

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on June 2, 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 (arrived at 7:48 p.m.); William E. Reichert; Edward C. Burlingame; and Steven A. Sette.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Marie Sweet spoke regarding the Financial Town Referendum, stating that prior to moving to Gloucester, she never attended any type of financial meeting; the Budget was always something that the Mayor and Council members handled. M. Sweet commented that this is a whole new concept for those who have not lived here for many years, adding that they are not used to being part of the process.

V. Resolution - Discussion and/or action

A. #2016-10 - 2016 RI Interscholastic League Division III Hockey State Champions
Councilor W. Steere stated that we have the honor of acknowledging the Ponaganset Boys Hockey Team. Councilor Reichert read the following Resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION 2016-10

The 2016 RI Interscholastic League Division III Hockey State Champions

WHEREAS: The Ponaganset Boys Hockey Team completed one of its most successful regular seasons in school history with a record of 17-1, **earning the #1 seed in the Division III State Tournament, and**

WHEREAS: The Chieftain Boys Hockey Team continued their regular season success in the playoffs capping their season with a 3-1 victory over West Warwick/Exeter/West Greenwich and sweeping the Division III Championship series at Meehan Auditorium, and

WHEREAS: The Chieftains were led by Freshman Ryan Watts who scored 2 goals in the Championship game and by the outstanding goal tending of Sophomore Curtis Briggs, who saved 22 of the 23 shots he faced in the game and was named the Tournament MVP, and

WHEREAS: Under the leadership of third year Head Coach Danny Morin, along with his coaching staff and Senior Co-Captains Nate Morin and Ethan Sederback, who provided invaluable leadership for an extremely young squad that looks to have an amazing future ahead, the Chieftains sent their fans into a Green and White frenzy with a celebration that Ponaganset hockey players, fans, families and alumni hadn't enjoyed since winning their Division II title in 2000; and

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Town Council, Town Clerk, Jean Fecteau, and all the residents of Gloucester express our sincere congratulations to:

The 2016 RI Interscholastic League Division III Hockey State Champions

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

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that as no one is present to accept the Resolution, it will be forwarded to the Athletic Director.

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

MOTION PASSED

VI. Consent Items - Discussion and/or action

A. Approval of Town Council Reg. meeting minutes of May 19, 2016

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2016; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: Councilors Sette and Reichert noted that they were not present at the meeting of May 19th, 2016.

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of Town Council meeting minutes of May 5, 2016 - Discussion and/or action

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2016; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Community Development Block Grant Application - 2016

 Consideration of withdrawal of application - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that there was discussion at the last Council meeting regarding whether the Town should continue to submit applications for Community Development Block Grants, but the Council chose to wait until there was a full Council present to vote on this item.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that this pertains to potential ramifications for taking Federal grant money due to HUD regulations.

Councilor Burlingame stated that when they changed the regulations in 2014, the only thing we had done that year was \$2000 for the Food Pantry. Councilor Burlingame recommended that this be taken back to give us a clean slate, stating that we could be at risk for Federal mandates. Councilor Burlingame noted that the head of RI Housing will not give any answers one way or another. Councilor Burlingame also recommended that we no longer participate. Councilor Burlingame explained that they are trying to force the issue to have moderate/low income housing in rural communities to get people out of the urban communities, which would increase the cost of schools and raise taxes. Councilor Burlingame expressed that he feels very strongly about this matter.

Councilor Sette agreed and stated that it would also cause issues with zoning. Councilor Sette stated that he would support Councilor Burlingame's recommendations.

Councilor W. Steere concurred, stating that the regulations would usurp local determination regarding zoning, etc. Councilor W. Steere asked Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, for his opinion. T. Kane stated that if in the future, we find out that there will be no strings attached, we could submit an application to start it back up.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to WITHDRAW the current CDBG Application and to return the \$2,000 given to the Food Pantry in 2014; seconded by Councilor Sette.

Discussion: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked if Diane Wrona can contact them, or if the Council must formally withdraw because the application was signed by the Council president. Councilor Sette suggested that we include the discussion and motion made tonight. T. Kane pointed out that we do not want to wait until the next meeting and suggested that Diane Wrona send a letter and include unapproved minutes.

Councilor W. Steere stated that we should be clear that the Council is not against affordable housing and we have things in our Charter that address that. Councilor Sette agreed, stating that when we accept Federal grant money, we have no control.

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

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

C. Financial Town Referendum

1. Voting & Results - Discussion and/or action

Discussion: Councilor Burlingame stated that when he looked at the results of the Referendum, there were some oddities. Councilor Burlingame noted that the Budget was approved 121-99, adding that the Land question had fewer unfavorable votes, and the School issue had even fewer. Councilor Burlingame stated that he doesn't believe in coincidences and these results make him suspicious. Councilor Burlingame pointed out that the \$300,000 for the School renovations was in the overall Budget in question one, and if it had been defeated, it would have made the third question moot.

Councilor Burlingame stated that, as Marie Sweet pointed out earlier, many people come from a true representative government where the Mayor or Council are the appropriating authority and if the people don't like the budget, they can throw them out of office at the next election.

Councilor Burlingame stated that the Council met with the Foster Town Council to propose that the School Department be a separate taxing authority, but the Foster Council was not interested.

Councilor Burlingame suggested that the Charter be changed to make the Town Council the appropriating authority so we don't run into this problem. Councilor Burlingame noted that there were only a few people at the Public Hearing for the Budget and over 200 people voted on the Budget without the benefit of an explanation. Councilor Burlingame stated that the question for a Charter amendment could be placed on the ballot in November, adding that if the voters do not like something the Council does, it will only be a 2-year problem. Councilor Sette replied that 2 years could do a lot of damage. Councilor G. Steere commented that the next slate of Councilors could be just as bad or worse. Councilor Sette stated that he feels that there needs to be more discussion and trying to do it for November is too soon. Councilor Burlingame stated that he just wanted to get the discussion started, sooner rather than later.

Councilor Reichert stated that he was asked what would happen if the Budget was not approved, and he replied that the Budget would have to go back. Councilor Sette stated that what people don't understand is that a very large portion of the Budget has already been decided by the Regional Schools. Councilor Burlingame agreed and stated that the only thing that could be done would be to eliminate employees, reduce the hours of the Transfer Station, or shut down the Senior Center.

Councilor Reichert stated that people do not understand that the Council does not have the authority to not fund the Region. Councilor Reichert noted that years ago the Council fought against the new school, adding that the school was built anyway, taxes went up, and the Council members did not get re-elected.

Councilor Sette stated that the Superintendent presents the School Budget with a 0% increase, yet the Town is appropriating a lot more money for the Schools, so it is not truly a 0%. Councilor Sette stated that the numbers do not lie.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the voters were asked if they wanted to switch to a Referendum and now two years later, we are discussing the Council taking control because the results were too close. Councilor W. Steere stated that he will not vote for anything like that, adding that the voters should have the right to vote on the Budget. Councilor W. Steere stated that if the Budget is defeated, the voters will have to live with the consequences. Councilor W. Steere also pointed out that if the Region also decided to change their Charter and not go to the voters for their Budget, there would be a 4% increase every year.

No Action.

VIII. New Business

A. Town Council Meetings - Summer Schedule 2016 - Discussion and/or action

Discussion: Councilor Sette stated that in the past, the Town Council has had one (1) meeting in July and sometimes one (1) meeting in August. Councilor Sette stated that a decision must be made now to let the public know when the meetings will be held.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to establish a summer Town Council meeting schedule of July 21st and August 18th, 2016, eliminating the meetings of July 7th and August 4th; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: The Clerk stated her office would advertise this schedule.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Bid Extension Consideration - RFP 2016-02 Fireworks - Discussion and/or action

Council has received a memo from Diane Brennan:

To: Honorary Town Council Members
From: Diane L. Brennan, Finance Director
Re: Award of **RFP 2016-02 Fireworks for July 2, 2016**
Date: June 1, 2016

The bid for **RFP 2016-02** for Fireworks was awarded to **Ocean State Pyrotechnics, Incorporated of Hope Valley, RI**. for the amount of \$15,000. I am in receipt of a letter from the vendor freezing the price to past clients for two additional years. At this time, I would recommend the approval of an additional award based on 1) annual adequate funding appropriation and 2) the vendor to meet all compliance requirements (ie proof of current insurance certifications). The new term of this extension would expire July 8, 2018. The annual amount would be for no more than \$15,000 annually for the display or comparable as indicated in the original bid request.
(End of memo)

Discussion: Councilor G. Steere stated that this is a good price and Councilor Sette noted that a 3-

year contract is in line with what is allowed by State law.

MOTION was made by G. Steere to EXTEND RFP 2016-02 Fireworks to Ocean State Pyrotechnics, Incorporated, of Hope Valley, RI for the bid amount of no more than \$15,000, contingent upon annual adequate funding appropriation and with all terms of compliance and conditions, as awarded, met by vendor, said extension to expire July 8, 2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if the vendor could decide to give us less in subsequent years. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, replied that it is described in the terms what they are obligated to provide to us.

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

MOTION PASSED

C. Bid Award: IFB 2016-04 Police Station Roof and Replacement - Discussion and/or action

Council has a recommendation from Diane Brennan:

To: Honorary Town Council Members
From: Diane L. Brennan, Finance Director
Re: Award of **IFP 2016-04 Roof Replacement Police Station**
Date: June 1, 2016

The bid for **IFP 2016-04** for Police Station Roof Replacement was advertised in the Providence Journal on May 4, 2016. The sealed bids were opened by the Board of Contracts on Wednesday May 23, 2016. Two bids were received. The Board of Contracts met on May 4, 2016 to make the recommendation based on the bid responses. The recommendation is to award the bid to **Abbey Roofing Company of North Scituate, RI** for the total amount for the roof of **\$43,750**. There is an as needed price of **\$51 per sheet for ½” plywood replacement** and **\$62 per sheet for ¾” plywood replacement**. These prices are for any additional amounts that may be needed once the project is underway. The recommendation has been evaluated and approved by Gary Treml, director of public works.

(End of memo)

Discussion: The Council members asked G. Treml, Director of Public Works if these prices are in line for this project. G. Treml replied in the affirmative.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to AWARD IFP 2016-04 Roof Replacement - Police Station to Abbey Roofing Company for the bid price of \$43,750, to include the “as needed” pricing of \$51 per sheet for ½" plywood replacement and \$62 per sheet for ¾" plywood replacement for additional material needed once project has commenced; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

D. Authorization & Signature - Discussion and/or action

1. R.I. Open Space & Recreation Bond Fund Local Grants Program
Recreation Grant Agreement, Amendment #1 - Village Green (2013-10-06)

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Clerk has received the contract required by D.E.M. for the extension and change of scope for the grant previously received for the Kent Property, known as Village Green, Contract 2013-10-06.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the R.I. Open Space & Recreation Bond Fund Local Grants, Recreation Grant Agreement, Amendment #1, known as Village Green, Contract 2013-10-06; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that he wants to be sure that the application does not say “utility building” because that is not what we are doing. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the attached letter explains the revised scope of the project.

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

MOTION PASSED

****SEE BELOW - This item revisited later in the meeting.**

2. R.I. Resource Recovery
FY 2015- FY 2017 Solid Waste & Recycling Services Agreement, Addendum
Issued March 29, 2016

Councilor W. Steere stated that we have received a request from Public Works to sign an Addendum to our current R.I. Resource Recovery contract.

Discussion: Gary Treml, Director of Public Works, explained that there have been several changes implemented by RI Resource Recovery with regard to mattresses, box springs and tires. G. Treml stated that the disposal fee for unrecoverable mattresses and box springs will increase to \$50.00 each. Councilor W. Steere asked if RI Resource has given any guidelines regarding what constitutes an item which is “too dirty”. G. Treml replied that it is subjective and will be up to us to determine what is acceptable or unacceptable. Councilor Sette stated that this is to encourage people to have their old mattress removed by the company that delivers a new one. Councilor Burlingame stated he saw a notice placed by the town of Foster in the Foster Home Journal which outlined the new mattress program and suggested that Gloucester do the same. Councilor G. Steere stated that it had been mentioned that the Council would set up a field trip to Jamestown to view their facility. G. Treml stated that the Council could let him know what day they wish to go and he will arrange it.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the R.I. Resource Recovery FY 2015- FY 2017 Solid Waste & Recycling Services Agreement Addendum issued March 29, 2016; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked hypothetically what would happen if the Council chose not to sign this agreement. G. Treml stated that we would have to pay a higher rate for regular trash.

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

MOTION PASSED

**Discussion: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, referred to Item VIII. D. and stated that the application still refers to the 12' x 30' utility building, 40' x 60' open air pavilion, historic artifact display and parking. Councilor G. Steere stated that the utility building must be taken out of the revised scope.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to go back to Agenda Item VIII. D.; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

Councilor Burlingame WITHDREW his MOTION to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the R.I. Open Space & Recreation Bond Fund Local Grants, Recreation Grant Agreement, Amendment #1, known as Village Green, Contract 2013-10-06.

Councilor G. Steere WITHDREW his SECOND.

There was discussion regarding how to proceed with this agreement. Councilor Sette stated that the Council could authorize the Council President to sign the agreement, but to include an explanation why we are no longer entertaining the utility building which was required with the original contract. Councilor Sette noted that since the Town has purchased the property outright, that is no longer necessary. Councilor Sette suggested that a copy of the plan also be attached.

NEW MOTION

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Open Space & Recreation Bond Grant Agreement with the amendment including a second amendment eliminating the utility building, with an explanation that the condition no longer exists; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

E. Special event - Relief from Stipulation for One Event
 Adriana Enterprises, LLC d/b/a/ Sticks Tavern

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received a request from the applicant for relief from one of the Special Event stipulations previously granted. Councilor W. Steere stated the applicant has filled out an application for a special event, to be held on July 23rd, and would like to have a 5 piece band instead of the 3 piece band granted.

Councilor W. Steere read the following into the record:

SPECIAL EVENT STIPULATIONS 2016

APPROVED 11/19/2015

- 1) 12 Special Events from May through October 2016 to include Bike Runs/Charity Events
- 2) not to exceed a four hour period between 1:00 p.m and 6:00 p.m., no consecutive days in the same weekend, including volleyball competitions:
- 3) Subject to: the filing of an application 10 days prior to each event
- 4) Subject to: Crowd management & parking plan filed with each application
- 5) No on-street parking allowed on Route 44
- 6) Should uses not previously discussed, or included on application be requested, additional Council approval may be sought by the Town Clerk
- 7) Must have the approval of the Chief of Police & Fire Chief
- 8) This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause
- 9) Live music will be limited to a three-piece band with no bass or a DJ
- 10) Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas

Discussion: Adriana Iannuzzi, Owner/Applicant, stated that the event that is planned is a benefit for the D-Strong movement and will bring much recognition to the Town. A. Iannuzzi noted that she has already spoken to the Police Chief and the Chief of the Harmony Fire Department.

Councilor Sette asked if all the applicant is asking for is the band, and there would be no other changes such as occupancy. A. Iannuzzi replied in the affirmative. It was stated that the event would end an hour earlier than was previously granted.

Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, stated that a parking plan would be required as well as a life safety plan to be approved by the Fire Department.

