

At a meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Gloucester on April 2, 2026:

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. Westgate; 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 (arrived at 7:45 pm); Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Gary Treml, DPW Director; Chief Joseph Delprete

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 if anyone wishes to speak on any issues to please step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

None

V. Swearing In Ceremony – Promotions

1. Police Department- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that tonight we have the honor of swearing in three of Gloucester's finest that have moved up in the ranks. Councilor W. Worthy stated that J. Fecteau, our Town Clerk, will officially swear in our officers:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that our first officer has advanced from Sergeant to Lieutenant and asked Officer Daniel Lefebvre please come forward.

J. Fecteau administered the oath of office.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that next we have our Senior Patrolman who has risen to Sergeant and asked Officer Robert Glaude please come forward.

J. Fecteau administered the oath of office.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that last, but not least, we have our Lieutenant who has risen to the position of Captain and asked Officer Jeffrey Jenison please come forward.

J. Fecteau administered the oath of office.

Councilors all stated their congratulations. Chief J. Delprete stated his thanks to the Council, Town Clerk, parents and families for coming.

VI. Resolution - **RESOLUTION #2026-04**
2026 Division III Boys' Basketball Championship

Councilor W. Worthy stated that we have a Resolution for the Ponaganset High School Boys' Basketball team. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the team won this years 2026 Division III Championship. Councilor W. Worthy read the Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION #2026-04
2026 Division III Boys' Basketball Championship

WHEREAS, the Town Council and the Town Clerk of the Town of Gloucester would like to congratulate the 2025-26 Ponaganset High School Chieftains Boys' Basketball Team for achieving the distinct honor of being the Division 3 Champions for the first time in 24 Years; and

WHEREAS, the win was the sixth in a row and 12th of the last 14 games for the 3rd-seeded Chieftains, who took an 18-5 record into the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Chieftains took home a championship with a final score of 59-48, defeating the Exeter/West Greenwich team in the Division III finals at the Amica Mutual Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of first year head coach, Todd French, Coach: and Assistants: Mark Favreau and Benjamin Mongeon; the team gave their coaches everything they had; and

WHEREAS, the Chieftains team spirit, sacrifice and comradery demonstrated by this group of young men and their coaches, throughout their season, will continue to serve as an outstanding inspiration to other students and a source of extreme pride for northern Rhode Island; and

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Town Council, the Town Clerk, and the residents of the Town of Gloucester express our sincerest congratulations to:

The Ponaganset Boys' Basketball 2026 Division III Champions

William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Adopted this 2nd Day of April, 2026

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Discussion:

Councilors all stated their congratulations.

T. French, Coach, stated that it was a great year with a great group of student athletes and thanked the Council.

Councilor W. Steere stated that he has been fortunate to watch the team over the last few years. Councilor W. Steere stated to the team members they were excellent representatives of themselves, their community, their school and their team. Councilor W. Steere stated this team was very respectful to themselves, their teammates, their coaches and all they interacted with in the league. Councilor W. Steere stated that the team played hard and tough but with respect towards their opponents.

Councilor W. Steere stated that each team member will take what they learned this year and also that no one can take away what they have earned this year. Councilor W. Steere stated to the players, that when they return to school and see that banner in the future they will remember they were part of that. Councilor W. Steere stated that Coach French taught them the importance of teamwork, how to be a superstar in their roll and stated that all the players showed teamwork, camaraderie and fortitude.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Coach French always asked for 110%. Councilor W. Worthy stated that giving 100% is easy but it is the last 10% that makes you feel

uncomfortable. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the extra 10% in life is what will get you through life's challenges.

VII. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of March 19th, 2026
- B. Pole Grant: Lisa Lane (Installation of P4 with 40' class 3 to raise wires with agreement to reserve or provide space for municipality) -Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPROVE the Town Council Minutes of March 19th, 2026 and to GRANT the Pole Grant for the installation of a P4 with 40' class 3 to raise wires on Lisa Lane; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Boards and Commissions
 - 1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Budget Board
 - 1. Position # 3- unexpired term to expire 12/31/2028

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair has a recommendation at this time. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council may appoint, or table

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to APPOINT Ken Bertram to the Budget Board, Position #3, for a term to expire 12/31/2028; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Planning Board
 - 1. Position # 1- one 5-year term to expire 2/28/2031

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair does not have a recommendation at this time. Council may table or appoint from the talent list.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointment to the Planning Board, Position # 1, to April 2nd, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

c. Parade Committee

1. Position #5, #6, #7, Alt.#2 & Alt.#3

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is no recommendation from the chair at this time.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council can review the talent bank listing and/or table at this time.

