

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on April 7, 2016:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Walter M. O. Steere, III, President; George O. (Buster) Steere, Vice-President; Edward C. Burlingame; and Steven A. Sette.

Member Absent: William E. Reichert

Also present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Tim Kane, Town Solicitor; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Diane Brennan, Finance Director; Kenneth Johnson, Building/Zoning Official; and Gary Treml, Director of Public Works

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

None.

V. Proclamations- Discussion and/or action

A. Earth Day - April 22, 2016

Councilor Sette read the following Proclamation for Earth Day 2016:

**Proclamation of the Town of Gloucester
#2016-01 Earth Day**

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

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

WHEREAS, in observation of Earth Day, April 22nd, the Conservation Commission has planned many activities, that include: a litter clean-up at Spring Grove Pond and the Cutler Brook Conservation Area in conjunction with the Gloucester Business Association, the clean-up and maintenance of the historic Gloucester Pound located near the Gloucester Police Station; roadside clean-ups at several local neighborhood areas; maintenance and expansion of the Shady Oak Brook Tree Orchard/Community Garden on Reynolds Road; and the distribution of over 1000 free tree seedlings to Gloucester residents; and

WHEREAS, in observation of Earth Day, the Gloucester Land Trust has planned The “Wonders of Vernal Pools” at Steere Hill Conservation area from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm on April 23rd. All ages are invited to share in a walk to view and learn about the animals and plants that rely on these seasonal wet areas and the benefit of vernal pools. The second event to be hosted is entitled: “Take a Walk on the Wild Side” at the Steere Hill Conservation area from 10:00 am to 11:30 am on April 24th. Paul Dolan, past president of RI Wild Plant Society, will point out native plant communities in RI and the vital role they play in our environment. After the walk, RI native tree saplings will be offered to participants.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Council and Town Clerk encourage Gloucester residents to participate in neighborhood cleanups, the Conservation Commission and Land Trust efforts and celebrations of Earth Day.

Walter M.O. Steere, III, President

Jean M Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Dated this 7th day of April 2016

seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

B. Arbor Day - April 29, 2016

Councilor G. Steere read the following Resolution for Arbor Day 2016:

**Proclamation of the Town of Gloucester
#2016-02 Arbor Day**

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

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

WHEREAS, in observation of Arbor Day, April 29th, the Conservation Commission will hold its 42nd Annual Tree Giveaway on Saturday, May 7th where over 1000 tree seedlings, including Eastern Red Cedar, Thornless Honey Locust, and Eastern Redbud will be distributed free of charge to Gloucester residents; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council and Town Clerk of the Town of Gloucester do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Gloucester, and urge all citizens to celebrate by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and we encourage all to go to www.whatgrowsonri.com to view a listing of statewide events.

Further, we urge all citizens to plant trees and promote this celebration of nature for future generations.

Walter M.O. Steere III, President

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Dated this 7th day of April 2016

seconded by Councilor Sette.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Resolution - Discussion and/or action

A. Opposition of House Bill #7985 "An Act Relating to Towns and Cities - Low and Moderate Income Housing"

Councilor W. Steere stated that a bill has been introduced by the House that would impose a fine on communities for each housing unit below their requirement and would let communities buy credits from each other.

Councilor Burlingame stated his opinion that this legislation is the result of the Obama administration and the Raimondo administration attempting to force distribution of low and moderate income housing on various communities. Councilor Burlingame stated that we are 288 units below the 10% for which the penalty is \$2,000 per unit. Councilor Burlingame stated that he feels that this legislation is absolutely onerous and is recommending that the Town Council adopt the following Resolution in opposition:

**Resolution #2016-08
In Opposition of House Bill #7985 Low & Moderate Income Housing**

WHEREAS; the Gloucester Town Council and the residents of the Town of Gloucester support the concept of establishing a goal for a percentage of the housing units in the Town to be classified as low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS; the Town of Gloucester currently requires 10% of the housing units in new

developments to be priced and categorized as low and moderate income affordable;
and

WHEREAS; the Town of Gloucester does not have municipal water and sewage facilities which reduces the opportunity for the construction of large multi unit developments where low and moderate income units could be incorporated; and

WHEREAS; a very high percentage of new home building permits issued in the Town of Gloucester are for individual residences that do not lend themselves to be constructed and categorized as low and moderate income type units; and

WHEREAS; the Gloucester Town Council and the residents of Gloucester believe the penalty, outlined in House Bill #7985, of a fine in the amount of \$2000 for each unit below the 10% goal is inappropriate and places an unfair financial burden on the taxpayers of Gloucester; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gloucester Town Council and the residents of Gloucester oppose House Bill H-7985 amending current legislation regarding low and moderate income regulations and urge our local legislators to oppose this bill when it comes up before the House and our Senator should a companion bill be presented to the Senate.

Walter M. O. Steere, III
President Gloucester Town Council

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2016

seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere commented that this type of legislation would penalize rural communities that do not have sewers and water, such as Gloucester. Councilor W. Steere also noted that the mobile home parks in Town do not qualify as low and moderate income properties, adding that if they were included, we would be very close to the required 10%.

Councilor G. Steere stated that even if we had an old mill building to convert to housing, it would not be feasible because we do not have Town water and sewers.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or action

A. Approval of Town Council Reg. meeting minutes of March 14 & March 17, 2016
Councilor W. Steere stated that approval of the minutes of March 7th, which were tabled at the last meeting, were accidentally left off agenda, however, draft minutes are available to anyone requesting those minutes and will be on Council Agenda for approval on April 21, 2016.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to APPROVE the Town Council meeting minutes of March 14th and March 17th, 2016; seconded by Councilor G. Steere

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Boards & Commissions

1. Conservation Commission - Discussion and/or action
 - a. One alternate 1-year term to expire 2/2017

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the Conservation Commission is meeting at this time and will possibly have a recommendation before the end of the Council meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to TABLE the Appointment to the Conservation Commission until the end of the meeting; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

IX. New Business

- A. Reconsideration of Motion Re: Commitment of Funds to Gloucester School Committee 5-Yr Capital Program (Funding Motion to be reconsidered due to lack of Commitment of matching School Funds) - Discussion and/or action

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that we have not yet received a commitment from the Gloucester School Committee, in the form of a Resolution or a vote, to put that money aside as we have done. Councilor W. Steere commented that the Council should reconsider because the trust factor between the Town and the School Committee at both the local and regional level is nonexistent, in his opinion.

Councilor G. Steere stated that Walter Steere, Jr., School Committee member, has asked to have this matter placed on the Committee's agenda, but it has not yet been addressed. Councilor G. Steere stated that we made a deal and they should keep their end of the bargain.

Walter Steere, Jr. stated that he has always said he would vote for this, but the money should be put in a restricted account so it is not spent on something else. W. Steere, Jr. stated that the Committee has been asked and he thinks it will get done.

Councilor Sette stated that when he saw that this was on the agenda, he contacted the chair of the Gloucester School Committee to ask what was going on and she replied that it was her error that it

didn't get on the School Committee agenda, but they are willing to hold a special meeting to restrict the money. Councilor Sette stated that, as a result, he would ask the Council not to take a vote to reconsider tonight.

Councilor W. Steere stated that it is important that this get done before our public meeting for the Budget, adding that there may be different people sitting on the Council and School Committee in the next Budget cycle. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has made a commitment and it is important for the School Committee to do so too.

Councilor Sette suggested that we reserve the funds and if the School Committee decides not to, we would just not pay for any renovations. Councilor W. Steere agreed, but stated that they have had two (2) meeting cycles to be able to do this, and they have chosen not to, even after it was requested.

Councilor Sette noted that our Public Hearing on the Budget is next Saturday, therefore the School Committee would have to schedule and post a meeting next week. Councilor Sette suggested that the Council state that it should be no later than the Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting or the Council will withhold the funding.

