

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on November 21, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Councilor S. Arnold, Town Council Vice-President.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Cheryl A. Greathouse; Walter M.O. Steere, III; Jonathan E. Burlingame; Stephen W. Arnold, Vice President; William A. Worthy, Jr. , President (arrived at 7:10 P.M.)

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliozzi, Town Solicitor ; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk;

Also present at 7:55 P.M. for resuming of regular meeting:

G. Mosca, EMA Director; G. Treml, DPW Director; John Luszcz, Human Services Director; Chief Joseph Delprete; Karen Scott, Town Planner (arrived at 8:30 P.M.)

III. Seek to Convene to Executive Session (Closed Session) Discussion by Town Council, Vote, or Other Action Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2): Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to litigation or potential litigation: **RE:** FM Global Tax Assessment for 12/31/2021, 12/31/2022, 12/31/2023

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Convene to Executive Session (Closed Session) Discussion by Town Council, Vote, or Other Action Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2): Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to litigation or potential litigation: **RE:** FM Global Tax Assessment for 12/31/2021, 12/31/2022, 12/31/2023; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Councilor S. Arnold asked the Clerk to Call the Roll:

Councilor Greathouse- - Aye
Councilor Steere- Aye
Councilor Burlingame- Aye
Councilor Arnold- Aye
Councilor Worthy- absent for vote

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION BEGAN AT 7:55 P.M.

IV. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION as made by Councilor J. Burlingame to Reconvene Open Session, Disclose three (3) votes were taken in Executive Session & Seal the Minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor

W. Steere

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

V. Pledge of Allegiance

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

VI. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items to please come forward and state your name.

1. R. Duplessis, resident, stated that he was questioning the abatement he received on his property as a result of a reduction in his land amount as well as the qualifications for the senior exemption related to occupancy. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Mr. Duplessis needs to go through the correct process and that Council is not the correct forum for doing so. Councilor W. Worthy stated that he would contact Mr. Duplessis tomorrow with information as to the correct people to contact. Councilor Worthy questioned if the Tax Assessor had explained that he may be eligible to go to the Board of Review.

No action taken.

VII. Public Hearings - Discussion and/or Action

A. **LICENSE RENEWALS**

1. **VICTUALING LICENSE RENEWALS- Discussion and/or action**

- a. Aegean Pizza, 1195 Putnam Pike
- b. Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike
- c. Burrillville/Glocester Youth Soccer Assn., 1407 Putnam Pike, Concession Stand
- d. Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
- e. Chepachet Deli and Catering, 842 Putnam Pike
- f. Chepachet Farms, 226 Tourtellot Hill Road
- g. DePetrillo's Pizza & Bakery, 1153 Putnam Pike
- h. Dinos Park N Shop, 1020 Putnam Pike
- i. Dunkin Donuts, 1006 Putnam Pike
- j. Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike
- k. Glocester Little League, 1011 Putnam Pike, Concession Stand
- l. Harmony Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Road
- m. Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike
- n. Mr. Z's By The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike
- o. Knight Farm, Farmers Omelette, 1 Snake Hill Road

- p. Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
- q. Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane
- r. Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike
- s. The Village Bean, 15 Money Hill Road
- t. Who Cut the Cheesecake, LLC, 1195 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze Observer on October 24th, October 31st; and November 7th, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Victualing License **to all applicants named above** 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; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only and are valid from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025; seconded by; Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS- Discussion and/or action

a. CLASS A - RETAILER- Discussion and/or action

- 1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike
- 2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 24th , & October 31st, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class A - Retailer Liquor License to:

1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike
 2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 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 Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 5) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees; 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 7) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000. These licenses shall be for the interior of the premises only and are valid from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. **CLASS B-V VICTUALER BEVERAGE LICENSE - Discussion and/or action**
 1. Assados, Inc., Jorge Diogo, Ryan Diogo, d/b/a Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike
 2. Tri State Golf, LLC, Jonathan Hoenig, Donald Hoenig, d/b/a Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
 3. Agios, Inc., Panagiota Arsoniadis, d/b/a Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike
 4. Prickly Pear, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
 5. Tyo Ristaino Corp., Stephen & Robin Tyo & Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
 6. Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC, Albert L. Hill, Sr., d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike
 7. RAJNI, LLC, Balwinder Singh, d/b/a Mr. Z's By The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this public hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 24th & October 31st, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT the Renewal of a Class B-V Victualer Beverage License to **all applicants named above**, 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 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; these licenses shall be for the **interior of the premise only with the exception of:**