Discussion: Councilor S. Westgate stated that volunteers are needed as it is a big year. Councilor W. Worthy suggested looking at the talent list. J. Fecteau stated that the list is old so an ad could be placed.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to TABLE the appointments to the Parade Committee, Positions #5, #6, #7, Alt. #2 & Alt. #3; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Discussion, vote or other action RE: consideration of expansion of number of annual mobile food establishment permits by resolution

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated that Smithfield, Scituate, Johnston do not have limits on annual permits. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that those towns have more places for food trucks to go. Councilor C. Greathouse stated she would like the Pavilion to be used. Councilor W. Steere stated there are pros and cons to think about and that the town does not receive much income from food trucks.

Councilor W. Steere stated that there are rules for the use of the Pavilion. J. Fecteau stated that new rules would have to be written and put in place as the Pavilion is town property. Councilor W. Steere stated that only 1-2 food trucks

can fit at the Pavilion. G. Treml, DPW Director, stated a concern as to who would wash the tables and make sure trash is cleaned up. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that if the Pavilion is used for trucks and becomes a nuisance then Council can end its use. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that rules for use of the Pavilion need to be thought out and it is opening a can of worms.

J. Fecteau stated that typically only 2-3 food trucks use their annual permits on a regular basis and that other annual permits seem to want it for only special events. J. Fecteau stated that the ordinance does not have a daily permit but one could be created by amending the ordinance.

R. Baumann, resident, stated a suggestion that a variance could be used to allow an annual permit on private property. D. Iglizzi, town solicitor, stated that there is no such thing as a variance but rather it is a category. D. Iglizzi stated that it would be giving a license with a different condition to people who have access to private property as opposed to public property.

D. Iglizzi stated that the issue from the last meeting was whether or not preference could be given to residents. D. Iglizzi stated that based on his research that such preference could not be given.

D. Iglizzi stated that he has drafted a proposed amendment to allow a daily permit that is not tied to a special event. D. Iglizzi stated that a daily permit can only be given by Council as Council is the licensing board. D. Iglizzi stated that someone can't just come to the Clerk's office and get a daily permit for that day. D. Iglizzi stated that only Council can give those and the person must plan ahead. D. Iglizzi stated that tonight's meeting was to determine the number of annual permits.

R. Baumann asked if a permit could be transferable if it could not be used due to a hurricane or other such type of event.

D. Iglizzi stated that he could look into the questions of: can a permit be transferable, can a permit be tied to a private property spot only, how many on the list.

No Action Taken

C. Consideration of Resolution RE: Affordable Housing Laws & Joint Statement - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Town Solicitor was going to seek out more information from contacts provided.

Discussion: D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated he spoke with the two attorneys involved in this proposed matter. D. Igliazzi stated that he suggested the attorneys model this litigation after the Evergreen litigation which would avoid individual cities and towns from filing the same litigation. D. Igliazzi stated that the attorneys suggested they would come up with a proposal based on population as in the Evergreen litigation which would be used to determine a cost share. D. Igliazzi stated a proposal would be forthcoming that had a three-prong approach: the pending litigation, pressing the legislature to deliver a moratorium or reversal, and, the public process as it is an election year.

No Action Taken

D. Senior Exemptions- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council previously discussed acquiring a cost analyst for a proposal to update the Senior exemption due to the rate of inflation.

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that the elderly exemption of \$2070 should also include the consumer price index (cpi) as it would help financially as well as keep seniors in their homes and show people that they care.

D. Igliazzi stated the process that would need to happen in order to amend the ordinance. D. Igliazzi stated that he could contact Rep. Chippendales' legal counsel who would draft the bill. D. Igliazzi stated that Council would then need to adopt a resolution in support of the bill. D. Igliazzi stated that if the bill passed then council would be able to amend the ordinance following the normal adoption process. D. Igliazzi stated that taxation is the exclusive jurisdiction of the general assembly.

Councilors W. Worthy, S. Westgate and J. Burlingame stated that they all thought this is a good idea. D. Igliazzi stated he would start the process.