Councilor Sette stated that he will contact the chair to let her know what transpired tonight and that the Council would like this done, preferably prior to the Public Hearing on the Budget, but if not, then prior to the Budget Referendum vote. The Council members agreed.

B. Discussion: Budget Adjustments proposed by Council for consideration at Public Hearing - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere noted that the Public Hearing is set for April 16th, 2016, 2:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium and the hearing is being advertised.

Discussion: Councilor Burlingame stated that there was a question regarding the Senior Center Budget. Councilor Burlingame stated that there was an increase of \$2,000 in the supplies account. Councilor Burlingame expressed his opinion that there should not be a copier available to the public as this increases the cost of toner and paper. Councilor Burlingame stated that if it was only used for the monthly newsletter, the cost would be approximately \$1,400 and questioned why the Budget is \$3,500. Councilor Burlingame stated that when he was at the Senior Center recently talking to the Director, he saw many people using the copier.

Councilor Burlingame also noted that is it not just Gloucester residents who use the Senior Center, stating that of the 483 members, only 175 are from Gloucester.

Councilor Sette questioned several items regarding revenue. Councilor Sette asked if fees are charged for the activities and asked if they operate bingo at the Center. Councilor Sette stated that there used to be a "coffee fund" which was used to cover certain expenses and asked if the fund is still active. Councilor Sette also stated that Senator Fogarty and our Representatives could submit a request for a legislative grant which could pay for the Senior newsletter. Councilor Sette commented that there are many ways to raise money that should be explored.

Councilor Burlingame stated that Burrillville contributes \$4,000 per year and those funds should be used for activities. Councilor Burlingame suggested that the Council not agree to increase the office line item by \$2,000. Regarding the copy machine, Councilor Burlingame stated that it should be kept in the Director's office. Councilor G. Steere agreed that the increase should not be allowed.

Councilor Burlingame stated that the amount for janitorial supplies has been reduced to \$1,500, but noted that we now have outside janitorial services, therefore what level of supplies should remain. Councilor Sette recommended leaving the janitorial supplies budget for this year and if not used, we could reduce it next year.

Councilor Burlingame asked the other members if they want to reduce the office supplies budget by \$2,000. There was Council consensus to do so.

Councilor Burlingame stated that the Little League did not appear before the Budget Board for their \$3,400 allotment and noted that Public Works will no longer perform maintenance on Acotes Field in order to devote more time to improving Leja Field. Councilor Burlingame stated that he received phone calls asking the Council to allocate funds for the Little League to use for mowing by an outside vendor.

Mike Gray, board member of the Gloucester Little League, thanked the Council for all the years they supported the League and apologized for not getting to the Budget Board meeting to discuss their request. M. Gray noted that Bob DiGiulio of the Little League was at the last Council meeting at which time he stated that the Board was fine this year and would prefer that the Town put that money toward Leja Field instead. However, M. Gray stated that they have received price quotes for cutting the fields and it would cost the League between \$6,000 and \$8,000 for the season. M. Gray stated that the lack of funding from the Town and the cost of cutting would create a deficit, which was not planned when registration fees were set. M. Gray stated that the Board members, parents and coaches are willing to help by maintaining the infields and the Director of Public Works has agreed to continue to cut the outfields.

Councilor Sette mentioned that Major League Baseball is accepting applications for field renovations and suggested that this grant opportunity be pursued. Councilor Sette stated that he will forward the link to the Mike Gray.

Gary Treml, Director of Public Works, spoke regarding what needs to be done at Leja Field, stating that it will cost a substantial amount of money. G. Treml further stated that somebody will have to go there every day to water the grass. G. Treml asked who would be using the field and if it justifies the amount of time and effort that will be invested.

Councilor Sette suggested applying for recreation grants from DEM. Councilor Burlingame agreed. Councilor W. Steere stated that we should have the Recreation Director come up with a plan, adding that it is our property and should be kept up accordingly.

Councilor G. Steere stated that water would be needed at the field and a dug well could be installed, but it would take money to do so and to provide the electricity to run it. There was Council

consensus to ask the Planner to work with the Recreation Director with regard to obtaining grant funding.

There was Council agreement to move \$2,000 from the Senior Center budget to that of the Public Works Department/Building and Grounds. (Action to be taken at the Public Hearing on April 16th.)

C. Personnel

1. Public Works

a. Acceptance of Notice of Retirement - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received the notice of retirement submitted by Pete Burlingame, Public Works Driver/Laborer to be effective April 22, 2016.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to ACCEPT (with thanks) the notice of retirement submitted by Pete Burlingame, Public Works Employee, effective April 22, 2016; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

b. Authorize Process to fill position as a result of retirement - Discussion and/or action

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to AUTHORIZE the Personnel Director to post and/or advertise to begin the process for filling the position of Public Works, Driver/Laborer; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that the last time a vacancy was filled in the Public Works Department, five (5) additional applications were held for future vacancies. D. Brennan asked the Council for authorization to contact these applicants prior to advertising the position. D. Brennan also suggested that the applicants be interviewed by the Personnel Board. There was Council consensus that this makes sense.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

2. Town Planner

a. Acceptance of Notice of Resignation - Discussion and/or action

Council has received the resignation of Tim Inacio from the Planning Department.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to ACCEPT (with thanks) the resignation of Tim Inacio from the Planning Department, effective April 23, 2016; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0
MOTION PASSED

- b. Authorize Process to fill position as a result of resignation -
 Discussion and/or action

Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that there is no pool of applicants for this position and asked for authorization to advertise as soon as possible. D. Brennan further stated that there is funding available in the Budget for a full-time Planner. It was stated that the amount of work requires a full-time position. Councilor G. Steere noted that the current Planner was accumulating comp time because he was only here 4 days a week.

Councilor Sette asked if we want to consider sharing a Planner with another town. Councilor Burlingame replied that we probably would not want to at this time due to the number of things that are in progress.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Personnel Director to post and/or advertise to begin the process for filling the position of the Town Planner; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion:

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0
MOTION PASSED

D. Glocester Home Repair

- 1. Authorization for Signature
 - a. 2015 Environmental Review for “Activity that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5” - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that Diane Wrona is requesting the Council sign a standard form required by HUD when set aside funds from a previous years Block Grant are requested.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the 2015 Environmental Review form to be submitted to HUD for the draw down of set aside funds; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

- b. Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere explained that before funds can be released this form needs to be submitted.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds to be submitted to the Division of Planning/Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) to release Federal funds; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

- E. Correspondence: Dept. of Business Regulations - Discussion and/or action
Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received a request from the Dept. of Business Regulations regarding the Kent Property.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere explained that this pertains to Council discussions concerning proposed buildings on the Kent Property. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Department of Business Regulations feels that an architect must draw out plans for review, even though we have not fully determined exactly what will be built there. Councilor W. Steere stated that we need to respond that we are not yet at that stage of the project.

Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, stated that when we get ready to build something on the property, the Building Official gets a stamped set of plans from the proper authority and we take it from there. T. Kane stated that he does not know why the Department of Business Regulations wants to look at architectural drawings at this time.

Councilor G. Steere commented that we are not a “business” and questioned whether they have any jurisdiction over us. Councilor G. Steere stated that we know this came from the person that we appointed to the Historic District Commission who is an architect. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council should answer the correspondence and then think about what to do about the HDC member.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to authorize the Town Council president to respond to correspondence from the Department of Business Regulations as he sees fit; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

F. Gloucester Little League: Maintenance of Fields - Discussion and/or action
MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to authorize the Town Planner to submit a DEM Recreation Grant for funding to upgrade Leja Field; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

G. Correspondence: Letter to Foster Town Council regarding Foster/Glocester Regional School Taxing Authority Proposal - Discussion and/or action

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that the Foster Town Council has considered our proposal to have the Regional School District be a taxing authority. Councilor Burlingame stated that Foster pulled it back from a vote and he has spoken with Gordon Rogers asking that the two (2) Town Councils meet to discuss the matter.

Councilor G. Steere stated that they pulled it back because there were only four (4) members present that night and it would have been a 2-2 vote. Councilor G. Steere stated that Gordon Rogers and another member want to have a joint meeting to hash it out because they feel the motion would fail as it stands now.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to forward correspondence to the Foster Town Council requesting their presence at a Town Council meeting to discuss the contents of Resolution #2016-02 entitled Proposing the Creation of the Foster/Glocester Regional School Tax District; seconded by Councilor Sette.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

H. Boards & Commissions

1. Minutes & Audio filings requirements - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that the minutes are not being kept up to date for some Boards and Commissions. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that the Council needs to send out a memo to every Board and Commission advising that we need to stay in adherence of all Open Meeting laws. Councilor W. Steere noted that one Board that has a paid recording secretary was six (6) months in arrears, adding that if this continues, they may have to consider replacing that person.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to send a reminder to all Boards and Commissions that minutes must be submitted in a timely fashion to comply with Open Meetings Act laws; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

2. Parade Committee

a. Request from Chair to Vacate positions - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that the people in the two positions responded to the Chair yesterday and submitted their resignations. Councilor W. Steere noted that the Chair is working to get volunteers.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to REMOVE from the TABLE the request from the Chair (Parade Committee) to Vacate positions; seconded by Councilor Sette.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

b. Appointments - Discussion and/or action

1. One Alternate Position #3

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received the talent bank application of Kathy Sorensen, whom the Chair would like Council to appoint.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to APPOINT Kathy Sorensen to the position of Parade Committee, Alternate #3 position; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

2. Two Alternate Positions #1 & #2 (if vacated)

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to TABLE filling the Alternate #1 & Alternate #2 positions; seconded by G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Boards & Commissions

1. Conservation Commission - Discussion and/or action
 - a. One alternate 1-year term to expire 2/2017

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to TABLE the appointment to the Conservation Commission for a 1-year alternate term; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

X. Council Correspondence/Discussion

- A. Councilor W. Steere stated that correspondence was received from the Department of Transportation regarding the emergency replacement of a culvert on Chopmist Hill Road. Councilor Burlingame noted that this will cause Route 102 to be shut down at Snake Hill Road.
- B. Councilor W. Steere stated that a letter was received from the Department of Environmental Management regarding high and significant hazard dams in Town. Councilor W. Steere stated that assessments have been completed on three (3) dams which are owned by DEM and approximately 20 dams are in the process of being assessed, one of which is owned by the Gloucester Land Trust.
- C. Councilor W. Steere stated that letters were received from the Trust concerning their 2015 Annual Report and a seminar regarding emergency preparedness in public buildings.
- D. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council received a memo from the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council asking for support for the "RI Green Economy Bond Issue".

XI. Department Head Report/Discussion

- A. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that there will be two (2) Public Hearings at the next Town Council meeting; an expansion to the outdoor sales of alcohol for Cady's Tavern and the first of two (2) Public Hearings concerning the Community Development Block Grant application prepared by Diane Wrona, Planning Clerk.

XII. Bds. and Commissions/ Discussion

- A. George Charette, Planning Board chair, stated that the Planning Board meeting on Monday was cancelled due to the weather, adding that the agenda will be carried over to the meeting of May 2nd. G. Charette also stated that the Board was having a

problem with regard to minutes being handed in on time. G. Charette stated that he has spoken to the recording secretary and she is attempting to catch up.

XIII. Open Forum

A. David Steere spoke regarding House Bill 7454 which addresses support for schools.

XIV. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to ADJOURN at 8: 45 p.m.; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Burlingame and Sette.

 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED