

At a meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Gloucester on June 18, 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 Igliozi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Capt. Jeff Jennison

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. Public Hearing- Discussion and/or Action

A. **(This Public Hearing was Continued from 5/07/2026 and 6/04/2026)**

Chapter 350 Zoning. Article IV. Section 22.A. Planned Districts

Owner: WS Enterprises, LLC

Applicant: Welcome Pastures

Assessor Plat 18, Lot 10

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this matter is to consider an amendment to the existing P.U.D. to permit applicant, Welcome Pastures, a nonprofit, to have private events such as weddings, family gatherings, retreats, and corporate events for fundraising. Councilor W. Worthy stated that per the applicant, the revenue generated will directly support the care, rehabilitation and long-term well-being of retired Thoroughbred horses.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this public hearing was continued to this meeting.

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy asked if the applicant and/or his attorney would care to speak.

Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that this matter was continued in order for M. DiPalma, applicant, to meet with the police to discuss various aspects of parking, security, noise and lighting. Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that the meeting took place and that applicant has submitted new information as a result of the meeting.

Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that applicant is agreeable to events every other weekend in September, October and the last weekend of November for the large events in the tent. Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that applicant is asking for events to be held inside the house for the entire year and every weekend as it would be limited to 50 people. Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that applicant would manage the events, would send the police a plan for each function and described the parking. Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that the goal is to not trouble the community and that there will be staff at the events for monitoring and that the applicant understands the concerns of the neighbors.

Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that the plans have been submitted that address parking. Atty. Bevilacqua stated they also addressed that the hay and grain for the horses is purchased locally, that the applicant may be offering employment to local residents, and that these events will allow the property to be maintained as intended which is for the benefit of the horses.

Councilor J. Burlingame asked if applicant had spoken again to the neighbors. M. DiPalma, applicant stated that he been in contact with some.

Councilor S. Westgate asked about the riding lessons. M. DiPalma stated an explanation of some programs that may be offered.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone would like to speak and if so to state your name when you come to the microphone.

1. K. Neri, 64 Cody Drive, stated his opinion that the proposed parking plan may allow more cars than stated; and that he was concerned that the woods would not be easy to get to if there was a fire; and, that he was concerned that trespassers would wander onto his property.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant has proposed security measures and feels that Mr. Neri is overreaching.

2. B. Hodgkinson, 421 Snake Hill Road, stated her opinion that the proposed entrance plan does not make sense and that she does not want 401 Snake Hill Road used as an entrance.

3. R. O'Donnell, 54 Cody Drive, stated his opinion that he is against the proposal as it benefits only the applicant; that applicant has a lot of income from the five businesses he already runs and questioned why the horses have to come from out of state.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that applicant can run his business and we cannot tell him how to do so.

R. O'Donnell stated his opinion that the proposed parking lot is too close to his property, that he is concerned about liability on the town, the parking, lights and questioned the possible effect on the value of his property if approved.

Councilor S. Westgate stated that she understands the concerns but that if approved there could be stipulations placed for control. Councilor W. Steere stated that the applicant has the right to ask for the zone change. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant asked for the moon and it is up to Town Council to consider approving and how a solution could be worked out.

D. Igliozi, town solicitor, stated that this is a zoning application to allow a use and it is not for the granting of an event. D. Igliozi stated that the PUD can be limited and that any events would have to follow the application process. D. Igliozi stated that this application is for a change of use in the PUD and that Council can put conditions on the application as to the use if they want.

4. T. Kelly, Snake Hill Road, asked if any of the changes in the zoning decision went to the police.

Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that all concerns were addressed by the police at the meeting.

T. Kelly stated that he asked if the Planning Board decision could be changed. J. Fecteau stated that the Planning Board decision stands.

5. S. Bridges, 399 Snake Hill Road, stated she is concerned about the traffic and asked if only the entrance at 459 Snake Hill Road be used for access and exit and to not use 401 Snake Hill Road. S. Bridges asked for clear signs to show private property to avoid any trespassers. S. Bridges asked how conditions would be monitored for compliance and how problems would be addressed.

M. DiPalma, applicant, stated that clear signs for traffic would be in place.

Acting Chief Jenison stated he met with the applicant and reviewed the plans. Acting Chief Jenison stated he also visited the property and does have some concerns due to the narrowness of the driveway which is why entrance and exit were suggested to be separate. Acting Chief Jenison stated that there is room for parking and each case could be taken individually but that he can't comment on noise because there was no music at the time of his visit. Acting Chief Jenison stated he could submit the plan of action to Council.

6. P. Donnelly, 449 Snake Hill Road, stated that the driveway is a deeded easement. M. DiPalma stated that he maintains the road.

7. B. Hodgkinson, asked if any of the Councilors visited the property. Councilors J. Burlingame, S. Westgate and W. Steere stated they were all familiar with the property.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone else wanted to speak.

Councilor W. Steere asked if Council would like to continue the matter or make a decision. Councilor W. Steere stated he would like to see the police report. D. Igliozi stated that if Council is considering any conditions then Council may want more time. Councilor C. Greathouse stated her opinion to table. Councilor W. Worthy stated his opinion that any conditions need to be considered. Councilor W. Steere stated that if the zone change is granted then it is in but that Council could grant a temporary time use with a sunset clause. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Planning Board did an exhaustive research and they denied with reasons.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the Amendment to Chapter 350 Zoning. Article IV. Section 22.A. Planned Districts, Owner: WS Enterprises, LLC, Applicant: Welcome Pastures, Assessor Plat 18, Lot 10 to the Town Council meeting of July 16, 2026;

Seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of June 4, 2026; Special meetings of June 10th and June 15th, 2026
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements – May 2026
- C. Finance Director's Report – May 2026

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to **APPROVE** the Town Council minutes of June 4, 2026; June 10th and June 15th, 2026; No Additions or Abatements for the 2025 Tax Roll and to **TABLE** the Finance Director's Report for May 2026; Seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. 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 there is one recommendation at this time, Jessica Halley. Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone has a recommendation for any other appointments, and if not Council can appoint the one and make a motion to table the rest.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to **APPOINT** Jessica Halley to Position #5, Parade Committee and **TABLE** the appointments to the Parade Committee, Position, #6, #7, Alt. #2, and Alt. #3; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Gloucester Housing Authority – Position #5
one five year unexpired term to expire 6/2030

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is a recommendation of Bernadette MacArthur to the Gloucester Housing Authority

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPOINT Bernadette MacArthur to the Gloucester Housing Authority to fill the unexpired five year term to expire 6/2030; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- 2. EDC – Request to authorize EDC to establish and administer a
Facebook page - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy asked if the Chair of the Economic Development Commission is present.

No chair present.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE the request to authorize EDC to establish and administer a Facebook page to July 16, 2026; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A. 2026 Charter Review Commission

1. Proposed amendments - Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the 2026 Charter Review Commission has turned in their recommendations to the Town Council.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council can read into the record the questions proposed or wait until the public hearing to present the questions proposed.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received a narrative provided by the Commission which he read as follows:

June 18, 2026

TO: The Honorable Town Council

The Gloucester Home Rule Charter Review Commission has completed its review of the Charter. Attached please find the Commission's recommendations for your review and consideration.

We are recommending ten (10) changes to the Charter, each recommendation is referenced by Article and Section with notation to either change, addition to or deletion of.

The recommendations are provided to you as written by the consensus of the full Home Rule Charter Review Commission, addressed simply. We are here this evening to address any questions the Council may have regarding the recommendations.

We believe the recommendations put forward were conceived without any bias, political agendas, or personal opinions and believe the recommendations will strengthen the Charter and provide a stronger local government.

There are a few additional notations we respectfully bring to the Council but did not write as recommendations. They are as follows:

1. **C14-13 Personnel system and policies** - this manual is still incomplete and should be reviewed every 2 (two) years.

2. There was much discussion regarding **Article 6 -Schools** and the School Committee. More strict and effective recall provisions, qualifications and member nepotism, performing its' duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Charter, and performing its' duties regarding the budget. Lastly, who is the School Committee accountable to and how are they held to these responsibilities?

3. The Committee felt strongly about the **need for transparency throughout our town government**

As Chair of the Committee I would like to acknowledge the committee for its' hard work and dedication to the process and we thank the Council for giving us the opportunity for working on this project.

Respectfully,

Patricia J. Henry, Chair

Gloucester Home Rule Charter Review Commission

(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated that if any Councilor has an amendment they would like considered they can bring it up now and ask the Town Solicitor to format their question to be considered at the Public Hearing.

No Action Taken

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere thanked the Charter Commission members for their hard work. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that there seem to be some good recommendations.

2. Set Public Hearing

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the final questions up for consideration must be to the Secretary of State's Office on August 5, 2026. Councilor W. Worthy stated that prior to that date Council must hold a public hearing, adopt the final questions, forward the questions to the Board of Canvassers for their certification and then the Clerk will forward the questions that will be placed on the General Election ballot to the state.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to SET a Public Hearing for July 16, 2026 for consideration of proposed Charter Review questions; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Boards and Commissions

1. Resignations - Discussion and/or Action

a. Gloucester Land Trust

Position #1, One unexpired term to expire 1/31/2027

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received the resignation of Kim Justham from the Land Trust.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to ACCEPT the resignation, with thanks, of Kim Justham from Position #1 Land Trust; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Board of Canvassers - Discussion and/or Action

Alternate #2, One unexpired term to expire 2/28/2030

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received the resignation of Richard Tocco from the Board of Canvassers.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to ACCEPT the resignation, with thanks, of Richard Tocco from the alternate #2 Land Trust position; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Gloucester Land Trust

Position #1, One unexpired term to expire 1/31/2027

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is no recommendation by the Chair at this time. Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had a recommendation or a motion to table.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointment to the Land Trust; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- b. Board of Canvassers - Discussion and/or Action
Alternate #2, One unexpired term to expire 2/28/2030

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

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the appointment to the Board of Canvassers; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- c. Economic Development
Ad Hoc Non-voting member, unexpired term to exp.
12/31/26

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is no recommendation by the Chair at this time. Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had a recommendation for appointment or a motion to table.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointment to Economic Development; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- d. Parade Committee
Ad Hoc Non-voting member

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a talent bank application for an ad hoc non-voting position.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to APPOINT Tabitha Hopkins to an Ad Hoc non-voting member position on the Parade Committee; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Update information – Gloucester School Deficit Plan - Discussion
and/or Action

Discussion: Councilor Worthy noted that there was no one present from School Committee.

Councilor Burlingame stated he believed the initial plan was to use funds from other accounts.

1. Walter Steere: Mr. Steere stated there was a plan from several years ago that would have solved the problem but it was not implemented. Mr. Steere stated the plan which involved cutting teachers and transferring 4-5 students to West Gloucester elementary school. Mr. Steere stated it is a never-ending rabbit hole we are going down until someone tells them no. Mr. Steere stated their budget is \$700,000 more than the tax payers approved.

Councilor Worthy suggested an independent audit would help.

The Charter clause for forfeiture of office was discussed in regards to the school committee.

Councilor Worthy questioned how we can push for an audit. The annual audit was discussed.

2. Brian Kelly, Country Meadow Lane, spoke regarding the lack of accountability shown by the absence of the Superintendent. Discussion followed about what the penalty is for not following the law and consequences.

3. Gary King, resident, discussed the lack of enforcement of not following the charter. Mr. King read from the charter the paragraph regarding forfeiture of office, (C-6.3) regarding the School Committee.

Council members discussed that there is no mechanism to enforce.

Mr. King questioned what could be done and suggested contacting our Legislators.

4. Patricia Henry, Charter Review Commission, discussed the conversations had in her committee regarding recall. Ms. Henry stated the committee did not request further action because they felt forfeiture of position is clearly already in the charter. Ms. Henry stated they are spending funds that have not been given to them.

Discussion followed on the process for forfeiture and suggested motions were made from the floor.

Councilor Worthy asked for discussion on “forfeiture” as it could relate to the school committee for the next Council meeting. Councilor Steere asked if the committee was specifically asked to be here. Councilor Worthy stated in the affirmative that he had written a letter asking them to be here to explain their deficit.

- D. Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action regarding correspondence from Attorney Piccirilli on behalf of the School Committee dated 6/14/2026 regarding Gloucester School Deficit Plan.

When asked by those present to do so, Councilor Burlingame read the following:

Dear David:

The Gloucester School Committee Chair Beth Keeling forwarded an email to me and Superintendent Palazzo from Council President Worthy dated June 11. Unfortunately, that email was sent from Mr. Worthy’s personal email and ended up in the spam folder in Ms. Keeling’s school email account. No one else in the School District was copied on the email, although you, the Town Clerk, and Councilman Jon Burlingame were copied. In the future, we ask that such emails be copied at least to the Superintendent and the Committee Clerk so that they are not missed. In fact, these emails should be copied to all Council and Committee members as well as to the Auditor General’s office, RIDE and me as previous emails have been.

In his email, President Worthy requests that the School Committee's budget Subcommittee appear before the Gloucester Town Council at its meeting on June 18, 2026, and present a corrective action plan. The offer to have the School’s Budget Subcommittee appear and present a corrective action plan at the next Council meeting of June 18 is not practical. First, as directed by the Auditor General, the meeting is to discuss the elimination of the structural deficit in the school department’s operating budget. It is not meant to be a one-sided presentation. The meeting should be a joint meeting of the full Committee and Council held on a specific date for that purpose, not tacked on to a Council meeting.

Finally, the meeting will likely have to occur after June 23, when the Town Business Manager, Elizabeth Beltram, who also serves as the Committee’s Business Manager, returns from an extended leave and will be available to advise both the Committee and Council on budgetary issues. We await the Council’s response.

Very truly yours,

Gregory P. Piccirilli

(end of memo)

- E. Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action regarding corresponded from Attorney Anthony F. Cottone, Chief Legal Counsel for the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), dated 6/12/2026.

Discussion: W. Steere referred back to Item D. and stated he does not agree with Mr. Piccirilli. W. Steere stated the School Committee's job is to come up with a corrective action plan and our job is to present a budget to the residents. W. Steere stated it is the School Committee and Superintendent's job to do that work.

Councilor Burlingame explained we are being encouraged to work together by the Auditor General and it was explained that the Council does not have the authority to make line item budget cuts.

W. Steere stated we have worked with them and it keeps ending up back at us to fix the problems they create.

The legitimacy of the regional vote was discussed and residents questioned RIDE's opinion of the Regional vote. Residents felt they were being told they could only rubber stamp a budget presented to them and they stated the ways they are opposed to the opinion.

G. Steere, resident, discussed whether the water bond in question was considered MOE to the school. Mr. Steere stated we need to pay attention that when these bonds are paid off they cease to be included in the budget.

W. Steere stated the committee was going to meet to discuss their budget, and he believes that they will try to use their budget, not the budget that was passed.

The Solicitor suggested Council respond to the correspondence received from the Auditor General suggesting everyone work together.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to send a letter to the Superintendent and the Chair of the School Committee to let them know the Council is amenable to a joint meeting between the full Council and the full School Committee to discuss their deficit and to invite the Auditor General or a member of that office to said meeting; seconded by Councilor Westgate

Discussion: NONE

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

NAYS-0
MOTION PASSED

- F. Community Septic Loan Program (RI Housing) – consideration of seeking additional mortgage funds from Infrastructure Bank for the continuation of program

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk was notified by Rhode Island Housing that the funds available through the Infrastructure Bank for participation in the Community Septic Loan Program were close to depleted. Councilor W. Worthy stated that without more funds the Town's residents will not be able to apply for the low interest loans for repair or replacement of their septic systems. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Council must decide if an additional mortgage needs to be acquired.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Finance Department to begin the mortgage process for additional Community Septic Loan Program funds from Infrastructure Bank; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- G. Holiday schedule - Discussion and/or Action

- a. Ratify holiday schedule for July 2026 Town Council Meetings

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council agreed last meeting to carry on the tradition of holding one meeting in the month of July, due to the close proximity of the 4th of July.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council now needs to ratify this year's schedule for one meeting in July.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to RATIFY the amendment to the annual Town meeting calendar to eliminate the first meeting of July 2026, July 2nd; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Set Town Hall observance day for July 4, 2026 holiday

Councilor W. Worthy stated that per the employee handbook the town typically follows the state's holiday schedule. Councilor W. Worthy stated that this year the state is celebrating the 4th of July on the Monday following the 4th. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Town Hall employees seem to be split on which day they want. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council must decide whether to change the day to observe the holiday or abide by the personnel handbook.

Discussion:

J. Fecteau stated that the finance department had stated that observing the holiday on Friday, July 3rd would be helpful in preparing the payroll as opposed to observing on Monday.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to OBSERVE July 3rd, 2026 in celebration of July 4th, 2026 on behalf of the Town of Gloucester; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

H. Ratification of Signature – Chepachet Grange 2026 Community Service Awards-Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk's Office prepared Citations for the Chepachet Granges' 2026 Community Service Awards, and that Council must ratify the Citation.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to RATIFY the Chepachet Grange 2026 Community Services Awards for: Edward Blamires, Citizen of the Year; Det. Lt. Jason Cahill, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; EMS Captain Justin Lema, Firefighter of the Year; Kristina Hogan, Teacher of the Year; Cheryl Ross and Ronald Ross, Grangers of the Year; Berean Baptist Church Outreach Group, Group of the Year; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

I. Authorization of Signature

- a. RIEMA – Subgrant Award – US Dept of Homeland Security –
FY 2023

State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Matt Floor, IT Director has obtained a grant from RIEMA under the FY 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). Councilor W. Worthy stated that the value of the award is \$81,250.00. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the grant will be used to replace firewalls and to purchase a system for log aggregation that will allow all logs to be collected and analyzed in a central location. Councilor W. worthy stated that to finalize the acceptance of this award, all documents as outlined in the Special Grant Conditions/Assurances and Reporting Requirement Guidelines must be signed or initialed.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President and the IT Director, as Point of Contact, to sign and initial all required documents for Grant Award from RIEMA under the FY 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, Grant # 13-06A-2023 SLCGP; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

IX. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any councilors had any updates regarding legislation.

None

X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

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

Councilor W. Steere stated his thanks to J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk, Department of Public Works for all the work that went into the Daniel Owen monument dedication ceremony.

XI. Dept. Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Dept. Heads had anything to report or if any Councilors had questions for any Dept. Head.

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that Declarations for candidates are due on Monday , Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. J. Fecteau stated that all declarations must be filed by 4:00 PM on Wednesday.

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.

None

XIII. 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.

None

XIV. 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. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks)
 - b. Collective Bargaining: Letter of Potential Arbitration
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
 - a. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks)
 - b. Collective Bargaining: Letter of Potential Arbitration
2. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, etc.;
 - a. One Personnel Session (Employee notified)

seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

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 told that they may return after Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

All were invited back into the room

- 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 zero (0) votes were taken in Executive Session & to SEAL the minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

XVI. Unfinished Business - Continued

A. IT Contract - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to sign the Employment Separation And Post-Retirement Employment Agreement between the Town of Gloucester and Matthew Floor (employee) to be dated June 18, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

XVII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W.Steere to ADJOURN at 10:42 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