No Action Taken

E. Discussion and/or Action RE: Fire & Police Dispatch

Discussion: Chief Delprete stated that there are two disciplines at the public safety complex with dispatch: the fire side and the police side with both being handled by dispatch. Chief Delprete stated that the system works well but that this busy fire year has exposed some vulnerabilities. Chief Delprete stated that he does not feel separating the two disciplines would be practical or feasible so he is looking into changes as to training and hiring. Chief Delprete stated that the present situation can't be sustained but that the department will work towards a good solution.

No Action Taken

IX. New Business

A. Personnel

1. Resignation- Discussion and/or Action

a. Animal Control – Part time Shelter Worker

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chief is requesting Council accept the resignation of, Everett LaMountain, from the position of part-time shelter worker effective March 20, 2026.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to ACCEPT the resignation of Animal Control – Part time Shelter Worker, Everett LaMountain, effective March 20, 2026; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action

a. Animal Control – Part time Shelter Worker

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chief has submitted the following request which he read:

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Chief Joseph DelPrete
Date: March 27, 2026
RE: Animal Control Shelter Worker

I am respectfully requesting to appoint Destiny E. Sincavage age 25, of Burrillville to an animal control shelter worker position after the resignation/vacancy of Everette LA Mountain. This position is needed to assist with the Gloucester Animal Control Department operations on weekends and holidays.

Twenty applications were received for this position. Miss Sincavage was selected based on her extensive experience at the Burrillville Animal Control Shelter and her current National Animal Control Association Certifications.

I would further request this appointment be effective starting Saturday April 4th, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$19.00/hour not to exceed eight hours per week unless the Animal Control Officer is on extended sick leave or vacation. No fringe benefits will be afforded to this position.

The current fiscal year ACO budget can support this hourly wage and appointment.

This appointment is further be contingent on a police department back investigation.
Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph DelPrete
Chief of Police
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor J, Burlingame to APPOINT Destiny E. Sincavage to the Animal Control Shelter Worker position effective April 4th 2026 at an hourly rate of \$19 not to exceed eight hours per week unless Animal Control Officer is on extended sick leave or vacation. No fringe benefits are afforded to this position; and appointment is contingent upon a police department BCI check; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

b. Police Department – Police Officer (Full time)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a request which he read as follows:

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police
Date: March 26, 2026
Subj: Police Officer Appointment

Dear Council Members:

I would respectfully request to appoint **Ryan A. Valentim age 26, to a police officer position on the Gloucester Police Department.**

Ryan Valentim is qualified 2-year veteran on the Brown University Police Department. Ryan's appointment will be considered a lateral transfer to the Gloucester Police Department. A complete police background investigation was conducted with no adverse or disqualifying findings. Ryan comes highly recommended and will be an asset to the Gloucester Police Department. The Rhode Island Police Officers Standards and Training Committee is set to approve his qualifications, transfer, and police officer certification on April 16, 2026

Therefore, I would further request this appointment take effect on **Monday April 20, 2026** at a Patrol Officer II salary and a full benefit package in accordance with the current IBPO 638 collective bargaining agreement. The current IBPO 638 collective bargaining Patrol Officer II salary is \$74,902.21.

Ryan will further will be on a one-year probationary status ending April 20, 2027 and upon satisfactory completion of the probation period Ryan will advance to the Senior Patrol status position based on the IBPO 638 collective bargaining agreement.

This lateral transfer appointment is needed to fill a recent retirement and future anticipated police officer retirements/resignations on the police department.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph DelPrete
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE the lateral transfer appointment of Ryan A. Valentim to the position of police officer on the Gloucester Police Department effective April 20, 2026 at a Patrol Officer II salary and a full benefit package in accordance with the current IBPO 638 collective bargaining agreement; said position will be for a one year probationary period and upon satisfactory completion of the probation period said officer will advance to the Senior Patrol status position based on the IBPO 638 collective bargaining agreement; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

c. Approval to hire temporary GIS Technician

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

To: Town Council Members
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner
Date: March 31, 2026

Re: GIS Technician

Effective February 27, 2026, the Town's GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Technician, Heidi Blank, resigned as she is relocating. Led by Don Zimmerman, we are conducting a search to hire a new GIS Technician.

In the interim, I am asking to have Heidi continue at the same hourly rate (\$41.42) to make necessary changes that can't wait until someone new is hired – database changes, assigning E-911 addresses, etc. Once the new person is hired, I would like to have her to train the new hire in essential functions. I will ensure that this is all within the budgeted line item for the GIS Technician.

Thank you
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to ALLOW, previous employee Heidi Blank, to continue to work on the Town's GIS needs, including training a new hire GIS Technician; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated he spoke with K. Scott, Town Planner, it looks like there is someone for the position who needs training and that this hire of H. Blank will not affect the budget adversely.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Resolution (Memorandum of Understanding)

FY27 Community Project Funding Request Application from the Office of Congressional Rep. Seth Magaziner.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has a Resolution regarding their commitment to the FY27 Community Project Funding Request Application from the Office of Congressional Rep. Seth Magaziner and a Memorandum of Understanding between West Gloucester Fire District and the Town of Gloucester for authorization. Councilor W. Worthy read the Resolution as follows:

**TOWN OF GLOCESTER #2026-05
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION AND
ADMINISTRATION OF FY2027 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS the West Gloucester Fire District provides essential emergency medical services within a rural service area of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the West Gloucester Fire District has experienced a significant increase in emergency call volume and continues to rely on aging emergency apparatus; and

WHEREAS, modernization of ambulance and cardiac response equipment is necessary to protect public health, improve response reliability, and enhance patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS the Office of Seth Magaziner is accepting FY2027 Community Project Funding requests; and

WHEREAS the Town of Gloucester is eligible to submit such applications on behalf of local public safety entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Town Council **authorizes submission** of a FY2027 Community Project Funding application on behalf of the West Gloucester Fire District.
2. The Town Council **supports the project**, including:
 - Ambulance replacement
 - Acquisition of advanced cardiac life-saving equipment
3. The Town is hereby designated as the **grant applicant and fiscal agent**, and is authorized to:
 - Execute all grant-related documents
 - Accept and administer funds
 - Ensure compliance with **2 CFR Part 200 and all federal requirements**
4. The West Gloucester Fire District shall:
 - Be responsible for project implementation
 - Maintain and operate all equipment
 - Comply with all grant conditions
5. The Town Council **authorizes the Town President** to execute the FY2027 Community Project Funding application on behalf of the West Gloucester Fire District and take all actions necessary to carry out this Resolution.
6. This Resolution constitutes formal municipal support for submission to federal funding authorities.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2026

TOWN OF GLOCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

By: William Worthy
Council President

Attest: Jean Fecteau
Town Clerk

Seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to AUTHORIZE the Memorandum of Understanding, titled: “MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between the Town of Gloucester and the West Gloucester Fire District FY2027 Community Project Funding Application” dated April 2, 2026, seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

C. Special Event Application

1. Applicant: Roland M. Grelle

Property Owner: Fern Thompson

Event: Off road motorcycle competition & recreational ride

Location: 104 Bungy Road

Date: June 27th & June 28th, 2026

- a. Determine if exempt from Public Hearing and/or Set Public Hearing Date - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that an event was held on this property in 2019, 2023, and 2024 but with different applicants.

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy asked Chief Delprete for his opinion. Chief Delprete stated that events have been held at this location in the past. Chief Delprete stated that there be fire truck on standby for any issues. Chief Huestis, Chepachet

Fire, stated that the department would not supply medical people but will not transport. Chief Huestis stated the event would have to hire their own EMT or medical people with private ambulance. Applicant stated no problem to have their own EMT.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to Waive the Public Hearing for the Special Event:

Applicant: Roland M. Grelle
Property Owner: Fern Thompson
Event: Off road motorcycle competition & recreational ride
Location: 104 Bungy Road
Date: June 27th & June 28th, 2026

Pursuant to Code of Ordinance 175-4 B.2; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Consider Application (if exempt from hearing) - Discussion and/or Action
MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE the Special Event:

Applicant: Roland M. Grelle
Property Owner: Fern Thompson
Event: Off road motorcycle competition & recreational ride
Location: 104 Bungy Road
Date: June 27th & June 28th, 2026

With the following stipulations:

- 1) The race shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- 2) No alcoholic beverages of any kind shall be consumed or allowed on the premises.
- 3) No overnight camping shall be allowed on the premises other than primitive camping for race participants.
- 4) Anyone selling non-alcoholic beverages or food, that is not pre-packaged, on the premises shall obtain necessary licensing from the Town, with approval from the Rhode Island Department of Health when necessary.
- 5) Adequate porta johns shall be available.
- 6) An area on the premises to accommodate the parking of all vehicles of visitors and participants, etc. shall be available, such as to avoid the parking of such vehicles on nearby roads.

- 7) Adequate liability insurance coverage, at applicants' expense, of at least \$1,000,000, shall be provided with the Town of Gloucester, its functionaries and all abutting property owners included as named insured. Such policies, or certification thereof, shall be submitted to the Town Solicitor for approval. The Town Solicitor may ask for an additional amount of liability insurance cover after review of the Interlocal Trust's recommendation at any time prior to the event.
- 8) The Town of Gloucester and its functionaries shall be included among those individuals and entities released in any release, waiver of liability and indemnity agreements secured by the applicants.
- 9) Applicant shall comply with applicable requirements. and rules of the A.M.A., N.E.T.R.A., and insurance carriers.
- 10) At the Police Chief discretion, a patrol officer detail may be assigned to the premises at the applicants' expense, to assist in traffic control, the maintenance of good order, and compliance with these conditions.
- 11) An ambulance or rescue vehicle, in addition to two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians, shall be available on the premises at the applicants' expense.

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

D. DPW – Request to authorize verbal commitment for purchase of equipment prior to July 1, 2026 - Discussion and/or Action
Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a request from the Director of Public Works which he read as follows:

March 30, 2026

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Gary Treml
Public Works Director

In the proposed budget for FY26-27, which I know has not been voted on, the budget board included two items in capital for DPW. One Item is funding for a 6-wheel plow truck and the second being a new service truck. We started looking at order times for the trucks themselves along with build times at the

body shop that provides all the added-on components. MHQ that provides the build out service through an MPA already has 80 trucks set to be built. With

this backlog we would not see a truck for another year. With that said we started looking at other alternatives. In speaking with the representatives from MHQ they had a 2025 service truck that was built for a customer that reneged on the deal. The truck has all the components we are looking for and is \$2,000 less than the amount budgeted. I can lock this truck up with a verbal agreement to purchase this truck after July 1, 2026. We then met with a sales representative from Allegiance Truck. If we were to order a truck now delivery would not be until next year. The sales rep then advised us he had two 2025 leftover cab and chassis. One was \$87,000 and the second one was \$122,000. With a \$1,000.00 deposit on each truck the Town could hold these trucks until July 1, 2026. With the money saved from \$270,000 dollars that was budgeted and DPW doing all the build out, we could update two trucks for the price of one. So at this point I am asking permission to give MHQ a verbal commitment on the service truck and requesting Finance to issue a check for \$2,000.00 to Allegiance Truck to secure the two trucks.

Respectfully,
Gary Treml
(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilors J. Burlingame stated that this would be getting 2 trucks for the price of 1 as a great deal. Councilor W. Worthy stated that this is a good deal too. Councilor W. Steere asked G. Treml, DPW Director, if his budget could support the \$2000. G. Treml stated that his budget could support the \$2000.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the DPW Director to give MHQ a verbal commitment on the service truck and requesting Finance to issue a check for \$2,000.00 to Allegiance Truck to secure two trucks; Finance Director will determine source of funds from current budget; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- E. Authorization of Signature - Discussion and/or Action
Subaward Agreement Amendment
Program Title: Learn365RI & Math Matters – Municipal Learning Project
State Agency: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE)
Subaward Number: 2720-14101-MM4
Subrecipient Entity Name: Town of Glocester

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Superintendent of Schools has asked for Town Council signature, as the Subrecipient Entity, on a Subaward Agreement Amendment, Subaward Number: 2720-14101-MM4, for Round 4 of the Learn365RI Grant project.

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame stated that this is an additional amount of money for the schools and that Council already approved in the original main award.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign a Subaward Agreement Amendment, Subaward Number 2720-14101-MM4, Program Title: Learn365RI & Math Matters- Municipal Learning Project with State Entity: RIDE and Subrecipient Entity Town of Glocester; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- F. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Special Flood Hazard Areas
1. Set 1st Reading - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received the following memo from the Town Planner which he read as follows:

To: Town Council Members
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner

Date: March 31, 2026
Re: Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Special Flood Hazard Areas

I am requesting that the Town Council schedule first reading to enact revisions to the Glocester Zoning Ordinance as detailed in the attached Draft Section 350-55, Special flood hazard areas and flood fringe lands zoning ordinance revision, dated

3/31/26. Said revisions further specifically name the panel numbers of the Providence County Flood Insurance Rate Maps that are wholly or partially within the Town of Glocester, as is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to SET a first reading for April 16, 2026 to introduce proposed revisions to the Glocester Zoning Ordinance, Section 350-55, Special Flood Hazard areas and flood fringe lands; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

X. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had updates on legislation.

None

XI. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy stated that he has received correspondence regarding residents who had their issues with their property valuations resolved positively with Catalis.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received the following correspondence:

1. Resident sent extensive data and asks that Council invite Catalis back to talk with residents
2. Agnone & Associates request the council consider them for Broker of Record for employees' annuity plans.

Councilor W. Worthy asked to have the Agnone correspondence placed on the next agenda. D. Igliazzi stated that unless Agnone is on the master price agreement list than Council may need to go out to bid.

3. Request for support of the Men's Health Network a national movement.
4. Resident questioning assessment and requesting review of tax exemptions.
5. RIHousing & Mortgage Finance Corp regarding lead hazard reduction grant program.
6. Traffic Study results, vicinity of 612 Putnam Pike

7. Follow up update on potential school deficit spending.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated there is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday.

XII. Dept. 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

XIII. 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 Board or Commission.

R. Najecki, 250th Commission chair, gave a summary of the events planned through June. R. Najecki asked for a release form for the t shirt design winner in order to be able to use the winning design without issue. R. Najecki stated that patriotic signs will be posted throughout, a Liberty Tree (a red maple) will be planted in May at Kent Field; tree lapel pins will be given out; there are 4 evenings in June with historians and authors; a militia camp will be set up.

R. Najecki, Conservation Comm. secretary, stated that there was a clean up of the trails at Heritage Park on 3/28/2026 and that another one is planned for 4/4/2026; that the annual litter clean up in town will be 4/18/2026. R. Najecki stated that the commission has applied for a state grant to help with the cost of the annual clean up.

R. Najecki, Land Trust member, stated that clean ups have been going on at the Land Trust properties; that the new fishing dock will be put in place at Hawkins Pond next week; that the Treks and Tunes event will be happening again this year; and that the walking trail between the Kwandrans Land Trust property and West Gloucester School will be completed.

XIV. Open Forum

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

1. G. King asked if the solicitor had looked into the issue of Title IX- contract for the Region. D. Igliazzi stated that Regional school board is not bound by the 3 year limitation and may bind indefinitely as stated in RIGL 16-3-11(a)(13).

D. Igliazzi stated that the local school board is bound to the 3 year limit by a different state law. D. Igliazzi stated that a taxpayer may file a complaint with the attorney general regarding the local school board.

2. P. Fiore, stated his opinion that there is an organization putting together an affordable housing project. P. Fiore stated his opinion that these types of projects bring in many children which impacts the taxpayers as to the schools. P. Fiore stated that some towns have imposed an impact fee to help support the impact on the school system and wondered if Gloucester has one or if it would be thought about. D. Iglizzi stated that most towns do have impact fees will waive them for affordable housing.

D. Iglizzi stated he could look into. D. Iglizzi stated that these impact fees are created by the state and described the process to have and to use.

P. Fiore stated that he was in favor of the senior exemption proposal but suggested the amount be more similar to the yearly budget increase.

3. Councilor W. Worthy stated that he has information about cleaning up the Chepachet River spillway behind the Chepachet Fire Dept and will forward the information to G. Treml. Councilor W. Worthy stated the how and when would be determined at a later time.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that we now need a motion to convene to closed executive session:

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

A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:

1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, etc.;
- a. One Personnel Session (Employee notified)
2. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to potential litigation:
- a. Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks)

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

A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:

1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, etc.;
- a. One Personnel Session (Employee notified)
2. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to potential litigation:
- a. Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks)

Seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

Councilor Burlingame- Aye
Councilor Westgate- Aye
Councilor Greathouse- Aye
Councilor Steere- Aye
Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

All were asked to leave the room and told they could return after Executive Session ended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

All were invited back into the room

XVI. Reconvene Open Session, Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration to SEAL the minutes of Closed Executive Session

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Reconvene Open Session, Disclose Zero (0) votes were taken in Executive Session & 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 Westgate- Aye
Councilor Greathouse- Aye
Councilor Steere- Aye
Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

XVII. Personnel

A. IT Contract - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE to the Town Council meeting of April 16, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

XVIII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 11:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