- a. Assados, Inc., Jorge Diogo, Ryan Diogo, d/b/a Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike
- d. Prickly Pear, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
- e. Tyo Ristaino, Corp., Stephen & Robin Tyo & Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cadys Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
- f. Hill’s Tavern and Grill, LLC, Albert L. Hill, Sr., d/b/a Hill’s Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike

Stipulations of any outdoor consumption, service, and/or sales remain as previously granted;

these licenses are valid from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

c. CLASS BT-TAVERN- Discussion and/or action

- 1. DLUM, LLC, David Lumnah, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 24th , & October 31st, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class BT-Tavern License to: DLUM , LLC, David Lumnah, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 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; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid

from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

d. CLASS B-V LIMITED- Discussion and/or action

1. M & B Variety, Inc., Brian Rea, Michelle Rea, d/b/a Harmony Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Road

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 24th, & October 31st, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT the renewal of a Class B-V Limited License to; M & B Variety, Inc., Brian Rea, Michelle Rea, d/b/a Harmony Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Road 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, 10) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

3. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE RENEWALS - Discussion and/or action

- a. Assados, Inc., d/b/a Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike
- b. Prickly Pear, Inc., d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
- c. Tyo Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady's Tavern 2168 Putnam Pike
- d. Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC, d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike

e. RAJNI, LLC, d/b/a Mr. Z's By The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 31st, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to GRANT the RENEWAL of an Entertainment License to **all applicants named above**: contingent upon 1) Payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; these licenses are valid from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025 and are subject to the following stipulations:

1. That all entertainment be confined to the inside of the building except for those establishments in stipulation #5.
2. That all windows on the premises are kept closed, but not permanently, when there is amplified entertainment and that doors are only opened for normal ingress and egress from the premises.
3. That all live indoor entertainment cease at 1:00 a.m.
4. When there is live entertainment, the Town Council, at its discretion, may assign a supplemental police officer or officers at such time and in such a place as the Town Council deems appropriate and the license holder shall reimburse the Town of Gloucester for the expense of such police officer(s):
5. Establishments with current outdoor service areas, for alcohol, may have non amplified acoustical music and non amplified vocals, ceasing at 9:00 p.m.
This use shall be rescinded upon determination by the licensing board with no further public hearing.
6. Any other reasonable conditions and restrictions as the Town Council may require; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES- Requests for 2025 Outdoor Special Events - Discussion and/or Action

1. Robin Tyo, Tyo Ristaino Corp d/b/a Cady's Tavern
Location: 2168 Putnam Pike, Gloucester, RI
Request for 2025 Outdoor Special Events

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 31, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant is requesting:

- 12 Motorcycle runs
- 10 Fundraisers
- 8 Car/bike shows with no amplification
- 12 Outside acoustic (amplified vocals & guitar)
- 1 fundraiser for Lake Washington Association with outside band
- (43 events)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant is requesting April to November for certain events and May to October for other types of events on their application. Councilor W. Worthy stated that from the beginning of this use in 2017, Council has chosen to allow these licenses from May to October.

Discussion:

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the Council has always granted the time period of May to October and that the Town Ordinance does not specify anytime time frame. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that the applicant is asking for less events than last year and he is of the opinion that extending the time would not be a problem.

R. Tyo, applicant stated that the reason for the request of extending the months is due to the weather being nicer in April and running through November.

R. Tyo asked that the fundraiser for Lake Washington Association be made contingent upon the Association's requesting a band or not as that decision has not yet been made by the Association.

Councilor S. Arnold stated he had no issue with extending the time frame. Councilors C. Greathouse and J. Burlingame stated their agreement.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to Grant the Special Events for 2025 for Cady's Tavern, location of business: 2168 Putnam Pike:

- 12 Motorcycle runs
- 10 Fundraisers
- 8 Car/bike shows
- 12 Outside acoustic (amplified vocals & guitar)
- 1 fundraiser for Lake Washington Association with outside band

for a total of 43 Special Events, individually licensed, between the months of April and November with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Outdoor amplified music is allowed two times per month from April to November, for a total not to exceed twelve of the granted events on non consecutive weekends and non consecutive days, limited between 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.
9. Any use outside that consists of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted.

Seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Albert Hill Sr., Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill
 Location: 417 Putnam Pike, Glocester, RI
 Request for 2025 Outdoor Special Events

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 31st, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant is requesting:

- 6 Motorcycle runs
 - 6 Fundraisers
 - 8 Car shows
 - 12 Outside music
- (32 events)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that last year's request was for 46 events, 32 events were granted, and in 2024 the Clerk issued 13 licenses.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion: Councilor S. Arnold asked for the same events as granted last year. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that there were no complaints last year.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to GRANT the Special Events for 2025 for Hill's Tavern, location of business: 417 Putnam Pike:

- 6 Motorcycle runs
- 6 Fundraisers
- 8 Car shows
- 12 Outside music

for a total of 32 Special Events, individually licensed allowed, with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Outdoor amplified music is allowed two times per month from April to November, for a total not to exceed twelve of the granted events on non consecutive weekends and non consecutive days, limited between 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.
9. Any use outside that consists of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted.