Councilor W. Steere stated that he has no problem with this application, but asked the applicant if there is an event planned for this weekend. A. Iannuzzi replied that there is a bike run and a charity volleyball event scheduled for this weekend. Councilor W. Steere noted that these are Special Events for which no applications were filed. A. Iannuzzi stated that if there is no band, it is not considered a Special Event. Tim Kane, Town Solicitor replied that Stipulation #1 states “12 Special Events

from May through October 2016 to include Bike Runs/Charity Events.” Councilor W. Steere stated that if there are vendors or tents outdoors, State regulations would apply. A. Iannuzzi stated that she did not think that bike runs are special events and compared them to somebody having a birthday party, but they show up in cars, not on motorcycles.

Councilor Sette stated that he was not present when the Special Events were approved in November, but he quoted the following from the minutes:

“Discussion: Adriana Iannuzzi, owner/applicant, stated that she thought that bike runs were allowed under her regular entertainment license and a Special Event license would only be required if there was a DJ or outdoor band. Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, stated that a bike run is considered a special event. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked the applicant if she has more bike runs scheduled than stated in her request. A. Iannuzzi replied that she does not know yet as they are scheduled in the Summer.”
(End of quote)

A. Iannuzzi stated that she will consult with her lawyer because neither she nor her father, when he owned the business, ever got a Special Event license for a bike run. Councilor W. Steere stated that if lawyers are involved, he will ask for a show cause hearing at the next Town Council meeting. Councilor W. Steere stated that the events for this weekend should be allowed to go on because it would not be fair to the two charities if they were cancelled. However, Councilor W. Steere stated that if there are vendors present, the Division of Taxation must be contacted and if there are tents, the State Fire Marshal must be notified.

T. Kane stated that the reason for a Special Event license is that the Town Council and Police Department are notified and can plan for the possibility of a large crowd. T. Kane pointed out that not every bar has what Sticks has.

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, addressed the applicant, stating that this has all been explained several times and if she does not understand, perhaps she should meet with the Clerk and the Solicitor to go over it again.

Councilor Sette suggested that the applicant’s attorney review the minutes when all of the licenses were approved last November. Councilor W. Steere stated that he will still ask for a show cause hearing.

Councilor Sette stated that the way it should be is that when we have our licensing hearing in November, there are no more hearings until the following November. Councilor Sette pointed out that it is not just Sticks, it is also Cady’s Tavern that keeps coming back. Councilor Sette stated that the applicant should meet with her attorney and if there’s a difference of opinion, then we have a legal issue which will be referred to the Town Solicitor.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to GRANT relief from the stipulation regarding the three-piece band for one (1) event, the D-Strong benefit, to be held on July 23, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

F. Planning Dept. & Planning Matters: Assistance as needed - Discussion and/or action
Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council had asked Ken Johnson to reach out to former planner, Ray Goff, to see if he would be available to help out should the need arise before a new planner is hired. Councilor W. Steere stated that when asked, R. Goff stated he would be available to review new applications or answer any questions we may have, but he doesn't want to work any regular hours.

Discussion: Ken Johnson stated that R. Goff wants to help out by answering questions by phone or stopping by periodically to lend assistance. K. Johnson noted that they are managing okay in the absence of a Planner, but it would be helpful to have R. Goff available, if necessary. Councilor Burlingame asked if there would be compensation involved. K. Johnson replied that he did not get into that because it is not his purview. Councilor W. Steere stated that he would refer to the compensation that was in place previously when R. Goff served on a temporary basis.

Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that R. Goff was paid \$55.00 per hour on a per-diem basis. D. Brennan stated that interviews of candidates for Town Planner will begin next week.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the compensation of Ray Goff as a temporary "as-needed" consultant to the Town of Gloucester at the hourly rate of \$55.00 per hour not to exceed eight (8) hours per week; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

G. Appointment

1. Public Works: Full Time, Laborer/Driver

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received a memo from the Personnel Director:

To: **Honorary Town Council Members**
From: Diane L. Brennan, Director of Finance/ HR
Date: June 1, 2016
Re: Driver I/Laborer Position

Seven individuals were selected for interviews for the position of Driver I/Laborer. These individuals were hold overs from the earlier Driver I/Laborer opening. Interviews were conducted by Gary

Treml, Public Works Director and myself. In attendance were two members of the personnel board.

The decision was to recommend Ryan M. Beaulieu of 4 Center Road of Chepachet, RI for the position. The decision was recommended by the Director of Public Works. All members of the interview team were in support of the director making the final choice.

The appointment would be for a Driver I/Laborer with a current hourly rate of \$19.69 for a weekly total of 40 hours. This position is eligible for full time benefits as described in the personnel handbook. There is a six month probationary period with incremental step increases occurring every six months until top step is reached. Upon the completion of two years of continuous employment the employee shall be paid the listed amount in the approved budget.

This recommendation is for consideration at the meeting on Thursday June 2, 2016. The recommended start date would be July 5, 2016 for the pay period ending July 16, 2016.
(End of memo)

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to APPOINT Ryan M. Beaulieu to the position of Public Works Driver I/Laborer effective July 5, 2016 at an hourly wage of \$19.69, 40 hours per week; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- H. Boards & Commissions
 - 1. Community Resource Commission
 - a. Resignation
 One Two-year term to expire 01/01/2017

Councilor W. Steere stated that we have received the resignation of Sharon Menard from the Community Resource Commission.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Sharon Menard from the Community Resource Commission for the two year term to expire 1/1/2017; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

- b. Appointment
 One unexpired Two-year term to expire 01/01/2017

Councilor W. Steere stated that at this time there is no recommendation and the Clerk has some names on the talent bank list. Councilor W. Steere stated, he was told, these names have been in the data base for a few years and it is unknown if they are still interested in serving. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the Commission does not have enough members and cannot meet until an appointment is made. J. Fecteau suggested to the Chair that she ask the Council to amended the charge to require fewer members.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Community Resource Commission; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

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

- I. Legislative Discussion with Foster Town Council
 - 1. Results of meeting discussion

Discussion: Councilor Sette stated that the first subject discussed was Capital expenses not being included in the Maintenance of Effort for the Regional School. Councilor Sette stated that there was agreement to make some “language tweaks” and forward it to the State Legislators.

Councilor Sette stated that the second bill (regarding the Region becoming a taxing authority) was poorly written and there is concern, by Foster, with regard to property going to tax sale if tax bills are not paid. Councilor Sette stated that the Foster members of the School Committee are concerned that they would get outvoted by the Gloucester members. Councilor Sette stated that whoever wrote the bill at the State did not do a good job and we will request that the bill be pulled.

Councilor Sette stated that the Foster Town Council agrees with the Gloucester Town Council that a meeting should take place with both Councils and the School Committee. Councilor Burlingame noted that Ron Cervasio, co-chair of the Regional School Committee, attacked Gloucester regarding their surplus and the Vice-President of the Foster Town Council stopped him.

Councilor Burlingame summarized that the meeting went better than he had anticipated. Councilor G. Steere stated that he received a call from Denise DiFranco of the Foster Town Council who stated that she is working with their Finance Director to see if they can send a totally separate tax bill for the Region.

2. Actions necessary - Discussion and/or action

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to pull the Senate Bill regarding the Region becoming a taxing authority; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

IX. Council Correspondence/Discussion

A. Councilor G. Steere stated that he received another complaint about the house in Harmony across from Angell's Auto Body. Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official, stated that the owner has been notified and a demolition permit has been filled out. K. Johnson noted that the vehicles have been removed and the house will be gone by the end of the month. K. Johnson stated that the owner plans to build a two or three family dwelling on the property.

B. Councilor W. Steere stated that a Resolution of support was received from the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District concerning House Bill H-7243 and Senate Bill S-2761, pertaining to gun free schools.

X. Department Head Report/Discussion

A. Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police stated that the Torch Run will take place tomorrow starting at 10:30 a.m.

XI. Bds. and Commissions/ Discussion

None.

XII. Open Forum

A. Donald Simpson, of 150 Lake View Drive, questioned the new regulations regarding mattress disposal.

XIII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to ADJOURN at 9:09 p.m.; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

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

MOTION PASSED