Councilor Vice-Pres Walter M.O. Steere, III  
Councilor Cheryl A. Greathouse  
Councilor Stephanie L. Calise  
Councilor Jonathan E. Burlingame

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

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

VI. Public Hearings – Due to Planning Board hearings being continued, the Town Council will consider a motion to continue all public hearings below to the November 6th meeting.

A. Gloucester Code of Ordinance -

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Addition to Chapter 350-22 “P-Districts Created”

**Applicant: Factory Mutual Insurance Company**

Location: 743 Reynolds Road & surrounding properties (853 acres)

AP 2 Lots 1,3,4; AP 3 Lots 1-4,6,31-37,39; AP 5 Lots 75-81; 196-198; AP 8A, Lots 9-10

From: An existing Industrial and/or A-4 Agricultural zones

To: A Planned Unit District to include renewable energy systems

involving ground,  
rooftop, and canopy solar; battery energy storage system and wind turbine(s).

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor W. Worthy asked if there is a motion from Council.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the Applicant: Factory Mutual Insurance Company, 743 Reynolds Road, to consider an amendment to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Chapter 350-22 P-District Created to the Town Council meeting of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame stated that Council has not received any information yet. Councilor W. Steere stated that a lot of people have come out tonight so he asked if they could make a quick comment and that they also could come back at the time of the public hearing. D. Igliozi, Town Solicitor, stated that Council should not take comments at a public hearing until they receive the Planning Board recommendation and applicant has made their presentation. D. Igliozi stated that the applicant is entitled to be here at the public hearing. D. Igliozi stated that the Planning Board was not able to complete their work at their last meeting and so they continued their hearing. D. Igliozi stated the work of the Planning Board will be presented to the Council when they have completed it. D. Igliozi stated that he spoke to the attorney on the other side and that is why the notice on the agenda was worded regarding a continuance by Council.

D. Igliozi stated that if people were to speak tonight then it would not be part of the legal record. D. Igliozi stated that if people want to be part of the legal record then should wait till the public hearing.

D. Igliozi stated that the process for a zone change is that the Planning Board must give a recommendation to the Council. D. Igliozi stated that the Planning Board met last week and were unable to complete their work so that public hearing was continued to this Tuesday. D. Igliozi stated that the Planning Board makes a recommendation to Council only after they complete their work. D. Igliozi stated that the public hearing begins for the Council once the Planning Board has made their recommendation. D. Igliozi stated that the applicant makes a presentation at the public hearing and anyone who wishes to speak does so but on the record. D. Igliozi stated that the legal

record gets created at the public hearing. D. Iglioizzi stated that anyone who wants their comments to be part of the legal record can do so at the public hearing. D. Iglioizzi stated that the Council may not be able to complete their work at one public hearing. D. Iglioizzi stated that at the end of the process, Council will deliberate and make a decision but there is no set time limit.

(Unknown speaker) asked if the public would be able to speak at the next Planning Board public hearing and at the Town Council public hearing. D. Iglioizzi stated yes as to both. D. Iglioizzi stated that the Planning Board public hearing was specifically continued to allow all public comments to be heard on the record. D. Iglioizzi stated that is why the notice of the continuance was placed on the Town Council agenda.

W. Biafore, resident, stated she would like to speak about the Howard Lane solar farm. D. Iglioizzi stated that matter was not before Council on the agenda but that she could speak on it in open forum for non agenda items.

D. Iglioizzi stated that all public hearing documents are available in the town clerk's office.

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

B. Gloucester Code of Ordinance -

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Addition to "Table of Use Regulations" Zoning Chart to allow earth processing (not related to an earth removal license) in a B-2

Highway/Commercial zone - Discussion and/or Action

**Applicant: Coluch Organization LLC**

**Owner: William & Bonnie Cooper**

Location: 640 Putnam Pike a.k.a. AP 17, Lot 107

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the Applicant: Coluch Organization LLC, to consider an amendment to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Table of Use Regulations, to the Town Council meeting of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

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

Discussion: J. Lowell, 2404 Putnam Pike, asked for an explanation as to this matter as it applies to the entire town and not just this property. D. Igliozi stated that the Planning Board did not get to this matter at their last meeting so it will be explained at the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday as that is the official public hearing.

J. Lowell stated her opinion that that this proposal would result in a town wide change to the zoning ordinance that would allow anyone in the B2 Highway Commercial zone throughout town to be able to process earth materials.

C. Proposed Amendment to Comprehensive Community Plan 2040 - Discussion and/or Action

1. **Applicant: Factory Mutual Insurance Company**

**Location of Proposal: 743 Reynolds Road**

Proposed Amendment to:

- a. Section 10 (a), Economic Development, Existing Conditions  
Consider the insertion of a new paragraph that describes a proposed Planned District including purpose and uses
- b. Future Land Map #3 – to include the proposed new Planned Unit District titled “FMSR” FM Sustainable Research District Applicant/Owner: Factory Mutual Insurance Company

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the Applicant: Factory Mutual Insurance Company, 743 Reynolds Road, to consider an amendment to the Gloucester Comprehensive Plan, Section 10(a) & the Future Land Map #3, to the Town Council meeting of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

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

VII. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of October 2, 2025
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions & Abatements – September 2025
- C. Finance Director's Report – September 2025

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Calise to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of October 2, 2025; NO ADDITIONS or ABATEMENTS to the 2025 Tax Roll for September 2025; and to ACCEPT the Finance Director's Report for September 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A Grant – Amendments: Authorization for signature - Discussion and/or Action  
Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received the following memo from the Town Planner which he read as follows:

To: Town Council Members

From: Karen Scott, Town Planner

Date: October 7, 2025

Re: Municipal Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant Funds-  
Amendment

Through the Pandemic Recovery Office, the State has made federal funds available through the Municipal Community Learning Center Program. This program authorizes recipients to use funds for critical capital projects that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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The Town is currently in a MOA with the Harmony and Manton libraries for just over \$1,000,000 in capital improvement funds for those buildings. In addition to the capital project funds, the Pandemic Recovery Office is also providing Community Learning Center Programming Support Grants. These funds will be used to implement the health monitoring, work and education programming that will take place in the libraries.

The Town Council signed an agreement for the support programming in November 2024 guaranteeing each library at least \$90,881.82 in no match grant funds. This amendment slightly changes the timing in which the library can receive the funds and increases the minimum funding for each library to \$95,209.52.

I am requesting authorization for the Town Council President to sign the attached grant amendment agreements, one for each library, which will allow the town to receive these funds and pass them along to the libraries.

Thank you.  
(end of memo)

1. American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant Agreement – First Amendment – Harmony Library Community Addition

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the American Rescue Plan Act American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant Agreement – First Amendment – Harmony Library Community Addition; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant Agreement – First Amendment – Manton Library Community Rooms and Meeting Rooms

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the American Rescue Plan Act American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant Agreement – First Amendment – Manton Library Community Rooms and Meeting Rooms; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- C. Letter of Support – RI250 Grant Application, Applicant: Ponaganset Regional School - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Chris Stanley, a Social Studies Teacher at Ponaganset High School, is proposing an event for America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Councilor W. Worthy stated that this event will be in conjunction with the events and commemorations planned by Gloucester's 250<sup>th</sup> Commission. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Mr. Stanley is in contact with the Commission Chair and will work with the Chair going forward. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has a letter of support for this event.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Calise to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign a letter of support for a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event proposed to the Gloucester 250<sup>th</sup> Commission by Chris Stanley, teacher, and students at Ponaganset High School; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

D. Compensation of overtime for work related to the Police Department  
Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chief has submitted a request which he read as follows:

From: Chief Joseph DelPrete

Date: October 10, 2025

RE: Body Worn Camera Reimbursement

It is respectfully requested that the Police Department Executive Assistant-IT Director be allowed to be compensated overtime for all work related to the police department body worn camera program.

Currently, the police department is in year three of a five-year Department of Public Safety Grant Administration program for the procurement, maintenance, and evidence software for body worn video and audio camera program. As part of the public safety grant administration agreement funds are directed for all overtime personnel costs for maintenance, redaction, and copies of videos specifically related to prosecution evidence, and open records requests. This detailed evidence documentation and open records requests requires hours to successfully complete.

This year, there are \$14,000.00 in Department of Public Safety Grant Administration funds available for incurred overtime expenses for this process.

Town Council Authorization will be needed for the Executive Assistant/IT Director to be paid the Lieutenant's police overtime rate of \$66.81 to complete these tasks if above his 56 hours employee salary work week.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police

(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Executive Assistant/IT Director to be compensated the Police Lieutenant's overtime rate of \$66.81 to complete the tasks associated with the Body Worn Camera Program, if above said employees 56 hours salary work week; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

E. Special Event License Request– (November 8<sup>th</sup>) Mulberry Vineyards - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received the following from the owner of Mulberry Vineyards which he read as follows:

Good Afternoon,

The 1 or the 11 special event permits granted for live music on (Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 2025) was surrendered back to the town on Oct 10th, 2025. The severe weather resulted in a cancelation of live music for public safety. If the committee would please approve the reissuing of the permit for Nov 8th, 2025.

Thank you,

David Wright -Wine Maker

Mulberry Vineyards

(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE Mulberry Vineyards a Special Event for November 8, 2025 as described in application filed; 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 asked if any Councilors had updates on legislation.

None

X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had any correspondence.

None

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.

None

XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Boards or Commissions had anything to report or if any Councilors had questions for any Board or Commission.

R. Najecki, Chair 250<sup>th</sup> Commission stated the commission had the following four items to ask the Council:

1. A request for permission to ask the superintendent of the middle school and high school to hold a t shirt design contest with a \$100 prize
2. A request for permission to sign an agreement with the RI state 250<sup>th</sup> commission to use their logo to reproduce on various items
3. To inform of a commission decision by the Gloucester 250<sup>th</sup> commission to co sponsor the RI 250<sup>th</sup> grant application with Ponaganset High School
4. A request for permission to sell souvenirs like pins, buttons and cards that are replicas of ones worn by Gloucester men in the Revolutionary War as a fundraiser.

D. Iglioizzi stated that the items need to be on the next agenda for Council's consideration excluding the commission's decision to co sponsor the RI 250 grant application.

### XIII. Open Forum

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak on any issues please step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

1. T. Wagner, stated her request to ask if it was possible, due to recent findings with PFAS is it reasonable to ask the Planning commission to be on hold as to FM Global until DEM can finalize their investigation. D. Iglioizzi stated that state law requires the Planning Board to act on the application within 45 days and requires the Town Council to act within 65 days. D. Iglioizzi stated that these are issues she could bring up at the public hearing but the application must proceed T. Wagner asked if any materials could be submitted. D. Iglioizzi stated that anyone may bring forward items at the public hearing.

2. C. Kowal, stated he was speaking on behalf of the Heritage society. C. Kowal gave a summary of the buildings and cemeteries that the Society maintains. C. Kowal stated that the society holds three fundraisers throughout the year to help offset costs. C. Kowal stated that the Heritage Society is currently holding a raffle fundraiser and he stated he was available tonight if anyone wanted to buy any tickets.

### XIV. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

A. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:

1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation:
  - a. West Gloucester LLC v. Jessica Parker, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Gloucester - PC-2025-01882 (re: assessed as of 12/31/2023, for tax year 2024)
  - b. West Gloucester LLC v. Jessica Parker, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Gloucester- administrative tax appeal (re: taxes assessed as of 12/31/2024, for tax year 2025)

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

1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation:
  - a. West Gloucester LLC v. Jessica Parker, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Gloucester - PC-2025-01882 (re: assessed as of 12/31/2023, for tax year 2024)

b. West Glocester LLC v. Jessica Parker, in her capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Glocester- administrative tax appeal (re: taxes assessed as of 12/31/2024, for tax year 2025);  
seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

All were invited back into the room at the end of executive session.

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 & to Seal the Minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

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 11:05 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