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

3. David Wright d/b/a Mulberry Vineyards
Location: 95 Pound Road, Gloucester, RI
Request for 2025 Outdoor Special Events

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 31st, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant is requesting:

- 8 farmers markets
- 5 festivals

14 live music events - Saturday or Sunday, 1-4 p.m./6-10 p.m.
8 weddings - Friday, Saturday, or Sunday between 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Limited to one per week)
(35 events)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that last year's request was for 37 events, 19 events were granted, and in 2024 the Clerk issued 11 licenses.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion:

1. T. Robinhymer, attorney representing Mulberry Vineyard, stated his client would like to make a change to the requested weddings to be one time per week on Friday, Saturday or Sunday ; outdoors ; and, with a reduced time of 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. but all other requests remain the same. Councilor W. Steere asked if the weddings involved the wedding ceremony and the reception. D. Wright, applicant stated both. D. Wright stated that the type of music for weddings is usually a disc jockey or light amplified band in response to Councilor C. Greathouse's question. Councilor W. Worthy asked if weddings were allowed under the zoning ordinance in this area. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that zoning does not allow business in this area but that Mulberry was granted a special exception under the ordinance for the farming/vineyard license. D. Igliazzi stated that if Mulberry Vineyard is asking to expand the license then zoning approval would need to be determined as there are many issues involved in an expansion like this.

T. Robinhymer stated his opinion that his client would be willing to seek approval from the Zoning Board if necessary but that his opinion is that there is nothing in the zoning ordinance that excludes this requested use. Councilor W. Worthy stated that he would prefer if the applicant checked with zoning before granting any approvals as to weddings.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated that he has visited the property and there have not been any issues this year. Councilor W. Worthy stated that there was one issue last year with a large band and recommended going through one year without any issues and using small groups such as trios or less.

Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that weddings are totally different events so he may be willing to have 1 to 3 if allowed by zoning to see how weddings work.

Councilor S. Arnold stated that the request this year is for the same number of farmers markets as last year but increases to festivals by 2 and an increase by 6 of live music events. Councilor W. Steere stated 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. is fine but his opinion is to not have events from 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

2. R. Rogers, resident, stated his opinions to restrict time to 4:00 P.M.; no weddings as it is a residential area and that the music was loud but not excessive this year.

3. K. Lavoie, resident, stated his opinions that only one event was over the top and the rest of the year was without complaint; that the number of events should be the same as last year without any weddings and time restricted to 1-4 P.M.

4. D. Colantonio, resident, stated his opinions as to the family type events being acceptable but that the music is too loud and that this residential area is not appropriate as an event venue. D. Colantonio stated

his opinion to limit the music to non amplified trios or less and no weddings. D. Colantonio stated his opinion that he should be able to enjoy his property.

5. R. Detzel, resident, stated his opinions that the music was not a big problem this year but he is not in favor of any weddings being granted ; that the time for all events be restricted to 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. ; and, that the number of events be restricted to what was given last year.

6. R.Pitison (sp?), resident, stated that there was only one issue this year; that she is not in favor of any weddings, that the time should be restricted to 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and what was given last year was not a problem.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy asked if Councilors agreed upon the farmers markets and festivals, Councilors answered in the affirmative. Councilor S. Arnold stated that he had some concerns as to the increase in the number of festivals and live events. Councilor S. Arnold stated that it seems that progress has been made with the neighbors towards harmony. Councilor S. Arnold stated he was okay with the number of festivals but that he had issues with the requested increase in live events and the increase to night hours. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion as to no night hours. Councilor C. Greathouse also stated her opinion as to no night hours. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion to offer 10 or 11 live events instead of increasing to the requested 14 events.

Councilor C. Greathouse stated that if the license was extended from April to November there could be 14 events on non consecutive weekends. Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. should be off the table . Councilor C. Greathouse stated her opinion to offer a compromise of 11 events as the time is being extended. D. Wright stated that the music events were on Sundays in the past year .

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to **GRANT** the Special Events for 2025 for Mulberry Vineyards, location of business: 95 Pound Road:

- 8 farmers markets
- 5 festivals
- 11 live music events - Saturday or Sunday, 1-4 p.m. only
- 0 weddings

for a total of 24 Special Events, individually licensed allowed, with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Pound Road.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
7. Any use outside that consist of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted.

