

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on October 7, 2021:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Julian (Jay ) Forgue, President; William E. Reichert, Vice-President; Walter M.O. Steere, III; Stephen Arnold; and William Worthy , Jr.

Also Present:

David Igliozi, Town Solicitor; Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; Gary Treml, Director of Public Works; John Luszcz, Director of Human Services; Chief Joseph Delprete; Ken Johnson, Building Official; Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director; Robert Shields, Recreation Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor Forgue stated that this item is for discussion on agenda items and asked anyone wishing to speak to step to the podium and state their name and address.

1. J. Rix, 12 Glasko Way, stated that she is before the council tonight regarding the sound/noise item on the agenda. J. Rix stated that she came before the Council a year ago with the same issue. J. Rix stated the list of problems she experiences living next door to Glad Tidings Church who has been holding outdoor services and events for the past two years due to COVID. J. Rix stated the noise prevents her from the use and enjoyment of her property every Sunday as well as the days of their events. J. Rix stated her concern that the outdoor services and events would continue into the future even past the time when COVID is over. J. Rix stated she has filed complaints with the Police Dept. and she has tried to discuss with the Pastor of the Church. J. Rix stated it isn't just Sunday masses and explained the Church has had multiple events outside. J. Rix stated she is aware of the process of going before the Town to get permission to do certain things on your property, but this group does not get permission. J. Rix pointed out all the portions of the code that state these activities are prohibited, yet the Town has not made them stop. J. Rix would like the Council to take her concerns and suggestions into consideration if and when they make changes to the sound/noise ordinance.
2. Steve Landry, Regional General Manager for Tri-State Golf Co., is the owner and operator of Melody Hill Golf Course. S. Landry stated that he is speaking in regards to, New Business Item C, the request for the town to take over Melody Hill Lane as to paving and plowing. S. Landry stated that the road has residents living on it, the school bus would like to use the road and that the golf course parking lot is a designated Med-a-vac helicopter site. S. Landry

stated that the road is in a poor condition and repeated his request that Melody Hill Lane become a town road.

V. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

A. Approval of Town Council Minutes of September 16, 2021

B. Pole Grant: Pray Hill Road - Installation of intermediate pole 13-50

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of September 16, 2021; and to APPROVE the Pole Grant, pole #13-50, Pray Hill Road; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Boards and Commissions

1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Recreation Commission

1. Position # 2- term to expire 1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #2; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Economic Development Commission

1. Ad Hoc Non Voting Member- Term to expire 1/1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Ad Hoc Non Voting Member; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

c. Budget Board

1. Position #7 -Three year term to expire 1/31/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE the appointment to the Budget Board, Position #7; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

d. Historic District Commission

1. Alternate - Term to expire 11/1/2021

Councilor Forgue stated that the Chair has asked the Council table this appointment to the November 4, 2021 meeting. Councilor Forgue stated that unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to Nov. 4, 2021 the Historic District Commission, Alternate; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Sound/Noise Ordinance - Discussion regarding possible amendments to Code-  
Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Worthy stated that he and the Clerk have been working on this matter and asked to have it tabled to next Council meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the sound/noise ordinance to the next Council meeting; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VII. New Business

A. Bds. and Commissions - Discussion and/or Action

1. Resignation

a. Recreation Commission

1. Position # 1- Unexpired term to expire 1/01/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received the resignation of Deirdra Nicholas from the Recreation Commission

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Deirdra Nicholas from position #1, Recreation Commission; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments

a. Recreation Commission

1. Position #1- Unexpired term to expire 1/01/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #1; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Gloucester Code of Ordinance - Proposed Amendments- Discussion and/or Action

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Chapter 221 Parks and Recreation Areas, Section 5. Firearms

Councilor Forgue stated that after discussion, Council set this first reading for a proposed amendment to Chapter 221 of the Code of Ordinance.

Councilor Forgue stated that the Ordinance, if amended, would be as follows which Councilor Arnold read:

Gloucester Code of Ordinance  
Part 3. General Legislation  
Chapter 221 Parks and Recreation Areas, Article 1, 221-5. Firearms

[Amended 9-3-2009, effective 9-3-2009; Amended 2-6-2020, effective 3-18-2020]

The use of any firearms or bows and arrows is prohibited in all recreation areas, excepting Assessors Plat 2, Lot 13, known as "Williams Mills Conservation Area". Hunting will be subject to any rules and regulations adopted by the managing authority.

(End of Ordinance)

Councilor Forgue stated that to further clarify , the following portion would be removed, eliminating the use of firearms or bows and arrows in that town recreational area: “and Assessors Plat 12, Lots 71A, 92 and 93, known as "Glocester Veterans Memorial Recreation Area."

Councilor Forgue stated that this explanation satisfies the First Reading required by Code, therefore, no further action for this item.

2. Set Public Hearing Date for consideration of Chapter 221 Parks and Recreation Areas, Section 5. Firearms

Councilor Forgue stated that now that the first reading is satisfied the Town Council can set a Public Hearing date for the consideration of this amendment.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to SET a Public Hearing for November 4, 2021 for the consideration of the proposed amendment to Chapter 221 Parks and Recreation Areas, Section 5. Firearms; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Resident Request- RE: Melody Hill Country Club Roads- Discussion and/or Action  
Councilor Worthy asked about paving and the budget. Councilor Forgue invited G. Treml, DPW Director, to speak. G. Treml stated that there are several private roads in town which the town does not plow or maintain. G. Treml stated that if the town were to take over Melody Hill Lane then he expects the other private roads to request being taken over by the town too. G. Treml stated that the town has helped private roads as to providing gravel for potholes but not as to paving and/or maintaining. G. Treml stated that he did measure Melody Hill Lane up to the last house . G. Treml stated the road is 1600 feet long and 26 feet wide. G. Treml stated that it would take about 825 tons of asphalt at a price of about \$54,500 to pave that lane. G. Treml also stated that about 700 feet is in poor condition and would require excavating and about 2900 yards of gravel. G. Treml stated that the prices do not include time, labor, plowing and/or maintenance. Councilor Forgue discussed his development of a private road in town that he was involved in where the residents all contributed to payment for paving and then the Town continued to help with plowing. Councilor Reichert described another private road that was also paved by the town where all the residents of the road contributed to the paving. Ed Delfino , 58 Melody Hill Lane , described the history of Melody Hill Lane. Councilor Forgue stated that as a private road, there is not much the town can do without opening the

door for all the other private roads to request becoming a town road for paving, plowing and maintaining. Councilor Forgue suggested that E. Delfino speak with the residents on the road to see if they would be willing to contribute to the paving. Councilor Steere stated that the town has a process in place. Councilor Steere stated the process as to private roads is for all the residents on the road to contribute to the paving. Councilor Forgue stated again that E. Delfino could speak with the neighbors and if there is a need to place this item on the Council's agenda in the future for him to be contacted. Councilor Arnold suggested that maybe E. Delfino and/or the golf course could research if another entity or a grant could fund the paving. Councilor Steere stated that expectations need to be clear in that even if the residents come up with the money that the Department of Public Works has an existing schedule they will follow for paving in town so the road may not be done as soon as the residents would like. E. Delfino stated that there are 8 houses on the road.

No action taken by Council

D. Draft Policies- Discussion and/or Action

1. Social Media Policy/Acceptable Use

Councilor Forgue stated that the Finance Director has requested an agenda item for consideration of a draft Social Media Policy prepared by Matt Floor, IT Director.

