

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on April 18, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:35 P.M. by Councilor W. Worthy, Town Council President.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Cheryl A. Greathouse; Jonathan E. Burlingame; Walter M. O. Steere, III; Stephen W. Arnold, Vice President; William A. Worthy, Jr. President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Jane Steere, Tax Collector and Interim Finance Director; Jessica Parker, Tax Assessor; Gary Treml, Director Public Works; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Chief Delprete; Karen Scott, Town Planner

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor W. Worthy asked everyone to please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

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

None

V. Proclamations - Discussion and/or Action

A. #2024-01 Earth Day - April 22, 2024

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has a proclamation prepared for Earth Day which he read as follows:

**Proclamation of the Town of Gloucester
#2024-01 Earth Day - April 22, 2024**

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

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

WHEREAS, In observation of Earth Day, on Saturday April 20th , the Town of Gloucester, through its Conservation Commission, will host the annual Earth Day Celebration Clean-Up, asking for volunteers to meet at the Pavilion at Kent Field at 9:00 a.m. for a town wide clean up; and

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

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

Councilor William A. Worthy, Jr., President
Councilor Stephen W. Arnold, Vice-President
Councilor Walter M.O. Steere, III
Councilor Cheryl Greathouse
Councilor Jonathan Burlingame

Jean M Fecteau, CMC , Town Clerk

Dated this 4th day of April 2024

seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. #2024-02 Arbor Day - April 26, 2024
Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has also prepared a proclamation for Arbor Day which he read as follows:

**Proclamation of the Town of Gloucester
#2024-02 Arbor Day**

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the Town Council and Town Clerk of the Town of Gloucester do hereby proclaim our commitment to Arbor Day on April 26th, 2024 in the Town of Gloucester, and urge all citizens to celebrate by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and we urge all citizens to plant trees and promote this celebration of nature for future generations.

Councilor William A. Worthy, Jr. President Jean M Fecteau, CMC , Town Clerk
Councilor Stephen W. Arnold, Vice-President
Councilor Walter M.O. Steere, III
Councilor Cheryl Greathouse
Councilor Jonathan Burlingame

Dated this 4th day of April 2024

seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
 NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action
- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of April 4, 2024
 - B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements - March 2024
 - C. Interim Finance Director's Monthly Report - March 2024
 - D. 2013 Receivable Tax Writeoff

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to APPROVE the Town Council regular meeting minutes of April 4, 2024; NO ADDITIONS or ABATEMENTS for the 2023 Tax Roll; to ACCEPT the Interim Finance Director's Monthly Report for March 2024; and to APPROVE the 2013 Receivable Tax Writeoff in the amount of \$40,488.06 to be abated; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Disposition of Memorandum of Agreements relative to certain maintenance and clerical services related to school maintenance for the Gloucester School Department:

1. Between DPW (NAGE) ("the Union") and the Town of Gloucester approved by Town Council on 1/18/2024 - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the Disposition of Memorandum of Agreements Between DPW (NAGE) and the Town of Gloucester; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Between the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 1322, ("the Union), and the Town of Gloucester approved by Town Council on 1/18/2024 - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the Disposition of Memorandum Between the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 1322 and the Town of Gloucester; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

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B. Boards & Commissions

1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

- a. Economic Development Commission - One Ad-hoc non voting member, term to expire 12/31/2024

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 list and appoint a member or table the appointment.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission for one Ad-hoc non voting member position; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- b. Parade Committee Appointments -
Position #4, Alternate #2, & Alternate #3

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is no recommendation from the Chair at this time. Councilor W. Worthy stated Council can review the talent bank list and appoint from that list or table the appointments.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointments to the Parade Committee of Position # 4, Alternate # 2 and Alternate # 3; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. ARPA Funds

1. Set aside and/or reallocation Requests for Town Departments

- a. Set aside request - Town Meetings - Agenda Management & Public Information Software - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received the following request which he read:

DATE: April 17, 2024

TO: Town Council

FROM: J. Fecteau, Clerk

RE: ARPA Funds
Agenda Management Software

At the April 4th Town Council meeting I requested a set aside of ARPA funds for startup funds for software that we believe could be used to improve and shorten the time we spend preparing agendas and all aspects of the follow through work that meetings involve. Council received a request to table to this meeting so that the Deputy and I could further research this software.

We have further reviewed and we believe this software would be beneficial to our office and the Council for the planning and organization involved in preparing for Town Council meetings.

Therefore, I am asking Council to authorize a set aside from ARPA funds of \$12,648 for Agenda Management Software.

Jean Fecteau, Clerk
(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame asked if this is a one time expense for software. J.Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the fee includes a one time installation and that there would be a renewal fee of approximately \$5000 per year.

Councilor S. Arnold stated that this item is needed; that he appreciates the research that was done but he would like to table any ARPA expenditures until after the budget is set.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE, a set aside of funds from ARPA funds in the amount of \$12,648 to the Town Clerk for the purchase of Agenda Management Software; seconded

No second made

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE a set aside of funds from ARPA funds in the amount of \$12,648 to the Town Clerk for the purchase of Agenda Management Software; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, W. Worthy
NAYS- S. Arnold

MOTION PASSED

D. Code Red Policy - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE the Code Red Policy discussion to the second meeting in May; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

E. Political Signage/Campaigning - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated that a draft policy was received. Councilor W. Steere stated that the draft was well done but he would like the Council to consider a specific time frame for the political signs to be out. Councilor S. Arnold stated he also likes the time frame aspect . Councilor S. Arnold stated that he has no problem with the draft and would not add or subtract anything from the draft. J.Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that any changes or additions to the draft can be sent to her.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE the draft of political sign /campaigning document to May 2, 2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A. Police Station - Discussion and/or Action

1. Police Department/EOC State Grant status and building project

Discussion: Councilor S. Arnold stated that on April 4th the following motion was made and passed: AMENDED MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to AUTHORIZE the construction of a new Police Station/EMA Building and to seek a vote of the Town Council by Resolution, on April 18, 2024, to begin the process to propose to our residents approval of funding at the November 5, 2024 General Election or sooner at a Special Election if voted by the Town Council ; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to RESCIND the MOTION made on April 4th 2024 by Councilor S. Arnold, and seconded by Councilor W. Steere to authorize the construction of a new Police Station/EMA Building, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: Councilor S. Arnold stated that he felt strongly that this was the right thing to do given the small delta to start from scratch and build for the long haul. Councilor S. Arnold stated that once this was done and further due diligence was done as to the funding, the amount of \$3.85 million, that

was originally to be used for the new build, it was discovered it could not be used that way. Councilor S. Arnold stated that without the use of the \$3.85 million towards the new build, that the delta would be increased to about 4 million dollars, which is too much to be asking the taxpayers.

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to AUTHORIZE the renovation/addition to the Gloucester Police Station (including improvements to include an EMA Headquarters, located on Chopmist Hill Road), and to seek a vote of the Town Council by Resolution to begin the process to propose to our residents approval of funding at the November 5, 2024 General Election or sooner at a Special Election if voted by the Town Council; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Resolution: Bond Referendum Legislation - Gloucester Police Station
Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council needs to present a resolution to our legislators requesting the enactment of legislation which would authorize the town to place the bond question on a ballot for a vote, the resolution also enables the hiring of Bond counsel.
Councilor W. Worthy made the MOTION by reading the following Resolution:

The State of Rhode Island
Town of Gloucester

RESOLUTION #2024-02

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT
LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,200,000 TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION AND/OR
EXPANSION AT THE EXISTING GLOUCESTER POLICE STATION
AND INCIDENTAL FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT
TO BE APPROVED AT REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 OR
SUCH EARLIER DATE AS SELECTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town Council of the Town of Gloucester hereby resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town is in need of renovation and additional space for police and emergency operations and related equipment to adequately perform its functions for the citizens of the Town of

Glocester (“Town”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that such need can be best addressed with the renovation and/or expansion of the existing police station on Chopmist Hill Road (the “Project”);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Glocester hereby requests the General Assembly to enact legislation to authorize the Town to issue general obligation bonds and/or notes in an amount not to exceed \$9,200,000 to finance the renovation and/or expansion at the Glocester Police Station, on Chopmist Hill Road, including incidental furnishings and equipment and costs of issuance, substantially in the form presented to the Town Council with such changes as the Town Solicitor or bond counsel may deem necessary or appropriate, such legislation and bond issuance to be subject to voter approval at a referendum to be held on November 5, 2024 or such earlier date as may be determined by the Town Council.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Taft & McSally LLP is hereby engaged as bond counsel to the Town.

By Order of the Glocester Town Council

Town Council President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal of the Town of Glocester this 18th day of April , 2024.

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that he would like to table this item in order to verify the numbers and suggested a special meeting be held next week.

Chief Delprete stated that he would be meeting with the architect on Tuesday and would be able to firm up the number.

Councilor W. Worthy rescinded his motion. No second was made.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE the Resolution: Bond Referendum Legislation-Glocester Police Station; seconded by Councilor J.Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Discussion : Councilors discussed the day and time for the meeting for Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to convene a Special Town Council meeting for the general bond obligation request to the General Assembly; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: D. Igliozzi, Town Solicitor, stated that it should be made clear that the reason for tabling was to get clarity on the specific numbers.