8. Events to be held on non consecutive weekends.
Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame stated the motion should also have included the time frame of April to November. D. Igliazzi , Town Solicitor recommended Council make a motion to reconsider.

MOTION to RECONSIDER was made by Councilor J. Burlingame; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to **GRANT** the Special Events for 2025 for Mulberry Vineyards, location of business: 95 Pound Road:

- 8 farmers markets
- 5 festivals
- 11 live music events - Saturday or Sunday, 1-4 p.m.only
- 0 weddings

for a total of 24 Special Events, individually licensed allowed, from April to November with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-streets parking allowed on Pound Road.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
7. Any use outside that consist of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted.
8. Events to be held on non consecutive weekends.

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

C. Gloucester Code of Ordinance

1. Proposed Comprehensive Community Plan #24-02- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this public hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 31st, November 7th, and November 14th, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing Open.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received the following advisory opinion from the Planning Board which he read as follows:

**Comprehensive Plan Amendment #24-02
Advisory Opinion of the Planning Board
November 12, 2024**

At their November 12, 2024 meeting, the following motion was made by Planning Board Member DeGrange:

I make a motion to recommend that the Town Council adopt Amendment #24-02 to Gloucester 2040, the Town of Gloucester's Comprehensive Community Plan. This amendment will add additional text to the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan and add a map depicting designated growth centers.

The Planning Board finds that this amendment is consistent with the following sections of the Comprehensive Plan:

1. Land Use Goal 1 - Preserve the rural character of Gloucester for future generations while enhancing services and facilities, housing, open space and recreation, natural and cultural resources, circulation and economic development.
2. Land Use Policy 1 - Protect, enhance and maintain the unique natural and historical features of Gloucester while allowing for appropriate development to occur.
3. Land Use Policy 2 - Encourage responsible use decisions by public officials and public bodies.
4. Economic Development Goal 1 - Encourage economic development that aligns with the Town's rural character and expands and diversifies the Town's tax base.
5. Economic Development Policy 1 - Broaden and diversify the Town's economic base to reduce the residential sectors property tax burden.

Information about this plan amendment was made available at Town Hall and has been disseminated to the public on the Town's website and at this public hearing. The public has had the opportunity to provide both written and oral comments on the proposed amendments. A public hearing was held with the Planning Board on November 12, 2024. Notice of the public hearing was given specifying location, date and time of the hearing, indicated that

the adoption of an amendment to the comprehensive plan is under consideration, advised those interested where and when the matter under consideration may be examined or obtained, and stated that the plan may be altered prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising. The notice was given in the Valley Breeze published October 24, 2024, October 31, 2024, and November 7, 2024 providing at least 3 weeks of notice.

The motion was seconded by Planning Board member Mike Fournier. Ayes -(Calderara, Clifford, Furney, Pitocco, DeGrange, Bard, Fournier).
(end of memo)

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak regarding the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, to please step up to microphone and state your name when called on.

Discussion:

J. Lowell, resident, asked what “growth center” meant and the proposed location; stated concern that some businesses may be unsuitable for that designation and in that area and asked about the application process .

Councilor W. Steere reminded all of the proposed amendments have been driven by the policies passed by the state.

K.Scott, Town Planner, explained the meaning of growth centers and why they are being proposed and as a tool to bring the public back into the process.

D. Igliazzi, asked for clarification as to the application form the resident was asking about. K.Scott stated that if the resident was asking about the development plan review, that process has been moved to Subdivision Regulations.

J. Lowell stated that at a prior meeting an applicant can come in without a plan and requested a zone change which does not seem logical. D. Igliazzi stated that an applicant has the right to ask for a zone change without a plan but that does not mean it will be given. D.Igliazzi stated that the General Assembly has taken local zoning authority from the Council and zoning boards which is why the Planning Board has been working so diligently to put the public back into the process.

R. Lavallee, resident, stated his opinion that the proposed zone changes were difficult to interpret and asked if he was interpreting the zone change law correctly. D. Igliazzi stated that a zone change is difficult to do without Council authority.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to adopt an ordinance in amendment to the Comprehensive Plan as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE III OF THE ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER**

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act, Title 45, Chapter 22 .2-2 requires that all Rhode Island communities adopt a Comprehensive Plan to be in conformance with the Act, and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester Planning Board held the necessary public hearing with the required advertising, and forwarded the plan amendment with a recommendation to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester Town Council held the necessary public hearing with the required advertising;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Gloucester, Rhode Island, that the Code of Ordinances, of the Town of Gloucester, Rhode Island, is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article III. Comprehensive Community Plan

Section 1-20. Comprehensive Plan update and/or amendment.

The Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Gloucester, originally adopted on June 16, 1994 and duly amended and/or updated from time to time, and as most recently adopted by the Gloucester Town Council (per R.I.G.L. 45-22.2-8), on April 19, 2018, amended on October 1, 2020, and May 6, 2021, and November 21, 2024 entitled "Gloucester 2040," is hereby incorporated, by reference, in the Gloucester Code of Ordinances.

Section 1-21. Effective Date.

The Comprehensive Plan, as amended, shall take effect for the purpose of conforming municipal land use decisions and for the purpose of being transmitted to the Rhode Island Director of Administration for state review as of the date of adoption by the Town Council, November 21, 2024;

seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

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

2. Gloucester Code of Ordinance

a. Chapter 350, Zoning, Proposed Amendments- Discussion and/or Action

Article I- Administration and Procedures

Article VII-Special Regulations

Article VIII- Non Conforming Uses

Article XI- Comprehensive Permit for Low and Moderate Income Housing

Attachment 2, Table of Dimensional Regulations

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on

October 31st, November 7th, November 14th, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing Open.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received an advisory opinion from the Planning Board which he read as follows:

**Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance
Advisory Opinion of the Planning Board
November 12, 2024**

At their November 12, 2024 meeting, the following motion was made by Planning Board Member De Grange:

After careful consideration and discussion, the Gloucester Planning Board hereby recommends that the Town Council enact revisions to the Gloucester Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinance as detailed in the attached draft revisions:

Article I -Administration and Enforcement - Draft date 7/31/24
Chapter 350-5, Definitions
Article I - Administration and Enforcement - Draft date 8/20/24
Chapter 350-7 (8) Notification
Article I - Administration and Enforcement - Draft Date 8/20/24
Chapter 350-7 (11) Modifications
Article I - Administration and Enforcement - Draft Date 10/1 /24
Chapter 350-8, General Provisions - Variances
Article VII - Special Regulations - Draft date 8/2/24
Chapter 350-57 - Development Plan Review
Chapter 350-57 .1 - Unified Development Review
Article VII I - Chapter 350-59, Adaptive Reuse - Draft Date 10/17 /24
Add adaptive reuse to the use table
Article VIII - Non-Conforming Uses - Draft Date 8/29/24
Chapter 350-66 Substandard Lots of Record
Chapter 350- 13, Attachment 2, Table of Dimensional Regulations
Article XI - Comprehensive Permit for Low and Moderate Income Housing - Draft date 10/1/24, as amended (new date 11/12/24)

Said revisions make changes and/or additions to definitions, notification requirements, zoning modifications, variances, development plan review, unified development review, adaptive reuse, substandard lots of record, and comprehensive permits for low and moderate income housing.

The Board recommendation in this regard is based upon the following Findings of Fact Relating to Consistency with the Gloucester Comprehensive Community Plan and Purposes of Zoning per RIGL Title 45 Chapter 24, 'the Zoning Enabling Act of 1991' as noted below.

Findings of Fact

Consistency with the Comprehensive Community Plan

1. The proposed amendments are consistent with the goal of the Land Use Element: Preserve the rural character of Gloucester for future generations while enhancing services and facilities, housing, open space and recreation, natural and cultural resources, circulation and economic development.
2. The proposed amendments are consistent with the policies of the Land Use Element:
 - a. Protect, enhance and maintain the unique natural and historical features of Gloucester while allowing for appropriate development to occur.
 - b. Encourage responsible land use decisions by public officials and public bodies.
3. The proposed amendments are consistent with the goal of the Economic Development Element: Encourage economic development that aligns with the Town's rural character and also expands and diversifies the Town's tax base.
4. The proposed amendments are consistent with policy 5 of the Economic Development Element:
 - a. Prevent the negative effects of economic growth, including environmental degradation and dramatic changes to community character, from occurring in the Town.

Consistency with the Purposes of Zoning

The Planning Board finds that the proposed zoning amendments are consistent with the following general purposes of zoning ordinances per RIGL § 45-24-30:

1. Promoting the public health, safety and general welfare.
2. Providing for a range of uses and intensities of use appropriate to the character of the city or town and reflecting current and expected future needs.
3. Providing for orderly growth and development which recognizes:
 - (i) The goals and patterns of land use contained in the comprehensive plan of the city or town adopted pursuant to chapter 22.2 of this title;

In making this recommendation, the Board has considered the following:

1. Discussions held at the following meetings:
 - a. January 23, 2024
 - b. March 12, 2024
 - c. May 14, 2024**
 - d. June 11, 2024
 - e. October 1, 2024
 - f. November 12, 2024
2. Legislation that was passed by the General Assembly in 2023 and 2024, which requires multiple changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

Based on the above findings, I hereby make a motion to recommend approval of the draft zoning ordinance revisions as noted above to the Gloucester Town Council.

The motion was seconded by Planning Board member John Bart. Ayes - (Calderara, Clifford, Furney, Pitocco, DeGrange, Bard, Fournier).
(end of memo)

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak regarding the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 350, to please step up to microphone and state your name when called on.

Discussion: None

Councilor DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to ADOPT the proposed amendments to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Chapter 350, Article I- Administration and Procedures; Article VII-Special Regulations; Article VIII- Non Conforming Uses; Article XI- Comprehensive Permit for Low and Moderate Income Housing and Attachment 2, Table of Dimensional Regulations. Said amendments shall be effective upon adoption, November 21, 2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

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

VIII. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of October 17, 2024
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements - October 2024
- C. Finance Director's Report - October 2024

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of October 17, 2024; to **APPROVE the ADDITIONS** to the 2024 Tax Roll in the amount of \$3,027.22; and the **ABATEMENT** to the 2024 Tax Roll in the amount of \$1,662.62; and to **ACCEPT** the Finance Director's Report for October 2024; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

IX. New Business

- A. Authorization of funds for the professional services of Sansoucy Associates re: FM Global Tax Appeal(s): Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the Authorization of funds for the professional services of Sansoucy Associates; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- B. Boards and Commissions - Discussion and/or Action

- 1. Resignations- Discussion and/or Action

- a. Zoning Board

- 1. Position #4, 5-year term to expire 10/31/2026

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this is for the resignation of Robert Kelman.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Robert Kelman from Position #4, Zoning Board of Review; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- 2. Position #2, 5-year term to expire 10/31/2027

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this item is for the resignation of Christopher Harkness.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Christopher Harkness from Position #2, Zoning Board of Review; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- 2. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

- a. Zoning Board -

- 1. Position #4, 5-year term to expire 10/31/2026

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair has recommended that Alternate #1, Frank Anderson, be moved up to Position #4.

MOTION was made by Councilor C.Greathouse to APPOINT Frank Anderson to Position #4, Zoning Board of Review, for the completion of a 5-year term to expire 10/31/2026; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Position #2, 5-year term to expire 10/31/2027

Councilor W. Worthy stated the Chair has recommended that Alternate #2, Donna DiGiulio, be moved up to Position #2.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPOINT Donna DiGiulio to Position #2, Zoning Board of Review, for the completion of a 5-year term to expire 10/31/2027; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

3. Alternate #1, 1-year term to expire 12/31/2024

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair has recommended the appointment of John Kitson to the alternate #1 position. Councilor W. Worthy stated that a talent bank application has been submitted.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPOINT John Kitson to the alternate #1 Position on the Zoning Board of Review for a 1-year term to expire 12/31/2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

4. Alternate #2, 1-year term to expire 12/31/2024

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is no recommendation at this time and to please consider tabling this position.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE to December 5, 2024 the Alternate #2 Position on the Zoning Board of Review; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

C. ARPA Funds

1. De-Obligations & Obligations - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Finance Director and the Planner have worked on an update to ARPA Funds and they have submitted a memo with the following explanation:

To: Town Council Members

Date: November 12, 2024

Re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

The U.S. Treasury allocated State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Town of Gloucester in the amount of \$3,085,615. These funds are subject to an obligation deadline of December 31, 2024 and a spending deadline of December 31, 2026.

Treasury has issued an Interim Final Rule requiring an interagency agreement between any entity receiving funds, including internal departments within a recipient’s government, to satisfy the obligation requirement of these funds in place by December 31, 2024. Therefore, all funds must be allocated to a project so that a Memorandum of Agreement can be drafted for each project that has an outstanding balance as of December 31, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Finance Director and the Planner have submitted a list of de-obligations and obligations to reach the goal of the spending deadline in a way best for Gloucester.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to:

DE-OBLIGATE:

Project #8 Police Station Tower	\$130,000
Project #38 Architect/Test Holes	34,345
Project #54 Police Security Fencing	17,123

OBLIGATE:

New Project #55 Police Station Improvements	\$171,468
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(To be used for interior & exterior improvements including dispatch, communications, security fencing, etc.)

DE-OBLIGATE:

Project #2 Virtual Meeting Retrofit	500.00
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OBLIGATE:

Project #51 Agenda Management Software	500.00
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DE-OBLIGATE:

Project #6 iPad Loaners	7.00
Project #36 Human Services Refrigerator	1.00
Project #52 Legal Services	5,562.50

OBLIGATE:

Project #31 Sansoucy Appraisal	5,562.50
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TABLE the obligation of :

New Project #55 Police Station Improvements	\$15,893
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seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame asked for clarification if Councilor S. Arnold intended to obligate \$171,468 to Project # 55 . Councilor S. Arnold stated he did.

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

MOTION PASSED

- D. Authorization for Signature - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant – Harmony Library (memo and agreement attached)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received a memo from K. Scott, Town Planner, regarding the grants for the Harmony Library and the Manton Library which he read as follows

To: Town Council Members
 From: Karen Scott, Town Planner
 Date: November 12, 2024
 Re: Municipal Community Learning Center Programming Support 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 response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Town is currently in a MOA with the Harmony and Manton libraries for just over \$1,000,000 in capital improvement funds for those buildings. In addition to the capital project funds, the Pandemic Recovery Office is also providing Community Learning Center Programming Support Grants. These funds will be used to implement the health monitoring, work and education programming that will take place in the libraries. Each library will receive at least \$90,881.82 in no match grant funds.

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

Thank you.

(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Grant Agreement entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund, Community Learning Center Programming Support” dated November 2024 between the Town of Glocester and the R.I. Pandemic Recovery Office for the Capital Projects Fund Project: Harmony Library Community Addition; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant – Glocester Manton Library (memo and agreement attached)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the second Grant Agreement requested by Planner regards the Manton Library.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Grant Agreement entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund, Community Learning Center Programming Support” dated November 2024 between the Town of Glocester and the R.I. Pandemic Recovery Office for the Capital Projects Fund Project: Community Room and Meeting Rooms Renovation; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

3. Certified Local Government – Annual Report

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

To: Town Council Members
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner
Date: November 12, 2024
Re: Certified Local Government – Annual Report

Each year, the Town must submit an annual report of all activities of the Historic District Commission to the Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission to maintain its status as a Certified Local Government. Status as a Certified Local Government ensures that the Town remains eligible for grants and other programs which can benefit our local historic district, Chepachet Village.

I am requesting authorization for the Town Council to sign the annual report.

Thank you for your consideration.

(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, Certified Local Government Annual Report Form for the reporting period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

4. Letter of Support: Verizon Fios Broadband Expansion - Gloucester

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Town has been asked the following by Verizon New England Inc. ("Verizon"). Councilor W. Worthy stated that Verizon plans to propose a broadband infrastructure project in Gloucester pursuant to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation ("CommerceRI") Broadband Infrastructure Project's RFP to facilitate broadband access for unserved and underserved residents and businesses. Councilor W. Worthy stated that for consideration, CommerceRI requests that providers obtain letters of support from the municipal leaders of the communities they propose to build out.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that therefore if Council agrees we need to authorize a letter of support.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign a Letter of Support regarding Verizon Fios Broadband Expansion proposed to facilitate broadband access for unserved and underserved residents and businesses; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

E. Relocation of donated trolley - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Councilor S. Arnold stated that he requested this item on the agenda. Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that he feels this trolley should be preserved but it is a tricky situation as the property is not the town's but a private individual's. Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that the school could be a great place for the trolley and perhaps there are grants that could be obtained to help in the preservation process.

G. Trembl, DPW Director, stated that there is space at Ponaganset Middle School and that the DPW will install supports using materials they already have on hand. G. Trembl stated that the owner will be moving the trolley to that location. Councilor W. Worthy stated that a donation to wrap the trolley until it is ready to be worked on has also been received. R. Palazzo, Superintendent of Foster/Glocester Schools stated that she appreciates the outreach and there is excitement to bring the trolley back.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to authorize the DPW to do what is necessary to put the trolley at Ponaganset Middle School; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

F. Candlelight Shopping - Funding - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Charlie Wilson is requesting a conversation regarding town support for police details during candlelight shopping in 2024.

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that last year a motion was made by Councilor W. Steere to authorize an expenditure of no more than \$300.00 from the Town Council Contingency Account to fund a police detail for the 2023 Candlelight Shopping; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame.

C. Wilson stated that the event would take place over three nights in December.

Councilor W. Steere asked Chief Delprete if \$300 was an appropriate amount for one night of a police detail. Chief Delprete suggested that up to \$360 would be more correct.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the expenditure of up to \$375 from Council contingency fund for a police detail on one night at 2024 Candlelight shopping; seconded by; Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

G. Personnel

1. Resignations - Discussion and/or Action

a. Police Dept. - One part-time Dispatcher

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a memo from the Chief for the resignation and an appointment in next item which he read as follows:

TO: Honorable Town Council Members
From: Chief Joseph DelPrete
Date: November 13, 2024
Subject: Police Department Part-Time Dispatcher Resignation
Police Department Part-Time Dispatcher Appointment

Dear Council Members,

I would respectfully request that the Honorable Town Council accept the resignation of part-time dispatcher Thomas Detora effective November 15, 2024. Thomas Detora was a part-time dispatcher the past five months and did an excellent job and needed to resign for personal reasons.

I would respectfully request to appoint Megan Anderson, age 23, of Cranston to a part-time position. Megan Anderson has minimal experience and will need to be in a training period for three months at \$14.00 per hour. Once she successfully completes training she will be afforded a part-time hourly rate of \$24.00 per hour not to exceed 24 hours per week. There will be no fringe benefits with this position and

will effective on Sunday November 17, 2024.

Ms. Anderson will fill the vacancy of part-time dispatcher Thomas Detora. She has successfully completed a police department criminal history and background investigation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph DelPrete

Chief of Police

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ACCEPT the resignation of Thomas Detora from the position of Police Department, Part-Time Dispatcher effective November 15, 2024; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Police Dept. - One part-time Dispatcher

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to APPOINT Megan Anderson to the Police Department, part-time Dispatcher position. During her three month training period the salary will be \$14.00 per hour, upon completion of training the salary will be an hourly rate of \$24.00 not to exceed 24 hours per week. Said position is contingent upon a successful police department criminal history and background investigation and offers no fringe benefits. The appointment is effective on November 17, 2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Public Works - Driver/Laborer I Position

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a request for an appointment from the DPW Director which he read as follows:

November 1, 2024

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Gary Trembl
Public Works Director
RE: Driver/Laborer I Position Appointment Request

The Driver Laborer I position was advertised in the Bargain Buyer and on the Town website from July 17, 2024 thru July 26, 2024. We received 6 applications. Of the 6 we interviewed 3 applicants. One applicant was offered the position but declined. The next applicant that was chosen accepted the position. He has experience driving trucks with trailers and all landscape equipment. He holds a Drivers License with no

restrictions or violations. He passed the BCI and his pre-employment placement physical. He will be a great asset to the department.

I am requesting Wayne E. Tucker be appointed to the Driver/Laborer 1 position effective November 4, 2024 at the rate of \$28.27/hour per the NAGE Union Contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Treml, Director
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to APPOINT Wayne E. Tucker to the position of DPW Driver/Laborer 1 at the rate of \$28.27 per hour; said position is a NAGE Union position and is effective November 4, 2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

H. Ratification

1. Memorandum of Understanding - Discussion and/or Action
Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch & Records Management System Between
Rhode Island Department of Public Safety and Glocester Police Department

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chief has signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the R.I. Dept. Of Public Safety and the Glocester Police Department due to time constraints. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chief explained the MOU in a memo as follows:

This Police Department state-wide Records Management changes has been in the works for five years to improve interoperability with agencies throughout the state.

Last year funding was appropriated by the state to facilitate the project and it is now moving forward. The police department is in the second tier of the state-wide project transition which will take place next late spring early summer. RISP Attorneys have vetted the MOU and RISP will be hosting the servers for the state-wide project.

Once again there will be a funding component to this for the Police Department, and all Rhode Island LE agencies are involved and participating.

(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to RATIFY the MOU, dated September 2024, for a Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch & Records Management System Between Rhode Island Department of Public Safety and Glocester Police Department; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

X. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had any legislative news or questions.

None

XI. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had any correspondence. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received the following items of correspondence:

1. We have a request from a gentleman that would like to walk the town property at 1272 Putnam Pike with a metal detector.
2. We have an invitation for Council to attend the Wreaths Across America program to be held at Ponaganset High School on December 10th at 9:00.
3. A letter was received from the state traffic commission notifying the town of a traffic study request on Route 44 near Inland Marine being placed on an agenda for discussion.

D. Iglizzi stated that Council could allow the gentleman to walk on town property with a metal detector but recommended that he sign a release that also included not entering the building on the property .

Councilors W. Worthy, J Burlingame and W. Steere stated they would attend the Wreaths in America program.

XII. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any department heads have anything to report or if any Council members have any questions for department heads.

K.Scott, Town Planner, asked for an agenda item on January 16, 2025 for the Public Water Feasibility Study consultant to come and speak.

J. Luszcz, Human Services Director, stated his thanks to the police department, Councilor Greathouse, Councilor Burlingame and Councilor Steere with the annual food drive.

C. Wilson stated his appreciation for the Council's donation of the police detail at Candlelight Shopping.

XIII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Board or Commission member has anything to report or if Council members have any questions for any board or commission.

None

XIV. 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.

None

XV. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 10:15 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