

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on June 16, 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.  
William E. Reichert (arrived after Roll Call)

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

None.

V. Consent Items - Discussion and/or action

A. Approval of Town Council Reg. meeting minutes of June 2, 2016

B Finance Director's Report - May 2016

C. Tax Assessor's Additions & Abatements - May 2016

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to APPROVE the Town Council regular meeting minutes of June 2, 2016; to ACCEPT the Finance Director's Report for May 2016; and to APPROVE the Tax Assessor's ADDITIONS to the 2014 Tax Roll in the amount of \$1,584.86 & the 2015 Tax Roll in the amount of \$2,589.53, there are No ABATEMENTS for May 2016; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

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

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

VI. New Business

A. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events (Parade, Fireworks, Carnival)

1. Approval of Parade Committee Plan - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that Mike DeGrange, Chairman of the Parade Committee, has forwarded a plan for the events surrounding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend to the Council.

Discussion: Councilor Sette noted that the plan indicates that the fireworks will have larger shells than previous years and stated that the motion should include a stipulation that a sign-off is required from the Fire Chief.

Councilor W. Steere asked Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, if he has any concerns with the plan from a public safety point-of-view. Chief DelPrete replied in the negative.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to APPROVE the plan submitted by the Parade Committee for the 2016 - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events on behalf of the Town of Gloucester, with the stipulation that fireworks be approved by the Fire Chief and the State Fire Marshal; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- B. Gloucester Licensing Board
  - 1. Adriana Enterprises, LLC., d/b/a Sticks Tavern
    - Owner: Adriana Iannuzzi
    - Location of Business: 417 Putnam Pike
    - a. Clarification and/or Discussion Regarding Stipulations Granted (Public Hearing of 11/19/2015) - Discussion and/or action

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere read into the record the following motion which was approved at the Town Council meeting of November 19, 2015:

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to APPROVE twelve (12) Special Events from May through October 2016 to include Bike Runs/Charity Events for Adriana Iannuzzi, Adriana Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, 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, subject to:

1. the filing of an application 10 days prior to each event
2. Crowd management & parking plan filed with each application
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44
4. Should uses not previously discussed, or included on application be requested, additional Council approval may be sought by the Town Clerk
5. the approval of the Chief of Police & Fire Chief
6. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
7. Live music will be limited to a three-piece band with no bass or a DJ
8. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas

seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

(End of motion)

David M. D'Agostino, attorney with Gorham and Gorham, appeared on behalf of Adriana Enterprises D/B/A Sticks Tavern, Owner: Adriana Iannuzzi. Atty. D'Agostino stated we are here at Council's indulgence but we have requested an opportunity to be heard. Atty. D'Agostino stated that his client had applied for a Special Event license for a car show to be held last Saturday, adding that, he believes, she provided all of the information to meet the necessary conditions which were just read into the record by Councilor W. Steere. Atty. D'Agostino noted that a license was issued for the car show which stated on the front 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Atty. D'Agostino stated that the problem was that the stipulations listed on the back of the license indicated that Special Events are to be held between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., not to exceed a 4-hour period. Atty. D'Agostino stated that he suggested that his client cancel the car show and ask the Council for clarification. Atty. D'Agostino stated that the Special Event stipulations that were established in November are not exactly workable as written. Atty. D'Agostino stated they are not here to argue that there shouldn't be restrictions, just here for clarification. Atty. D'Agostino stated that car show cars do not park in liquor license areas and the problem may be that there is a conflict with the license as issued. Atty. D'Agostino suggested that volleyball competitions and car shows not be included as special events because they do not involve live music or a DJ.

Councilor W. Steere stated that in November, everyone, including the applicant, agreed to these stipulations and now that it does not fit her needs, she is back before the Council. Councilor W. Steere noted that over the years, the Council has granted many exceptions to the stipulations. Councilor W. Steere stated that, personally, it is tiring, and that the applicant agreed to all the stipulations in November (2015). Councilor W. Steere stated the applicant did not follow all the stipulations.

Councilor W. Steere commented that the applicant had some disparaging remarks and half-truths on Facebook regarding the Licensing Board. When it doesn't fill their agenda we are back here again. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council must balance the consideration of businesses with residents when making decisions. Councilor W. Steere stated that it was suggested at the last meeting that these licenses be granted in November and then we live with it. Councilor W. Steere stated it is not fair to anyone, that the stipulations as written are black and white and any proposals should have been made in November. Councilor W. Steere stated he cannot speak for the whole Council.

Atty. D'Agostino discussed social media and stated he would advise his client not to get involved with that. Atty. D'Agostino stated that the stipulations as they read include an opportunity, through the Clerk, to request a variance from the restrictions. Atty. D'Agostino commented that if everything was done at once, the applicants would ask for "everything under the sun". Atty. D'Agostino stated that one stipulation indicates that "should uses not previously be discussed or included on application be requested, additional Council approval may be sought by the Town Clerk". Atty. D'Agostino stated he think that is intended to allow the clerk to come before you with exceptions and that is a built in opportunity to seek exceptions from the licensing board.

Councilor W. Steere spoke regarding the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., stating that these are the hours that were requested by the applicant at public hearing in 2014 & 2015 and that Council did not make those up. Councilor W. Steere stated that the reference to 12 total events at two per month is not accurate as the events are for 12 between May through October which could be 4 per month. Councilor W. Steere stated this number appeared to be reasonable at the time of approval.

Councilor G. Steere stated that the volleyball reference in the stipulations refers to big tournaments where many teams compete. Councilor G. Steere stated that the whole thing is geared toward outdoor events from May through October and the time frame for bands and DJ's was decided because of noise of bands or dj's, and concerns for the neighbors. Councilor G. Steere stated his opinion that a car show without a dj or a band is nothing more than customers parking in the lot and should not be considered a special event.

Councilor Burlingame stated that there used to be a car show every Thursday night on Route 102 at the Town Line Farm for which a license was not required because liquor was not involved. Councilor Burlingame pointed out that at Sticks, there is alcohol on the premises, and stated that there needs to be some clarification to what is reasonable. Councilor Burlingame expressed his opinion that volleyball and car shows should not qualify as special events. Regarding bike runs, Councilor Burlingame commented that although there is no band, there is congestion and a lot more issues and he would draw the line there. Councilor Burlingame stated that the Council left the door open by putting in the stipulation that additional Council approval may be sought by the Town Clerk for uses not previously discussed.

Councilor W. Steere mentioned charity events, asking if they are all considered special events. Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, stated that we have worked with each applicant to define what constitutes a special event for them. Atty. Kane stated that special events, by definition, is special and not normal business. Atty. Kane stated that it is clearly stated that bike runs are special events that either start at the establishment or end there, or maybe both. Atty. Kane stated it is important to know what is going on. Regarding volleyball, Atty. Kane questioned whether they are just Saturday leagues or big competitions with music that draw people from all over. If it is just a league, Atty. Kane stated that the Council has no problem with it, but a tournament is different and may need approval from the Police Chief.

Atty. Kane noted that the Special Event License was granted at a Public Hearing and cautioned the Council that any changes should also be made at a Public Hearing.

There was Council discussion regarding whether car shows are special events.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. do not work, according to the stipulations.

Councilor Sette stated that at the last meeting, relief was granted from the stipulation regarding a 3-piece band, and there may be other times when relief can be sought but stated that if there are frequent requests for exceptions, why have the hearing in November. Councilor Sette stated the

Council is looking to have an idea up front of what will be going on so that we can plan accordingly Councilor Sette stated this applies to all establishments.

Atty. D'Agostino stated the licensing regiment puts business owners in a difficult situation because they have to interpret what is or isn't on the list.

Atty. D'Agostino stated they want to respect the requirements and be a good neighbor but further clarification may be needed. Atty. D'Agostino stated they don't want to be before Council on a licensing issue. Atty. D'Agostino asked the Council if they want a master list in November for the year or do they want his client to come back each time she has an event.

Councilor W. Steere referred to the stipulation that the Town Clerk will seek Council approval for events other than what is specified, stating that the Clerk cannot grant exceptions these things need to go to the Council. Councilor W. Steere further stated that it is the responsibility of the applicant to follow the rules that are in place. Councilor W. Steere stated that over the last 8 years, the Council has approved many requests because people have proven that they can do it without issues. Councilor W. Steere stated that there is a point where "enough is enough" and business can only do so much. Councilor W. Steere stated this board has approved many requests.

Councilor G. Steere stated that the stipulations are pretty good the way they are written and he feels that it is more of a definition issue. Councilor W. Steere stated that if an event brings more people than normal, it should be a special event. G. Steere stated that the idea of a business is to bring more people in; if they have capacity for 150, they want to bring 150, adding that this will not impact the neighbors unless there is a band or DJ. Councilor G. Steere stated that a car show that does not have a band or DJ should not be considered a special event. Councilor Burlingame agreed that we discussed these issues as they related to noise and perhaps car shows should be taken off the list of events. Councilor W. Steere pointed out that car shows have amplification.

Councilor Sette noted that all these things were granted at a Public Hearing and any changes or clarification should go back to a Public Hearing so that people have an opportunity to speak to these issues. Councilor Sette also stated that if we change any of this now we have to look at all establishments.

Councilor Burlingame stated that "charity events" should be clarified. Atty. Kane stated that there should be clarification regarding volleyball, car shows and bike runs. Atty. Kane stated the problem is we agreed on all these parameters in November. Councilor Sette suggested that the Council wait until November when all of the applicants are present to make any changes.

Council discussed some of the definitions and stipulation in place.

Councilor Burlingame stated we need to use common sense and stated the applicant signed off on these things in November and then came before us last meeting for relief.

Council Reichert asked if other establishments, in other towns, require special event licenses for car shows. It was determined the examples given did not have liquor licenses.

Atty. Kane asked Atty. D'Agostino if this would pose a problem for the rest of the summer. Atty. D'Agostino noted the problem is that his client was issued a license for an event from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., but on the back it stipulates that these hours are not allowed. Atty. D'Agostino stated that the event was a car show, which ought not to be considered a special event and should not fall under the criteria of one.

Councilor Burlingame questioned if charity events fall under the same classifications.

Councilor W. Steere stated that if we don't classify car shows as special events, everybody will be having them and it will cause problems such as parking on the street. Councilor W. Steere stated that the whole idea of special events is to allow businesses to do more than is normally allowed, but there must be some regulations to allow the town to handle these events.

Discussion followed on a public hearing would be needed for any changes to be considered.

Councilor Reichert addressed the applicant, stating that instead of posting on social media, she should have called one of the Town Council members.. Councilor W. Steere stated for the record that neither the Town Council or the Town Clerk directed the applicant to cancel the event. Councilor W. Steere stated the applicant stated she had cancelled "in good faith" and the facebook posts do not reflect "good faith".

Councilor W. Steere read several of the comments posted by the applicant on Facebook regarding the cancellation of the car show.

Councilor W. Steere stated he knows there are people present because of the posts and to clarify he stated again that neither the Town Council or the Town Clerk directed the applicant to cancel the event.

Councilor G. Steere again stated that the stipulations are fine, but there needs to be some clarification regarding special events, adding his opinion that all charity events are not necessarily special events. Councilor G. Steere further stated that it is impossible for any business to come in November with a schedule of all the events for the next year. Councilor Burlingame stated that we must be willing to be flexible and reasonable because we cannot anticipate everything.

Atty. D'Agostino asked that the Council allow some definition regarding bike runs.

Councilor W. Steere stated all he asks is that everyone do what they agreed to.

Councilor Burlingame stated we just need some more definition and reach a consensus on what the words mean.

Councilor Reichert agreed we cannot change everything now but we can try to work this out.

Councilor G. Steere stated the definitions should apply to everyone.

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that she is not willing to spend all day, every day, trying to keep four (4) businesses happy. Regarding holding a public hearing, J. Fecteau questioned who will bear the cost of that hearing.

Councilor G. Steere stated all things focused around the noise of a band or DJ and it was part of the motion back in November.

Discussion followed on possible solutions to clarify this issue.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to direct the Town Solicitor to meet with Atty. D'Agostino and come back to the Town Council with a response to the questions discussed tonight; seconded by Councilor Sette.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

Councilor W. Steere asked if this opens us up to discussion with the three (3) other establishments and their attorneys. Atty. Kane stated that this is just to determine what is the plan for the rest of the summer, and recommended that any changes to the stipulations be done at a Public Hearing.

b.           Consideration to Call Show Cause Hearing - Disc. and/or action

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that at the last meeting, the Council approved the exception to a stipulation for the D-Strong fundraiser, and at that time it was determined that the establishment had two (2) events planned for the same day, a bike run and a charity volleyball tournament, adding that no applications had been filed for either of these events. Councilor W. Steere stated that the applicant was advised that vendors at the events would have to obtain tax certificates and any tents would have to be inspected by the State Fire Marshal. Councilor W. Steere further stated that Public Safety was not made aware of the events. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that a show cause hearing should be called regarding this issue. Councilor W. Steere stated that he would be willing to waive the volleyball tournament since we are unclear as to whether this is a special event, however there is no misinterpretation regarding the bike run. Councilor W. Steere stated Council often states if there is an issue we can come back and address it, and he now feels this is an issue. Councilor W. Steere asked for Council's thoughts.

Councilor Sette asked when these events happened. Councilor W. Steere stated June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Burlingame asked if these events were advertised. Councilor W. Steere replied that Sticks does not have a website, but they advertised on their Facebook page.

Councilor Sette asked if there is anything in writing on this.

Atty. Kane explained that procedurally, this is not the hearing to take action on the license. Atty. Kane asked the Council if they wish to have a Public Hearing to take action and, if so, due process would be followed.

Councilor Sette stated that he is looking for more information and Councilor Burlingame stated that he is not in a position to make any recommendation. Councilor W. Steere stated that it was a bike run, it did happen, he witnessed this event and there were barbecues and tents, but no application was submitted. Councilor W. Steere expressed his opinion that there has been a violation of all of our stipulations. Councilor Burlingame stated that he cannot make a decision because he has no information whatsoever and did not see anything.

Councilor W. Steere stated he is not making this up. Councilor W. Steere stated Council can refer to the minutes because the applicant stated she had these events.

Councilor W. Steere suggested that the Council have a special meeting to discuss this because, as the Licensing Board, we have to do something. Atty. Kane stated that progressive discipline could be implemented in the form of a warning and the event could be counted as one of the special events allowed. Atty. Kane noted that in the case of a liquor license, a written warning is usually issued the first time, and if a violation occurs three (3) times, the Licensing Board can shut down the business for a week.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council can either have a hearing or not, but the violation did happen. Councilor Sette stated that it would have been nice to have a “heads up” that Councilor W. Steere wanted to put this on the agenda and the reasons why. Councilor W. Steere stated he did discuss this at the last meeting. Councilor Burlingame stated that when he heard that there was the possibility of the consideration of a show cause hearing, he sent a note to the Town Clerk stating that he did not want it on the agenda because he had no information to be able to support that. Councilor W. Steere stated that he will ask to put it on the next agenda and there will be plenty of information to move forward with something. Councilor Burlingame stated let’s get the information that will support the basis for a hearing and then we can decide from there. Councilor Burlingame stated he does not wish to be blind sided.

Councilor G. Steere agreed that more information is needed before the Council can proceed. Councilor W. Steere stated that this is a clear violation. Councilor G. Steere replied that it might be, and if he had the information in front of him he would give his opinion because he is not going on a “witch hunt”.

C. Gloucester Memorial Park - Use and/or Access to Building, Past & Future  
Discussion and/or action

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that over the last two (2) years, the Middle School has used the facilities at the park and has left them in “less than stellar” condition. Councilor W. Steere suggested that they be notified that they may use the ball fields but will no longer have access to the building or the Senior Center. Councilor W. Steere stated that a letter, with photos of the interior of the building, should be sent to the Athletic Director as an explanation. Councilor Sette suggested

an alternative that if they wish to continue to use the facilities, they hire a cleaning crew at their expense instead of the Town's Public Works Department. Councilor Burlingame stated that this makes sense because the girls need to have a changing room. Councilor Sette commented that we need to have documented on file who the cleaning crew is and that they come in at whatever time the Director of Public Works suggests.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame that the Council send a letter to the Recreation Director stating that he is responsible for ensuring that any use of the Gloucester Memorial Park building be the responsibility of the outside agencies using it; that the building be maintained by the hiring of an outside crew; and that a form be signed by the user agreeing to these stipulations; seconded by Councilor Sette.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

D.       Gloucester Tax Bills - Discussion and/or action  
          Re: Addition of Regional School information

Councilor Sette this is a continuation of a discussion with Foster Town Council.

The Finance Director informed the Council that the Foster Finance office has indicated that they would be adding one additional category to their tax bills for the tax rate due to the region. D. Brennan stated that, currently, we show the cost to the school and the cost to the town and with a change our bill could have what the tax rate allocation for each group is: the local School, Regional School and Town – and the breakdown for each. D. Brennan stated these amounts are after the D. Brennan questioned if the Council was in favor of adding this item to the tax bill.

Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that she has spoken to Kelli Russ, Foster Finance Director, who stated that on their tax bills, they break down their allocation among three (3) groups; the Regional Schools, the Local Schools and the Town. D. Brennan stated that she created a chart which shows Gloucester's breakdown for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2017 and is investigating the possibility of putting this information on our tax bills. D. Brennan and asked the Council if they would be in favor of this. There was agreement among the Council members and Councilor W. Steere noted that the allocation going to the Region this year is nearly 48% . Councilor Sette noted that since FY14, the amount of tax paid to the Region has increased .95 per thousand, the and the local schools have actually gone down a penny.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Finance Director to put specific information on the tax bills regarding the Regional School District's expenses; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- E. Appointments - Discussion and/or action
  - 1. Dept. Of Public Works
    - a. Litter Crew 2016 Supervisor

Councilor W. Steere read the following request from the Public Works Director:

June 15, 2016

To: Town Council

From: Gary Trembl

Public Works Director

Re: Appointment Litter Crew Supervisor

I am requesting that Aaron Dupuis be appointed to the position of Litter Crew Supervisor. He was the Supervisor last year and is familiar with the job and the responsibilities. Aaron will be working 16 hours per week at a rate of \$12.00/hour starting July 5, 2016. The program will run from 7/5/16 - 8/12/16.

Gary

(end of memo)

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to APPOINT Aaron Dupuis to the position of Litter Crew Supervisor for the period July 5, 2016 to August 12, 2016 at a salary of \$12 per hour for 16 hours per week; seconded by G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Litter Crew 2016 Lottery

Councilor W. Steere explained that a lottery of names of those that have applied will be conducted with the first two names drawn appointed and the rest of names reserved as alternates in the order they are drawn.

Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that there are five (5) applicants, one of whom is not a resident of Gloucester.

Edna Kent, Town Historian, drew the names in the following order: 1)Jeffrey Bourgeois; 2)Christine Brassard; 3) Jane Oliver; 4)Mary Lennox; and 5)Kyle Wilkinson.

MOTION was made Councilor Sette to APPOINT Jeffrey Bourgeois & Christine Brassard to the Litter Crew for the period July 5, 2016 to August 12, 2016 at a salary of \$9.60 per hour for 16 hours per week, with the remaining applicants utilized as alternates on an “as needed” basis in the order drawn by lottery, Jane Oliver, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate; Mary Lennox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate; and Kyle Wilkinson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate, non-resident, (the same terms of employment shall apply); seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

2.       Police Department
  - a.       Recruit to Municipal Police Academy

Councilor W. Steere read the following request from the Chief:

To:     Honorable Town Council  
From:  Chief Joseph DelPrete  
Date:  June 13, 2016  
Subj:  Police Officer Appointment

Dear Council Members:

I would respectfully request to appoint Christopher J. Famiglietti, of Cranston to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy commencing on Monday July 18, 2016. This appointment is contingent on the successful passing of the state mandated psychological test, interview, and medical physical examination prior to the start of the academy.

His training academy salary will be \$500.00 per week until December 16, 2016, with single medical coverage provided by the Town of Gloucester on July 1, 2016 with 15 % medical copay as outlined in the IBPO collective bargaining agreement. After successful completion of the R.I. Municipal Academy he will be granted a one year probationary police officer position with the Gloucester Police Department with a salary of \$49,241.46 and benefits, and also to include any changes that may occur with the upcoming 2017 IBPO local #638 contractual agreement.

This appointment is necessary to fill an anticipated police officer vacancy in the next several months.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joseph DelPrete  
(end of memo)

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to APPOINT Christopher J. Famiglietti to the Gloucester

Police Department effective July 18, 2016. Said appointment is contingent upon successful completion of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy. Training Academy salary to be set at \$500 per week until December 16, 2016 with single medical coverage provided by the Town of Gloucester on July 1, 2016 (with 15 % medical copay as outlined in the IBPO collective bargaining agreement), after successful completion of the R.I. Municipal Academy a one year probationary police officer position will be granted with the Gloucester Police Department at a salary of \$49,241.46 and benefits, to include any changes that may occur with the upcoming 2017 IBPO local #638 contractual agreement; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

### 3.       Town Planner

Discussion: Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that interviews were conducted with two (2) of the eight (8) applicants for the position of Town Planner. D. Brennan stated that one (1) applicant is very qualified, but wishes to work part-time instead of full-time as was advertised. D. Brennan noted that all parties that participated in the interview process feel that this individual would be a qualified candidate who would offer a lot to the Town. D. Brennan asked the Council if they would consider hiring a part-time Planner.

Councilor Steere asked how many days. D. Brennan replied that the individual has proposed two (2) days per week, Monday and Thursday, to coincide with Planning Board and Town Council meetings. D. Brennan stated that it is hoped that the person would be accessible by phone or email the other three (3) days to answer questions, if necessary.

Councilor Burlingame commented that this person is extremely qualified and has served as Planner in a municipality out of State. D. Brennan stated that there is an element of familiarity with the Town of Gloucester as the individual served as a Planning Intern here at one point.

Councilor Reichert commented that he was against part-time because of a previous situation, however he feels that this would be a totally different scenario.

Councilor Burlingame stated that several years ago, we had a part-time high-level Planner who was able to get the job done, adding that we know it can work with the right people.

Councilor W. Steere stated that it would be nice to have somebody with a little more “face time” here, but he would feel comfortable if we could work something out where the person would be available to work on different things from home.

Councilor Burlingame stated that this was discussed and the two (2) clerks in the office are very capable of responding to residents’ questions, and if they need to communicate with the Planner,

they will do so. Councilor Burlingame stated that there will always be a face in there for someone to talk to.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Finance Director to proceed with discussions with the potential Town Planner on a part-time basis; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- F.     Authorization of Town Council President to Sign - Discussion and/or action
  - 1.     State of Rhode Island & Town of Glocester  
          Code Red Memorandum of Understanding

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Chief of Police has requested that the Council sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Rhode Island Emergency Management. The Code Red provided by the state is for municipalities to use in emergencies. This system would be in addition to our existing local code red in the event of an emergency.

Discussion: Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, stated that this system would be a back-up which would be there if we decide to opt out of our own Code Red system. Councilor G. Steere referred to #6 of the Memorandum of Understanding and asked if this would be piggy-backing on our system. Chief DelPrete replied that it has nothing to do with ours, adding that we would have something to fall back on to notify the public in the case of emergencies such as hurricanes, etc.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Code Red Memorandum of Agreement (dated June 2, 2015) between the Town of Glocester and the R.I. Emergency Management Agency; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- VII.   Council Correspondence/Discussion
  - A.     Councilor W. Steere noted that the fireworks display will take place on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - B.     Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council received a copy of an editorial from the Providence Journal addressing regionalization.

- C. Councilor W. Steere stated that an invitation was received regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Woony River Ride, an event to raise funds and promote the Woonasquatucket River Greenway Bike Path.
  - D. Councilor W. Steere stated that an email was received from the Lt. Governor with regard to sharing services throughout the State.
  - E. Councilor W. Steere stated that correspondence was received from the RI Infrastructure Bank with regard to financing opportunities for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.
  - F. Councilor W. Steere stated that a letter was received by the Town Clerk from the Statewide Planning Program regarding Gloucester's Draft Comprehensive Plan.
  - G. Councilor W. Steere stated that a letter was received from Tim Lemire asking for the Council's support regarding a law which requires divorcing parents of children under the age of 18 to complete some type of education, a seminar or class, before their divorce is processed.
  - H. Councilor W. Steere stated that a Resolution was received from the Town of Richmond concerning opposition to the proposed tolling gantries. Councilor Sette asked that this be placed on the next Town Council agenda to support this Resolution.
- VIII. Department Head Report/Discussion
- A. Councilor W. Steere asked Judy Branch, Director of Human Services, if the Food Pantry gets many donations from different charity events, such as bike runs. J. Branch replied that Cady's Tavern is the only one that donates.
  - B. Councilor W. Steere asked Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official, for an update on the dilapidated building on Putnam Pike which was to be taken down by the end of last week. K. Johnson stated that the attorney called today and explained that the demolition has been delayed due to asbestos shingles which must be separated from the remaining materials.
- IX. Bds. and Commissions/ Discussion
- None.
- X. Open Forum
- A. George Charette stated that the Ponaganset baseball team won the State Championship tonight and commented that the team and the Athletic Department deserve recognition.
- XI. MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant

to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining: Contract Negotiations; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

XII. Reconvene Open Session (Disclose votes taken in Executive Session)

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to reconvene Open Session; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to disclose that no votes were taken in Executive Session and to SEAL the minutes of Executive Session; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

XIII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to ADJOURN at 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

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