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

3. Discussion and/or Action - Review potential charge, consideration of amendments/additions to charge & Adoption of Charge for the creation of the Gloucester Police Station Building Committee

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to REMOVE Item VIII, A.3. from the table until after a successful bond referendum vote;

Discussion: Chief Delprete stated that as part of the meeting on this coming Tuesday that the renderings will be good so he will be ready to go to a Building Committee soon.

No second. Councilor W. Steere rescinded his motion.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to REMOVE Item VIII, A.3. from the table until Council deems fit; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Discussion: Councilor S. Arnold stated that the charge for the proposed Building Committee should be for the renovation and not the new build so that needs to be reviewed.

B. Authorization for Signature

1. American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund Municipal Public Safety Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement - March 2024
- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a grant agreement from the EMA Director for signing.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the "American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund Municipal Public Safety Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement - March 2024" on behalf of Grantee: Town of Gloucester

(Emergency Operations Center and Police Dept. Expansion) for the Award Amount of \$3,850,000; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Capital Projects Fund Community Learning Centers Municipal Grant
– Discussion and/or Action

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

To: Town Council Members
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner
Date: April 18, 2024
Re: Municipal Community Learning Centers Grant Funds

Through the Pandemic Recovery Office, the State has made federal funds available through the Municipal Community Learning Center Program. This program authorizes recipients to use funds for critical capital projects that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. In September 2023, it was determined that the only eligible recipients for these capital funds in Gloucester are the libraries. The Town is acting as the grant recipient and passing those grant funds through to the Gloucester Manton and Harmony Libraries for capital improvements to their buildings.

The Town of Foster has determined that they are not able to utilize their funding and has offered to pass it to the Town of Gloucester for use on the library projects in exchange for allowing Foster residents to use the facilities and participate in any programming at the libraries. This is a similar relationship to other neighboring Towns including Middletown and Newport and Hopkinton and Richmond. In order to formalize this relationship, the Town must submit the attached letter of intent and Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Foster.

I am requesting authorization for the Town Council President to sign the attached letter of intent and MOA.

Thank you.
(End of memo)

a. Letter of Intent

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the letter of intent stating the Town of Gloucester’s intention to partner with the Town of Foster in the utilization of programs and resources as a result of funds through the American Rescue Plan

Act Capital Projects Fund Community Learning Centers Grants; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: Councilor S. Arnold asked if Foster was contributing funds they could not use and how much Foster was contributing. K. Scott, Town Planner stated an amount (?) and the reasons that Foster and Gloucester are teaming up for this project. K. Scott stated that Gloucester will get all of the money allocated to Foster. K. Scott stated Gloucester received \$833,000 in no match funds which we moved over to the library for capital improvements. K. Scott stated that this is a great program and it is a great opportunity for both towns. K. Scott stated Foster residents will be able to utilize our facilities at whatever fee Gloucester residents' pay for programs. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the library is very excited about this opportunity. Councilor W. Steere stated that the library gets a lot of use.

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Foster

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Gloucester and the Town of Foster outlining the agreement to share the benefits of the funds supplied through the American Rescue Plan Act Capital Projects Fund Community Learning Centers Grants program for the expansion of Harmony Library and improvements to the Gloucester Manton Library that will specifically support and expand programming in the areas of student learning for both communities; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

3. Renewal of Agreement for Statewide ePermitting Software System, between Town of Gloucester & OpenGov - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the IT Director has received the application for the renewal of the e-permitting software currently being used by building/zoning.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Renewal of Agreement for Statewide e-Permitting Software System, between the Town of Gloucester and OpenGov, for the period 5/1/2024 to 6/30/2025 per terms of the contract agreement dated 3/11/2024; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- C. Boards and Commissions
 - 1. Board of Canvassers - Discussion and/or Action
Two Alternate partisan Positions - 6 year terms

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a recommendation from the Chairman of the Board of Canvassers which he read as follows:

April 17, 2024

Glocester Town Council,

I respectfully request that you appoint the following individuals to the newly authorized positions of Alternate Members of the Gloucester Board of Canvassers:

Roy Najecki, Republican affiliation
Richard Tocco, Democrat affiliation

Thank you for your consideration.

David Calderara
President, Gloucester Board of Canvassers
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPOINT Roy Najecki and Richard Tocco to the position of Alternates to the Gloucester Board of Canvassers for six year terms to expire March 2030; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

IX. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the League of Cities and Towns is holding a press conference on Monday, April 22, at 1:00 pm at the State House Library to discuss their support of the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBOR), Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's), and voicing strong opposition to H7464 and S2595, the Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) bills.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had anything to add.

Councilor S. Arnold stated that he is happy that the Council is being more involved and voicing opinions to the League.

Councilor W. Steere stated that there is more legislation being proposed that can be detrimental to the rural communities. Councilor W. Steere stated that it is good that Council is keeping an eye on legislation and can then be able to ask our legislators to do what they can .

X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

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

1. Emails and pictures of flooding at 9 Hopkins Road and neighborhood discussed at the Town Council meeting of April 4, 2024.
2. Letters from residents of Joe Sweet Rd. regarding icy road conditions and excessive water runoff.

Councilor W. Worthy asked G. Treml, Director DPW, if Joe Sweet Road was on the list to get patched. G. Treml stated it was.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Hopkins Road information received by Council could be forwarded to our state legislators as the problem is a state one because it did not exist until the state did work on the catch basin and culvert in the area.

Councilor S. Arnold asked who passes the information to the legislators. J. Fecteau stated that she would forward the information to the state legislators.

XI. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked for reports or discussions from any department heads.

1. G. Treml, Director DPW, asked if Council has heard anything from the school committee regarding the maintenance of the schools in town. Councilor S. Arnold stated that Council has not. Councilor J. Burlingame stated he thought the school committee was meeting tonight. Councilor S. Arnold stated that it was to be on Friday night. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that he was not hopeful that an agreement would be worked out. G. Treml asked what plan B would be. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that it was up to the school. G. Treml stated that there is work that needs to get done at the schools, especially to the boilers at both schools, so there needs to be a plan as to how it will get done.

XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Board or commission had anything to report or discuss .

None

XIII. Open Forum

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone has anything to discuss on any other subject and if so, to please state your name when you come to the microphone.

1. Councilor W. Steere stated a reminder to all that the public hearing for the budget is scheduled for Monday night, April 22nd at 7:00 P.M.
2. R. LeBeouf, resident, stated a complaint about a tall fabric fence on a neighbor's yard and questioned how and why zoning would allow such a long and high fabric fence to be in place as a temporary fence. R. LeBeouf stated that the tall fabric fence is preventing him from enjoying the beauty of his property. R. LeBeouf stated a concern is that if this type of fencing is allowed under zoning then it can become out of hand everywhere in town. Councilor S. Arnold thanked R. LeBeouf for bringing this matter to Council's attention. Councilor W. Worthy stated Council will ask questions.
3. J. Fecteau, resident, stated that at the April 4th meeting of the School Committee the Regional School Superintendent was offered the additional position as the Gloucester superintendent. J. Fecteau stated that she feels Gloucester residents would not be in favor and feels they may not know. J. Fecteau stated as a Gloucester resident she does not want the Region to be involved in Gloucester schools. J. Fecteau stated her opinion that she feels this is a back door approach to full regionalization. J. Fecteau stated that she wanted people to be aware.

J. Fecteau stated that the town and the school committee has been talking about who will do the maintenance for the Gloucester schools for quite a while. J. Fecteau stated her opinion that the Schools have been left in a mess under the care of the Region. J. Fecteau stated that the Fogarty School bond for repairs is almost done being paid off. J. Fecteau stated that she hopes that when the Council considers the possible plans they consider that Gloucester takes care of its own schools and not leave it to the Region because it seems they only care about the money they receive.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated that the charter allows for the town to take care of the town schools if the school committee asks. Councilor S. Arnold stated it would be interesting to hear what comes from the next school committee meeting.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council now needs a motion to convene to Closed Executive Session.

XIV. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session (Closed Session) Pursuant to:

- A. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council:
 1. Potential Litigation
 2. Collective Bargaining
- B. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons – (employee notified) Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council

- C. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation:
 - 1. Potential Litigation - Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council

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

- A. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council:
 - 1. Potential Litigation
 - 2. Collective Bargaining
- B. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons – (employee notified) Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council
- C. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation:
 - 1. Potential Litigation - Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council

seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to Call the Roll

Councilor Greathouse- Aye
Councilor Steere- Aye
Councilor Burlingame- Aye
Councilor Arnold- Aye
Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

After Executive Session:

- XV. MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Reconvene Open Session - Disclose one (1) vote was taken in Executive Session & to the Seal of Minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to Call the Roll

Councilor Greathouse- Aye

Councilor Steere- Aye

Councilor Burlingame- Aye

Councilor Arnold- Aye

Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

XVI. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 10:36 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- C. Greathouse, J. Burlingame, W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED