

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on November 17, 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; William E. Reichert; and Edward C. Burlingame.

Member Absent: Steven A. Sette

Also present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; William Bernstein, Assistant Town Solicitor; Susan Harris, Deputy Town Clerk; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Diane Brennan, Finance Director; Gary Trembl, Director of Public Works; Karen Scott, Town Planner; and Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

None.

V. Public Hearings

A. 24-HOUR VICTUALING LICENSE RENEWAL - Discussion and/or action

1. Chepachet Deli & Catering, 842 Putnam Pike
2. Harmony Kitchen, LLC, 401 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised on October 27th, Nov. 3th & Nov. 10th, 2016 in the Valley Breeze/Observer.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Open and asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the renewal of these licenses.

Discussion: None.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to GRANT the RENEWAL of 24-hour Victualing Licenses to:

1. Chepachet Deli & Catering, 842 Putnam Pike
2. Harmony Kitchen LLC, 401 Putnam Pike

contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Police approval and/or Fire inspection as needed; current: 4) Health Department approval; 5) Food Manager Certificate; 6) Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only and are valid from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- B. VICTUALING LICENSE RENEWALS - Discussion and/or action
1. Aegean Pizza, 1195B Putnam Pike
 2. Burrillville/Glocester Youth Soccer Association, 1407 Putnam Pike (Concession Stand)
 3. Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
 4. Chepachet Farms, 226 Tourtellot Hill Road
 5. Chester's Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
 6. DePetrillo's Pizza & Bakery, 1153 Putnam Pike
 7. Dino's Park N Shop, 1020 Putnam Pike
 8. Dunkin Donuts, 1006 Putnam Pike
 9. Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike
 10. Glocester Little League, 1011 Putnam Pike (Concession Stand)
 11. Harmony Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Road
 12. Knight Farm, Farmer's Omelette, 1 Snake Hill Road
 13. Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
 14. Philanthropy Tea & Coffee Company, 11 Money Hill Road
 15. Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane
 16. Sticks Tavern, 417 Putnam Pike
 17. Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike
 18. The Road House Farm, 312 Chopmist Hill Road
 19. Tilted Tavern, 2400 Putnam Pike
 20. The Village Bean, 15 Money Hill Road

Councilor W. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/ Observer on Oct 27th, November 3th & 10th, 2016.

Councilor W. Steere Declared the Public Hearing OPEN and asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of these licenses.

Discussion: None.

Councilor W. Steere Declared the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Victualing License to all applicants named above contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Police approval and/or Fire inspection as needed; current: 4) Health Department approval, 5) Food Manager Certificate, 6) Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only and are valid from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

C. CLASS A LIQUOR- RETAILER RENEWALS - Discussion and/or action

1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Christy's Liquors, 1184 Putnam Pike
2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 3rd & 10th, 2016.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding these license renewals.

Discussion: None.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

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

1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Christy's Liquors, 1184 Putnam Pike;
2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike;

contingent upon 1) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 2) Fire inspection & Police Chief approval as needed; current: 3) Rhode Island B.C.I. check, 4) Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 5) Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 6) Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 7) R.I. Dept. of Health Certification; & 8) payment of all Town taxes; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premises only and are valid from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

D. CLASS BV LIQUOR-RETAILER LICENSES RENEWALS - Discussion and/or action

1. Chester's Restaurant, Inc., Barbara Hamill, William J. Hamill III, Ann Marie Hamill, Barbara Royer and Patricia Johnson, d/b/a Chester's Restaurant , 102 Putnam Pike
2. Melody Hill Country Club, Inc., Dianne R. Delfino, d/b/a Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
3. Agios Inc., Panagiota Arsoniadis, d/b/a Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike
4. Prickly Pear, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane
5. Tyo-Ristaino Corp., Stephen & Robin Tyo & Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
6. Adriana Enterprises, LLC, Adriana Iannuzzi, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, 417 Putnam Pike
7. Tilted Tavern, LLC, Jessica Fogue, d/b/a Tilted Tavern, 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 3rd & 10th, 2016.

Councilor W. Steere declared the Public Hearing OPEN and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding these license renewals.

Discussion: David D'Agostino spoke on behalf of Ana Iannuzzi of Sticks Tavern, stating that their application indicated that they are requesting permission to be open an hour later on the day preceding a holiday. D. D'Agostino clarified that they are specifically seeking permission to be open one hour later on the evening before Thanksgiving of this year. Councilor W. Steere asked what the current closing time is at Sticks. D. D'Agostino replied 1:00 a.m. and they are requesting to extend it until 2:00 a.m. the night before Thanksgiving.

Councilor W. Steere expressed his opinion that the closing time should remain at 1:00 to be consistent with other establishments and in consideration of the neighbors. William Bernstein, Assistant Town Solicitor, stated that this Public Hearing is for license renewals and any additional hours of operation would require another Public Hearing which would have to be advertised as such. D. D'Agostino asked if the advertising is the responsibility of the applicant. W. Bernstein replied that the Clerk's office would advertise, however the advertising fee would have to be paid in advance.

Councilor W. Steere asked if anyone else wished to be heard. Hearing none, Councilor W. Steere

Declared the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to GRANT a Class BV Retailer Liquor License to all applicants named above contingent upon:

1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire inspection & Police Chief approval as needed; current: 5) Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 8) copy of menu, 9) Rhode Island B.C.I. check; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only with the exception of:

- 4) Prickly Pear, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza ;
- 5) Tyo-Ristaino Corp., Stephen & Robin Tyo and Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cady's
- 6) Adriana Enterprises LLC, Adriana Iannuzzi, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, 417 Putnam Pike (additional stipulations as granted previously apply);

these licenses are valid from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

E. CLASS BT LIQUOR-TAVERN RENEWAL- Discussion and/or action

1. DLUM, LLC , David Lumnah, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike
Councilor W. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 3rd & 10th, 2016.

Councilor W. Steere Declared the Public Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the license renewal.

Discussion: None.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class BT-Tavern License to: DLUM LLC, David Lumnah, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire inspection & Police Chief approval as needed; current: 5) Rhode Island

Certificate of Good Standing, 6) Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) copy of menu, 9) Rhode Island B.C.I. check; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- F. CLASS BV LIQUOR - LIMITED RENEWAL - Discussion and/or action
 - 1. Knight Farm, LLC, Joseph Iacofano, d/b/a Knight Farm Farmer's Omelette, 1 Snake Hill Road

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 3rd & 10th, 2016.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the license renewal.

Discussion: None.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class B-V Limited License to Knight Farm, LLC, Joseph Iacofano, d/b/a Knight Farm, 1 Snake Hill Road; contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire inspection & Police Chief approval as needed; current: 5) Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 6) Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 7) Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) copy of menu, 9) Rhode Island B.C.I. check; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017;

seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- G. NEW LIQUOR LICENSE: CLASS BV - RETAILER LICENSE - Discussion

and/or action

1. Neutral Zone, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a, Cedars Cigar Lounge, 16 Terry Lane, Unit #8

Councilor W. Steere explained that a license was granted to this applicant last November. Councilor W. Steere stated we are here again because, according to State Law, if the license requirements are not met within one year's time, the granting is null and void and the applicant has to reapply.

Councilor W. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 3rd & 10th, 2016.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding this application.

Discussion: Bill Kapanakis, owner of Neutral Zone, spoke regarding his application, stating that the license was granted last year, however he has not finished the work yet and has about four (4) months left. B. Kapanakis asked that the license be approved again with the same stipulations as before.

Councilor W. Steere asked if anyone else wished to be heard. Hearing none, Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to GRANT a Class BV Retailer Liquor License to: Neutral Zone, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a, Cedars Cigar Lounge, 16 Terry Lane, Unit #8 contingent upon:

1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License for Unit #8; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire inspection & Police Chief approval as needed; current: 5) Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 8) copy of menu, 9) Rhode Island B.C.I. check; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- H. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES RENEWALS - Discussion and/or action
1. Chester's Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Chester's Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
 2. Prickly Pear, Inc., d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane

3. Tyo-Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady's Tavern 2168 Putnam Pike
4. Adriana Enterprises LLC, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, 417 Putnam Pike
5. Tilted Tavern, LLC d/b/a Tilted Tavern, 2400 Putnam Pike
6. The Purple Cat Vineyard & Winery, Inc., 11 Money Hill Road

Councilor W. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Observer/Valley Breeze on Nov 3, 2016.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Open and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the license renewals.

Discussion: David D'Agostino, representing Sticks Tavern, stated that he had communicated with the Town on Sept. 22nd and Sept. 30th in a comprehensive license application process. D. D'Agostino stated that he received correspondence from the Town Solicitor on Oct. 13, 2016 and read from the letter as follows:

“Dear David,

Jean Fecteau has referred your Sept. 22, 2016 correspondence to me for a response. Please be advised that the Town Council will only be acting on Entertainment Licenses for all businesses this Fall. It is my understanding that the Town Council will be addressing the activities described in your correspondence for all establishments early next year. I am attaching a portion of the minutes from past year outlining the parameters of your client's Entertainment License. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact me.”

Regarding the Entertainment License renewal, D. D'Agostino stated that his client had requested the opportunity to have, once per month May through October, a full band on either a Saturday or Sunday for a four (4) hour period between the hours of 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM for a Saturday and 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a Sunday. D. D'Agostino referred to the Entertainment License Chapter 173 and asked for consideration of this request.

William Bernstein, Assistant Town Solicitor, stated that he has discussed this request with Tim Kane, Town Solicitor and it is their opinion that the events described by D. D'Agostino are Special Events and will be taken up shortly by the Council. W. Bernstein noted that the events would not take place until later in the year, therefore there is plenty of time to get those requests before the Council.

Councilor W. Steere asked if anyone else wished to speak regarding the license renewals. Hearing none, Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to GRANT an Entertainment License to:

1. Chester's Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Chester's Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
2. Prickly Pear, Inc., d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane
3. Tyo-Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady's Tavern 2168 Putnam Pike

4. Adriana Enterprises LLC, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, 417 Putnam Pike
5. Tilted Tavern, LLC d/b/a Tilted Tavern, 2400 Putnam Pike
6. The Purple Cat Vineyard & Winery, Inc., 11 Money Hill Road

contingent upon 1) Payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 2) Fire inspection & Police Chief approval as needed; these licenses are valid from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017 and are subject to the following stipulations:

1. That all entertainment be confined to the inside of the building, **with the exception of: #4. Sticks Tavern, per Expansion granted on March 5, 2015 and #6. The Purple Cat Vineyard & Winery, Inc. per expansion granted on August 20, 2015.** The stipulations approved for outdoor entertainment apply, **in addition,** to the following stipulations for all indoor entertainment:
 2. That all windows on the premises are kept closed, but not permanently, and that doors are only opened for normal ingress and egress from the premises.
 3. That all live entertainment cease at 1:00 a.m.
 4. When there is live entertainment, the Town Council, at its discretion, may assign a supplemental police officer or officers at such time and in such a place as the Town Council deems appropriate and the license holder shall reimburse the Town of Gloucester for the expense of such police officer(s):

and to any other reasonable conditions and restrictions as the Town Council may from time to time require.

seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- VI. Consent Items - Discussion and/or action
 - A. Approval of Town Council regular meeting minutes of November 3, 2016
 - B. Tax Assessor's Additions & Abatements - October 2016
 - C. Finance Director's Report - October 2016

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to APPROVE the Town Council meeting minutes of November 3, 2016; to APPROVE the ADDITIONS to the 2016 Tax Roll in the amount of \$1235.98; the ABATEMENTS to the 2016 Tax Roll in the amount of \$139.90, the 2015 Tax Roll in the amount of \$464.60, the 2012 Tax Roll in the amount of \$17.23, the 2011 Tax Roll in the amount of \$26.98, the 2009 Tax Roll in the amount of \$89.50, the 2008 Tax Roll in the amount of

\$84.80, & the 2007 Tax Roll in the amount of \$62.64; and to APPROVE the Finance Director's Report for October 2016; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Boards & Commission

1. Appointment

a. Senior Center Board of Directors

One term to expire 10/2021 - Discussion and/or action

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to TABLE the appointment to the Senior Center Board of Directors, one term to expire 10/2021; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

b. Affordable Housing Board

One term to expire 12/2016 - Discussion and/or action

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to TABLE the appointment to the Affordable Housing Board, one term to expire 12/2016; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A. R. I. Dept. of Transportation - Discussion and/or action

1. Project Updates/Discussion

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Planner received an email from D.O.T. this afternoon indicating that the representatives are unable to attend the meeting this evening.

2. Construction & Maintenance Agreement (for the improvements to Routes 44/102/100, including the roundabout, between Town of Gloucester & R.I.D.O.T.)

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to REMOVE from the table the Construction and

Maintenance Agreement by and between the State of Rhode Island and the Town of Glocester; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Glocester Code of Ordinance - Discussion and/or action

1. Chapter #350-46 Solar Facilities

a. Proposed amendment - 1st Reading

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Planner and the Planning Board have worked with the Solicitor to prepare a proposal for an amendment to our current Solar Ordinance. Councilor W. Steere stated, if Council prefers, the first reading can be waived and an explanation of the proposal can be given instead.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to WAIVE the 1st Reading of a proposed amendment to Chapter #350-46 Solar Facilities; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

Karen Scott, Town Planner, stated that the proposal is to take out the current text of Chapter 350-46 “Solar Facilities” and replace it in its entirety with this new language. K. Scott explained that right now solar facilities of any size are allowed in any district. K. Scott stated the new Ordinance would divide solar facilities into 3 sizes; small - which is up to 25 kilowatts and is what is typically found on a residential house; medium- which is 26 kilowatts up to 249 kilowatts and would require major land development and development plan review by the Planning Board and would have to meet all performance standards outlined in the Ordinance; and large installations - which are 250 kilowatts up to 5 megawatts. K. Scott explained the large facilities would be subject to the same conditions as the medium facilities, as well as require a Special Use Permit from the Zoning Board. K. Scott noted that all of the performance measures are detailed in the Ordinance. K. Scott commented that this is a way to accommodate the use of solar while ensuring that it blends into the Town’s character.

Councilor Burlingame asked K. Scott if she looked at other communities’ ordinances. K. Scott replied that this is a conglomeration of several different ordinances from towns in Rhode Island and also the model ordinance for solar which was put out by a county in Pennsylvania. K. Scott stated that different aspects were chosen to fit the Town’s character, adding that the Planning Board is open to all suggestions.

William Bernstein, Town Solicitor, stated that decommissioning costs are addressed in the Ordinance and noted that bonding would be required in the event that the solar facility is no longer in use. W. Bernstein commented that this is a well thought out piece of legislation.

Councilor W. Steere expressed thanks to the Planner, Planning Board and Legal Department for their work on this. Councilor W. Steere stated that copies of the draft are available for review.

b. Set Public Hearing Date

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Clerk has reviewed the dates and advertising deadlines for an amendment to the Zoning Chapter. Councilor W. Steere stated the Planner and Town Clerk are requesting a hearing be set, at the earliest, December 15, 2016.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to SET a Public Hearing Date of December 15, 2016 for consideration of an amendment to Chapter #350-46 Solar Facilities, said hearing to be advertised per Gloucester Code of Ordinance; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

C. Authorization for signature - Discussion and/or action

1. