

At a meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Gloucester on May 21, 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 C. Westgate; Cheryl A. Greathouse; Walter M. O. Steere, III, Vice- President; William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Gary Treml, DPW Director; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Acting Chief Jeff Jennison; Robert Shields, Recreation Director (arrived at 8:15 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 if anyone wishes to speak on an agenda item ONLY to please step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

None

V. **CITATION #2026-04 – Susan Harris**

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Sue Harris, from the Town Clerk’s Office, will be retiring soon with her last date of employment on May 29th, 2026, Council has a citation, in thanks, to Susan which he read as follows:

2026-04 Citation

Susan Harris

Given with deep gratitude and appreciation for your 20 years of service to our Town as you retire.

You have served the Town of Gloucester with your experience, integrity, and patience.

We acknowledge your commitment and your dedication in serving our community. Your daily work in the Town Clerk's Office was much appreciated as part of the team that worked to help each person that sought out the Town's assistance.

The Town Council and the Town Clerk wholeheartedly represent all your fellow employees and our residents when we say "Thank You" and acknowledge that you will be missed. We wish you much enjoyment and new adventures in your retirement.

Seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

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

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor W. Worthy stated his congratulations to Sue and her family.

Discussion: S. Harris, stated her thanks to the Council, J. Fecteau, Town Clerk and C. Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk. S. Harris stated that it has been a pleasure working for the town but that all good things come to an end. Councilor W. Steere stated his thanks and appreciation.

VI. Public Hearings- Discussion and/or Action

A. **LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER**

FROM: PZ Restaurant Group LLC, Phillip Zahlany, d/b/a Tavern on Main,
1157 Putnam Pike

TO: CLNJS LLC, Elie Sleiman, d/b/a Elie's Tavern, 1157 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing is to transfer the current liquor license (which is a Class BT) from the current owner to the new owner of the business at the same location.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal on

May 6th and May 13th, 2026.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the transfer please raise your hand, when you are called on come to the microphone and state your name for the record.

C. Wilson, HDC Chair and resident, stated that the Stagecoach Tavern is registered with the National Historic Registry which requires changes to be made through the Registry. C. Wilson stated that the Tavern is also a landmark due to the Dorr Rebellion. Councilor W. Worthy asked E. Slieman, applicant as to his intentions. E. Slieman stated that he will be doing a cleanup and opening a tavern.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that an Objection was received on 5/21/2026 as follows:

Our Client (s): Southern Glazer’s Beverage Company
Objection to license of: PZ Rest. Group d/b/a Tavern on Main
License Address: 1157 Putnam Pike, Glocester RI
\$1,190.70

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the new owner was notified and understands the claim must be satisfied.

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame asked if the outstanding bill had been satisfied. E. Slieman stated not yet. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that state law requires the outstanding bill referenced in the objection to be satisfied before any transfer and that Council may make any approval contingent upon satisfaction of the outstanding bill.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE the Liquor License Transfer From: FROM: PZ Restaurant Group LLC, Phillip Zahlany, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike TO: CLNJS LLC, Elie Sleiman, d/b/a Elie’s Tavern, 1157 Putnam Pike contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 7) current Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees; 8) copy of current menu; 9) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance

for a minimum amount of \$300,000; any objections/claims filed shall be discharged prior to issuance of license; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid to November 30, 2026; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: Councilor S. Westgate asked if anything was required under the National Historic Registry. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated there was not as the property was under the National Historic Registry already. J. Fecteau stated her thanks to E. Slieman for being so easy to work with.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. ISSUANCE OF A NEW VICTUALING LICENSE

Applicant: Elie Sleiman
CLNJS LLC
d/b/a Elie’s Tavern
1157 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing is to consider a new victualing license for Applicant: Elie Sleiman for 1157 Putnam Pike, location of former Tavern on Main.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this hearing was advertised in the Observer on May 7th, May 14th, and May 21st, 2026.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the application please raise your hand, when you are called on come to the microphone and state your name for the record.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to APPROVE the Victualling License for Applicant: Elie Sleiman; CLNJS LLC, d/b/a Elie’s Tavern on 1157 Putnam Pike contingent upon:

1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; and 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid to November 30, 2026; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of May 7, 2026
- B. Tax Collector Additions & Abatements April 2026
- C. Finance Director’s Report – April 2026

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPROVE the Town Council meeting minutes of May 7, 2026; NO 2025 Additions for the 2025 Tax roll; to APPROVE the 2025 Abatements for the 2025 Tax roll in the amount of \$57.00; and APPROVE the Abatement to the 2025 Supplemental Tax Roll in the amount of \$1066; and to ACCEPT the Finance Director’s Report for April 2026; 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. Parade Committee
 - 1. Position #5, #6, #7, Alt.#2 & Alt.#3

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there are no recommendations by the Chair at this time and asked if anyone has a recommendation for appointment or a motion to table.

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

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy asked for a status update as to the parade. K. Lamontagne, Parade chair stated she has an update for later in this meeting.

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

b. Gloucester Economic Development Commission-
Position # 4 one unexpired term to expire 12/31/2026

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

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Position #4; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

c. Gloucester Housing Authority – Position #5 one unexpired term
to expire 6/2030

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

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointment to the Gloucester Housing Authority, Position #5; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

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
Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Solicitor has supplied a resolution to change the number of annual permits as authorized by the Code, which he read as follows:

State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester
Resolution #2026-07

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE ANNUAL
MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 206 OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Glocester Town Council adopted Chapter 206 of the Code of Ordinances entitled “Mobile Food Establishments” on February 5, 2026, effective February 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, § 206-3(B)(1)(b) and § 206-3(D) authorize the Town Council to establish by resolution the number of available Annual Mobile Food Establishment (“MFE”) Permits; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it necessary to establish an initial annual permit cap in order to promote public safety, traffic management, orderly administration, and compatibility with surrounding land uses while allowing reasonable opportunities for Mobile Food Establishment operations within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further finds that establishing a permit cap will assist the Town Clerk and public safety officials in administering and enforcing Chapter 206.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Glocester Town Council as follows:

1. Annual Permit Cap Established.

Pursuant to § 206-3(B)(1)(b) and § 206-3(D) of Chapter 206, the maximum number of available Annual Mobile Food Establishment Permits issued by the Town shall be fourteen (14).

2. Applicability.

The permit cap established herein shall apply to all Annual Mobile Food Establishment Permits issued pursuant to Chapter 206, including Type A and Type B Mobile Food Establishments.

3. Renewals.

Existing Permit Holders in good standing shall retain renewal rights as provided in § 206-3(D) of Chapter 206.

4. Administration.

The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to administer the issuance, renewal, waiting list, and recordkeeping requirements for Annual Mobile Food Establishment Permits consistent with Chapter 206 and this Resolution.

5. Future Amendments.

The Town Council reserves the right to amend the permit cap established herein by subsequent resolution as permitted under Chapter 206.

6. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Passed this 21st day of May, 2026

GLOCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

Councilor Pres. William A. Worthy, Jr.
Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Boards and Commissions– Discussion and/or Action

- 1. EDC – Request to authorize EDC to establish and administer a Facebook page

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair has requested this item be tabled.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the chair is currently working with the IT Director.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the EDC request to authorize EDC to establish and administer a Face page to the Town Council meeting of June 4th, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

IX. New Business

- A. Authorization for signature – Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. RIDEM Grant Agreement – Gloucester Memorial Park Improvements

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Planner has made a request which he read as follows:

To: Town Council Members
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner
Date: May 14, 2026
Re: Gloucester Memorial Park

In March 2026, the Town of Gloucester received a RIDEM recreation development grant for \$500,000. The Town committed to a \$166,667 cash/in-kind match to this grant for a total project budget of \$666,667. There is currently \$80,000 as a set aside in Fund KX and \$75,000 as a special appropriation in the FY 25-26 budget for Grant Matching to cover the cash match. The remaining \$11,667 will be in the form of in-kind match through the Department of Public Works. The full scope of the project includes a six (6) new pickleball courts, a paved walking path, resurfacing and restriping the tennis courts, fencing, lighting, landscaping and parking improvements.

I am requesting authorization for the Town Council President and Town Clerk to sign the attached Recreation Grant Agreement.

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Recreation Grant agreement entitled “2024 Green Bond for the Period of: July 1, 2026 to March 1, 2029 for the Purpose of Gloucester Memorial Park Improvements-Pickleball and Walking Path; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

B. Personnel - Discussion and/or Action

1. Sick Leave Advance

a. DPW Employee

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the DPW Director has submitted a request which he read as follows:

May 14, 2026

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Gary Trembl

I approve for Christopher Leonard to request a 30 day advance on future sick leave after exhausting his sick and vacation time due to recent surgery.

Sincerely,

S. Trembl, DPW

(end of memo)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Acting Director of HR has submitted a memo to Council outlining the contract guidelines and advised accordingly on both sick leave advances.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to APPROVE the request for a 30-day future sick leave advance for DPW employee Christopher Leonard; per the DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective when all paid leave time is exhausted; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Finance Office Employee

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

May 7, 2026

To The Honorable Town Council

Due to medical issues I have had in the past year and the potential of future treatments within the next few months I have exhausted my sick leave balance. I have met the requirement of

being an employee with 10+ of service, and ask that I be granted an advance of sick leave not to exceed thirty days as per the employee handbook.

Sincerely

Kathy LaMontagne

Administrative Aide

(end of memo)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Finance Director has approved the request for the advance.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPROVE the request for 30-day future sick leave advance for Finance Dept. employee, Kathy LaMontagne; per the Clerk's Collective Bargaining Agreement; effective when all paid leave time is exhausted; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. ACO – Payout for Comprehensive Time Request

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

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Jeffrey Jenison, Acting Chief

Date: May 15, 2026

RE: Animal Control Officer Compensation Time

It is respectfully requested that Animal Control Officer Jennifer Grundy be allowed to buyout 50 hours of her accumulated compensation time in the next payroll period.

The buy-out amount will be 50 hours times \$26.45/hourly rate for a total of \$1,322.50 The Animal Control Officer regularly accumulates compensation time on after hours and weekend call outs. The current 2026 Animal Control Assistant budget line-item can accommodate this request and payout to ACO. There will be no other compensation payouts in fiscal year 2026.

The Animal Control Officer has accumulated this compensation time through callouts and weekend coverage prior to the new shelter work hire.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Jenison
Acting Chief of Police
(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame asked if there was money in the budget. Acting Chief J. Jennison stated there was money in the budget. Councilor J. Burlingame asked if the new hire would eliminate these types of payouts. Chief J. Jennison stated it would.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE a Compensation Time payout for ACO, Jennifer Grundy, 50 hours times \$26.45/hourly rate for a total of \$1,322.50 from the 2026 budget with no other comp time payouts due in fiscal year 2026; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

3. Ratification: Salary Differential (Captain to Acting Chief)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that at the last Town Council meeting Captain Jeffrey Jenison was appointed Acting Chief of the Department. Councilor W. Worthy stated that at that time the differential rate was unknown. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Finance Director has submitted a memo to Council which he read as follows:

Memo: Honorable Town Council
From: Elizabeth A Beltram, Finance
Director Re: Interim Chief compensation
Date: May 21, 2026

At the Town Council meeting of May 7, 2026, I was asked to provide the per pay period salary differential between Police Department Captain and Police Chief, to be paid to Captain Jenison while he serves in the capacity of Interim

Chief. That difference will be an \$892.52 increase to his bi-weekly wages until such time as Council deems otherwise.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth A. Beltram

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to RATIFY the salary differential of \$892.52 bi-weekly to be paid to Acting Chief Jenison for the duration of his Acting Chief status; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Septic Loan Program – Exception to consider property held in trust
Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received another request from RI Housing regarding Town approval to process a septic loan application for a property currently in a trust.

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated Council has approved several of this type, and all have included 4 stipulations as follows:

1. The loan will be personally guaranteed by the settlor.
2. The loan will be due upon the death of the settlor.
3. The loan will be due upon the termination of the Trust.
4. The loan will be due upon the sale of the property.

Discussion: D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, stated that these conditions have been consistently applied in other similar situations.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE RIhousing considering a septic loan application for a property, held in a trust, Applicant: Kathleen Wikstrom, located at 257 Cooper Road, Gloucester, contingent upon the following loan stipulations being included on application:

1. The loan will be personally guaranteed by the settlor.
2. The loan will be due upon the death of the settlor.

3. The loan will be due upon the termination of the Trust.
4. The loan will be due upon the sale of the property.

Seconded Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- D. 4th of July Parade - Discussion and/or Action
 1. Authorization of new event

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair is present to explain a new proposal to Council. Discussion: K. Lamontagne, Parade Chair, stated that she learned of an opportunity for Rockwell Amusements to hold a carnival next Thursday through Sunday at Gloucester Memorial Park. K. Lamontagne stated that Rockwell would supply insurance, all mobile food establishments that may participate will get a town permit if needed, that the chair of the Gloucester 250th Commission has stated the 250th Commission will help, and that she has spoken with the DPW. K. Lamontagne stated the proposed days and times would be Thursday and Friday from 6 pm to 10 pm , Saturday from 2 pm to 10 pm and Sunday from 2 pm to 9 pm.

K. Lamontagne stated that Rockwell supplies bathrooms and dumpsters. K. Lamontagne stated that the town is expected to receive a portion of the profits.

Acting Chief J. Jennison stated that he would work with K. Lamontagne.

Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion as to the suddenness of this event prevents public notice and a public hearing as would be required of any special event.

Councilor W. Steere stated his concerns about parking, the noise to neighbors.

Councilor W. Steere stated that he appreciates it is revenue to the town and that he holds nothing against Rockwell but it is the lack of public notice due to the timing.

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that there is no time for a public hearing with notice as outlined in the ordinance. Councilor W. Worthy stated his concerns about the neighbors and notice. D. Igliazzi stated that he is concerned about the lack of notice.

D. Igliazzi stated that other town sponsored special events like the parade and the fireworks have not been treated as special events under the ordinance. D. Igliazzi stated his opinion that because this would be a town sponsored events he would be open to the event being held without a public hearing as is similar to other prior town sponsored events.

Councilor W. Worthy stated his opinion for the carnival to be three days instead of four with an 8:30 pm end time.

K. Lamontagne also stated that the state and fire inspectors perform an inspection before the carnival can open.

D. Igliazzi stated his recommendation to include specific stipulations if approved. D. Igliazzi stated his recommendation to make sure the police have the authority to terminate the event if needed as a stipulation.

Chief J. Jennison stated he would review and make sure additional details were present if needed. Councilors discussed the potential change from 4 days to 3 days . Councilor W. Worthy asked K. Lamontagne to verify with Rockwell Amusements that they would be agreeable to a change to 3 days before Council makes any decision.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to MOVE to Item X. Legislative Updates; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOVED TO THIS POINT IN THE AGENDA

X. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

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

Councilor S. Westgate stated that there are is a lot happening at the General Assembly. Councilor W. Steere asked K. Scott, Town Planner, if any new housing changes. K. Scott stated in the negative.

XI. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

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

1. Blasting complaint, Spring Grove Road
2. Corr. from Gloucester School Supt., dated May 4th, 2026, regarding potential deficit.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated that he was told by R. Palazzo, Supt. that money will be taken from other school funds to satisfy the deficit.

Councilor W. Worthy stated his thanks to the Dept. of Public works for fixing Pound Road.

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.

R. Shields, Recreation, asked to have the selection for the summer jobs on the next agenda.

R. Shields, stated that the Memorial Day Parade will start at 10 am rain or shine. R. Shields stated that the bands may cancel depending on the rain.

Councilor S. Westgate asked K. Scott, Town Planner, about obtaining grants to offset costs of programs for the schools. K. Scott stated an explanation of how Grants can be obtained and that they can have very specific uses.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to RETURN to Item D. 4th of July Parade; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

RETURN TO NEW BUSINESS- ITEM D 4TH JULY PARADE

D. 4th of July Parade - Discussion and/or Action

1. Authorization of new event

Discussion (continued)

K. Lamontagne confirmed from the Rockwell representative present at the meeting that Rockwell was agreeable to hold the carnival for three days of Friday, 5/29 from 5 pm to 9 pm; Saturday 5/30 from 1pm to 9 pm; and Sunday 5/31 from 1 pm to 8 pm. K. Lamontagne, Chief J. Jennison and a representative from Rockwell agreed to meet on Friday, May 22 to review plans.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Worthy to authorize the Ancient and Horribles Parade committee and the Gloucester 250th Commission to have a carnival using Rockwell Amusements as the vendor at the location of Gloucester Memorial Park (GMP) with the following stipulations:

1. Any food, not prepackaged, cooked and/or served on any Town property shall be served by a certified food handler and all applicable food safety state guidelines will be observed.
2. Food trucks, if participating, must be licensed by the Town of Gloucester, whether with an annual license or a one-day license.
3. Cleanup and trash removal will be the responsibility of the Applicant.
4. The Applicant will work with the Chief of Police regarding a police presence for safety. The hours and number of officers needed will be at the Chief's discretion.
5. The applicant will work with the Chepachet Fire Chief to ensure all safety measures are observed and all areas are accessible by emergency vehicles.
6. A current Certificate of Insurance Liability, in an amount to be determined by the Town Solicitor shall be filed prior to license being issued.
7. To include 5 porta johns for the event
8. Signs for parking shall be clearly posted.
9. Dates will be 5/29/2026 from 5 pm to 9 pm; 5/30/2026 from 1 pm to 9 pm; and 5/31/2026 from 1 pm to 8 pm.
10. There is to be flexibility for the Chief of Police as to no later than 9 pm and no earlier than 1 pm.
11. No parking on Adelaide Road and the town fields.

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion as to concerns that this proposal feels a bit rushed and that he means no offense to the applicant. Councilor W. Steere stated that Council may hear from neighbors. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that the safety personnel will do their best. Councilor S. Westgate stated her opinion that giving the Chief of Police discretion as to the times is a good factor. Councilor W. Steere stated that Council should receive a contract to sign. Councilor W. Steere stated he hopes it goes well.

2. Update on 2026 parade, fireworks and activities

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair, Kathy LaMontagne, will update Council on all other activities and safety plans

Discussion: K. Lamontagne, Parade Chair, stated that the fireworks are scheduled for June 26 at 9 PM with a rain date of June 27. K. Lamontagne stated that the EMA Director has received the emergency plan. K. Lamontagne stated that she has booked various groups for the Parade.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to RETURN to Item XIII Boards and Commissions; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

X. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action
Already addressed

XI. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion
Already addressed

XII. Dept. Head Reports/Discussion
Already addressed

XIII. 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, 250th Commission Chair, stated that there was an ad in the Foster Home journal outlining all the scheduled event planned by the 250th Commission.

R. Najecki, Conservation Commission, asked about who hays the field at the Veteran's Memorial property. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that the town knows who hays that field. R. Najecki stated his opinion that the property has potential for walking trails.

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.

W.Steere, resident, stated he was asking on behalf of Kathy and Steve Winsor about the plans for improving Winsor Park as it needs work and all grants have been work at Gloucester Memorial Park. K. Scott, Town Planner, stated she spoke with the Winsors and shared there are plans to improve Winsor Park in phases in the future.

K. Scott stated that the RI Recreation grants from Dept of Environmental Management are structured with specific criteria that the smaller towns like Gloucester have difficulty meeting.

K. Scott explained that meeting specific criteria is how points are assigned and the more points the better chance to receive the grant. K. Scott stated that GMP was able to meet more of the criteria which is how the grants were received.

K. Scott stated she has reached out to DEM and shared the difficulty rural towns have in trying to receive grants according to their criteria.

K. Scott stated that DEM is looking at rescoring their criteria but any changes won't occur until the next round of grants become available in two years.

W. Steere stated he remembers the Council giving permission to an individual to hay the field at the Veterans Memorial park and he has been doing a good job.

W. Steere stated that he was at the school committee meeting where the school committee stated they would be using capital funds and fund balance to fix their deficit.

G. King, resident, stated he does not agree with the school using capital project money for operations. G. King stated that past school committees and town councils always talked which is not happening in the present.

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)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation:
 - a. Pending Litigation re: Factory Mutual Tax Litigation Civil Action File Number PC-2025-01882; PC-2026-01797; PC-2025-05414
 - b. Potential Litigation: Correspondence received from legal counsel for the Foster Gloucester Regional School Committee dated May 15, 2026
 - c. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks)

2. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, etc.;;
 - a. One Personnel Session (Employee notified)

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

- A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:
 1. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation:
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 2. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, etc.;;
 - a. One Personnel Session (Employee notified)

Seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

All were invited back into the room

XVI. Reconvene Open Session, Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & to Consideration of the Sealing of minutes- Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to RECONVENE Open Session, disclose one (1) vote was taken in Executive Session and to SEAL the minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

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. New Business - Continued

A. IT Contract - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION to TABLE the IT Contract between Matthew Floor and the Town of Gloucester; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

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MOTION PASSED

B. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action regarding: Correspondence received legal counsel for the Foster Gloucester Regional School Committee dated May 15, 2026

No Action Taken

XVII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 11:15 p.m.; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

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MOTION PASSED