Discussion: A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that at a previous meeting the issue of a social media policy came up as it related to a request by the EDC. A. Muccino stated that it was determined that it made more sense to take a more broader approach for the town at large. A. Muccino stated he sent the proposed draft policy prepared by the IT Director to the Interlocal Trust for their opinion. A. Muccino stated he also reviewed the social media policies from other towns. A. Muccino stated that the Trust suggested two proposed changes (copy handed to clerk) which he then recited. Councilor Worthy questioned whether this would allow boards and commissions to leave on comments. D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, confirmed that town boards and commissions would be able to turn the comments on or off in response to Councilor Worthy's question. Councilor Arnold stated his opinion that a social media page would be a big service to the town especially if people could comment. Councilor Arnold stated his opinion that he liked the changes proposed by the Trust. Councilor Steere inquired as to the existing number of social media pages of the town and verified that Recreation Commission and Public Safety currently have pages. Councilor Steere stated his concerns about expanding social media, especially as to boards and commissions, because of the question of who would monitor the pages. Councilor Steere stated a social media policy may be a good idea but it is difficult to monitor the content and we need to protect the town. Councilor Forgue asked who monitors the information on the Recreation Commission Facebook page. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that he puts the information onto the web page. Councilor Forgue stated that we must protect the town no matter what the decision. A. Sarje, EDC Chair, stated that it took the EDC a lot of time and effort when they were developing their social media policy. A. Sarje stated that in her opinion, the proposed town wide policy is very large and broad which would require an employee to administer. A. Sarje also stated her opinion to keep the ability to comment off in order to not have any 1<sup>ST</sup> Amendment issues. A. Sarje offered to coordinate the chairs of the boards and commissions getting together to discuss this topic if Council would like, and then bring back ideas to the Council before any policy is put into place. Councilor Forgue stated that he thought that was a good suggestion. Councilor Steere stated his concern that perhaps some boards and commissions

may not want any type of social media. Councilor Steere stated again his concerns of consistency of our message and who will monitor as the town hall does not have any employees, currently, who could take over such a time consuming position. Councilor Forgue suggested the chairs of the boards and commissions meet to discuss and get back to the Council. D. Iglioizzi confirmed that a meeting of the chairs of the boards and commissions would not be a public meeting. A. Sarje stated again her opinion that the town does not currently have the resources to monitor such a large policy. Councilor Steere stated that the Council should concentrate on a policy for the town before any policy for boards and commissions is put into place. Councilor W. Steere stated his concerns opening social media up to all boards and commissions. Councilor Steere asked if the Senior Center had a social media page. M. Bouvier, 96 John Street, Senior Center Director, stated that she started a social media page during COVID to give information to the members. The consensus of the Council was to put this item back on as a new item as information is presented.

No action taken by the Council

2. Network acceptable use policy

Councilor Forgue stated that the Finance Director has requested an agenda item for consideration of a draft network acceptable use Policy prepared by Matt Floor, IT Director.

Discussion: Councilor Arnold stated the policy looked pretty cut and dry to him. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked if the Human Resources Director should review the policy including the Trust suggestions as they do include language about the hiring and firing of employees. Councilor Forgue stated his agreement.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to have the Human Resources Director review and make any suggestions or recommendations to the Network Acceptable Use Policy; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

E. Authorization for Signature - Discussion and/or Action

1. Grant Award FY 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program

Project name: Community Emergency Response Team

Special Grant Conditions/Assurances and Reporting Requirement Guidelines

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a Grant Award document as a result of a grant obtained by the EMA Director. Councilor Forgue stated that the Grant is for CERT team funding and the document is a requirement of the grant. Councilor Forgue stated that the document to be signed outlines the grant conditions, assurances, and reporting requirements.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the FY 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program, Project 13-04-2021 Special Grant Conditions/

Assurances and Reporting Requirement Guidelines to be returned to R.I. EMA by October 31, 2021, to finalize the Town's acceptance of this grant award; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

F. Personnel

1. Human Services - Van Drivers - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a memo from Don Zimmerman with recommendations for all of these items which he read as follows:

**TO:** Gloucester Town Council  
**FROM:** Don Zimmerman, Acting Director of Human Resources  
**RE:** Human Services Driver Appointments and Terminology  
**DATE:** October 5, 2021

Robert Lapierre, the Secondary Human Services Van Driver, has resigned, effective October 8, 2021.

John Luszc is recommending that Council appoint Stephanie Kain, currently the back-up driver, to fill the secondary driver position vacated by Mr. Lapierre. Michelle Buxton remains the Primary Human Services Van Driver.

**I have reviewed the recommendation by Mr. Luszc and recommend the appointment of Ms. Kain to the position of Secondary Human Services Van Driver, effective October 12, 2021. As secondary driver, Ms. Kain should be paid \$16.36 per hour, the rate paid to Mr. Lapierre and consistent with the FY2022 budget.**

To fill the back-up driver position vacated by Ms. Kain's promotion, Mr. Luszc recommends hiring George Kain. Mr. Kain has worked as a van driver for Gloucester in 2020 during periods of absence by other van drivers. Mr. Kain has a valid driver's license, an active cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate, and has completed a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) background check with no disqualifying information.

**I have reviewed the recommendation by Mr. Luszc and recommend the appointment of Mr. Kain to the position of Back-Up Human Services Van Driver, effective October 12, 2021. As a back-up driver, Mr. Kain should be paid \$14.58 per hour, the rate paid to Ms. Kain and consistent with the FY2022 budget.**

Please note that Mr. and Ms. Kain are husband and wife. The Town of Gloucester has not adopted an anti-nepotism policy that would prohibit these appointments. While it is often considered a poor human resource practice to have close relatives working in the same department or work group, in this situation the spouses will not supervise one another and they are unlikely to be working together. Nonetheless, I wanted to be sure Council was aware. One potential issue for Council to consider is



that if one of these employees is unavailable because of a vacation or other schedule conflict, it is possible, perhaps likely, that both would be unavailable.

**Finally, I recommend that Council clarify the titles of the van drivers in Human Services, In the past, terminology such as “permanent driver”, “on-call driver”, “temporary driver”, “part-time driver”, “as needed driver” and “fill-in driver” have been used. I think this has led to some confusion. All of the drivers are on-call or as needed. If there are no trips scheduled, no employee is scheduled. They are not temporary in the sense that they only serve for a specific period time, such as during the summer or during a leave of absence, and no one is a permanent employee. Part-time is typically reserved for employees with regularly weekly schedules that are something less than a fulltime schedule.**

**My recommendation is that Council adopt the following job titles for Human Services Van Drivers:**

**Primary Van Driver** – This is a single on-call position currently filled by Michelle Buxton. As the name suggests, this position would be the scheduled for any available trips unless trips were concurrent or unless the primary driver was unavailable for any reason.

**Secondary Van Driver** – This is a single on-call position, previously held by Mr. Lapierre and to be held by Ms. Kain pending Council’s appointment. This position would be scheduled for trips that cannot be completed by the Primary Driver, either because the trips are concurrent or because the Primary Driver is unavailable.

**Back Up- Van Driver** – This is an on-call position held by Ms. Kain and to be held by Mr. Kain pending Council’s appointment. This position would be scheduled for trips when neither the Primary Driver nor Secondary Driver are available or when they are already scheduled at that time.  
(End of memo)

a. Adopt Job Titles

Councilor Forgue stated that as stated in his memo, to clarify Van Driver positions, Mr. Zimmerman has recommended adopting job titles to avoid potential confusion going forward. Councilor Forgue stated that Council has also received a recommendation from the Human Services Director which he read as follows:

Distinguished Members of the Gloucester Town Council:

Last Tuesday 10/5/2021 had a meeting with Don Zimmerman and he was concerned about the terminology which exists in council records pertaining to the Department of Human Services "driver list" and the language describing the different driver titles. I have tried to consolidate this language and submit it to you for your consideration. I have tried to simplify the descriptions and have provided a list of driver titles as well as their responsibilities.

John Luszcz

Director of Human Services

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to ADOPT the following positions for the Department of Human Services, Van Driver:

Primary Van Driver: This position would be scheduled for any available trips unless trips were concurrent or unless the primary driver was unavailable for any reason.

Secondary Van Driver : This position would be scheduled for trips that cannot be completed by the Primary Driver, either because the trips are concurrent or because the Primary Driver is unavailable.

Back-Up Van Driver :This position would be scheduled for trips when neither the Primary Driver nor Secondary Driver are available or when they are already scheduled at that time.

seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked the source of the descriptions. J. Luszczyk, Human Services Director, stated that he met with the acting Human Resources (HR) Director regarding this issue. J. Luszczyk stated that he would like Council to approve his proposed descriptions of 1<sup>st</sup> driver, 2<sup>nd</sup> driver and back up driver instead of the acting HR Director's proposed descriptions of primary driver, secondary driver and back up driver. J. Luszczyk stated that his proposed descriptions seem simpler to him. Councilor Arnold asked if the descriptions in the motion came from the acting HR Director. J. Fecteau stated that the descriptions in the motion came from the acting HR Director. J. Fecteau stated that J. Luszczyk gave her his descriptions earlier today and that they are included in Council's packet. J. Luszczyk stated that his descriptions seem simpler to him but he would be okay with whichever Council decided. Councilor Steere stated his preference for the descriptions given by the acting HR Director.

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Fergue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- b. Resignation
  - 1. Secondary Driver

Councilor Fergue stated that Council has received the resignation of Secondary Van Driver, Robert Lapierre.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ACCEPT the resignation of Secondary Van Driver, Robert Lapierre, effective October 8, 2021; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Fergue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- c. Appointments
  - 1. Secondary Driver

Councilor Fergue stated that the Human Services Director and the acting HR Director have made a

recommendation to fill this position. Councilor Forgue stated that if Council agrees with that recommendation then a motion is in order.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPOINT Stephanie Kain to the position of Secondary Human Services Van Driver, effective October 12, 2021, at a rate of \$16.36 per hour; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated that in the Human Services Director's memo he referenced a pay increase for Ms. Kane. Councilor Forgue stated, to clarify, that S. Kain received a new position which paid more. Councilor W. Steere agreed.

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

## 2. Back Up Driver

Councilor Forgue stated that the Human Services Director and the acting HR Director have made a recommendation to fill this position. Councilor Forgue stated that if Council agrees with that recommendation then a motion is in order:

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPOINT George Kain to the position of Back-Up Human Services Van Driver, effective October 12, 2021 at the rate of \$14.58 per hour; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked if these positions were advertised or posted. A. Muccino stated that he spoke with the HR Director about this question and stated that the HR Director found no record of prior history of these positions being posted. J. Luszczyk stated that the positions were originally emergency positions. Councilor Steere suggested that these positions be posted in the future. Councilor Forgue stated these are part time positions which may explain why they were not posted.

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

## VIII. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Correspondence in packet:

1. Councilor Forgue stated that the Division of Statewide Planning has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Amendment the Council approved earlier this year, which granted increased density for a planned district, Plat 10, Lot 116, Applicant: Overlook Ridge, LLC, Owner: Bella Sand, LLC, on the future land use map. Councilor Forgue stated that Statewide Planning has confirmed that the amendment to Gloucester's Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the requirements listed in §45-22.2-9(d).

IX. Department Head Reports/Discussion

1. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that he had been contacted by a Life Scout, from local Boy Scout Troop, about his Eagle project of a permanent book cubby at the Kent Pavilion and was requesting this item be placed on the next town council agenda.
2. J. Luszczyk, Human Resources Director, informed the Council that his client list has almost doubled and that he has had to increase the food vouchers to \$30 because of inflation. Mr. Luszczyk stated that there are a lot of people coming in and any help would be greatly appreciated. J. Luszczyk stated that donations are increasing. J. Luszczyk informed Council that shopping trips for our seniors have started up. Councilor Steere inquired what the expenditures were this year compared to last year. J. Luszczyk will provide that information. All agreed that the people of Gloucester are, and have always been, very generous.

X. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

1. Councilor Steere asked A. Muccino about the Budget Board agenda. Councilor Steere asked 1) why the Budget Board needed to be informed about the pilot program with FM Global when the Council has not been so informed to date and 2) why is the Budget Board discussing the ballot question about E.M.S. land purchase when the Council has not decided anything. A. Muccino stated that as to FM Global, it is 83% of the town's revenue so the Budget Board is concerned as to how that matter is progressing and as to the ballot question, some members were concerned about the genesis of the question in terms of the need for a facility and the next steps if any. A. Muccino stated that there was discussion only as to both topics and that no action was taken by the Budget Board as to either. Councilor Steere stated that he thought it was odd for the Budget Board to be discussing these topics because the Council has not so discussed. Councilor Forgue asked how A. Muccino was doing making contact with FM Global. A. Muccino stated good. Councilor Forgue and Councilor Steere thanked A. Muccino.
2. Councilor Steere stated that there seems to be a lot of confusion regarding the Recreation Commission as to the charge and/or goals of the committee. Councilor Steere referenced the resignations that have recently been received by the Council from members of the Recreation Commission. Councilor Steere suggested that before Council makes any appointments to the Commission that perhaps the charge could be looked at and clarified so any appointee knows exactly what is expected as a member of the Recreation Commission. Councilor Worthy stated that he, R. Shields and the acting HR Director have been working on the charge in order to make it clear as well as to clarify the separation between the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Director. (Rec Director: not audible) Councilor Arnold stated that the minutes from the last Recreation Commission attempted to address the distinction between the Director and the Commission but agreed that any new member needs to know what is expected. Councilor W. Steere questioned if we need an agenda item to revise charge. J. Fecteau stated that she gave the HR Director some examples from other

communities, with recreation commissions, and that he would be coming up with some recommendations for Council.

XI. Open Forum

1. M. Sweet, 746 Chestnut Hill Rd, stated she is before the Council representing the Gloucester Heritage Society.

M. Sweet stated that the Society had requested financial aid from the Budget Board who had responded generously and thanked the town for their generosity.

M. Sweet handed out a statement of a problem they are having maintaining the insurance policy for the Reuben Mason House. M. Sweet stated that in 2005 the Heritage Society and the Acotes Cemetery Association signed a 100 year lease where the Society would pay the insurance on the Dr. Reuben Mason House and the Job Armstrong Store. The Dr. Reuben Mason house is located on the Cemetery property and the Society owns the Job Armstrong Store. M. Sweet stated that the cost for insurance on these two properties in 2005 was about \$400.00. M. Sweet stated that the cost for the current policy is about \$4000.00. M. Sweet stated that membership has decreased a lot. M. Sweet stated the Society sent notice to the Cemetery Association that they would not be able to pay the insurance which placed the Society in default of the agreement. M. Sweet stated that the Society would like to work things out with the Cemetery Association but to date the Association has not been receptive. Councilor Forgue asked the Finance Director is he could perhaps talk with the Trust to see if the Town can offer any assistance with insurance. M. Sweet stated that the only communication received from the Cemetery Association was a letter from their attorney informing the Society that due to not paying the insurance, the Society was in default of the lease. Councilor Forgue asked if the Society had contacted the attorney and stated that if not then that would be a good start.

2. M. Rechter, 1218 Putnam Pike, gave a history of the clean up of the Chepachet River that was done 28 years ago. M. Rechter stated that the trees, etc. have grown up over time and he would like the Council to consider applying for a grant to clean up both sides of the river. Councilor Steere stated that M. Rechter would need to find out who owns the land and further that DEM would have to be involved. Councilor Forgue stated that the area M. Rechter is suggesting to be cleaned is privately owned so the Council cannot do anything. Councilor Forgue stated that the town can only control the portion down the river that the town owns.

XII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ADJOURN at 9:07 PM ; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

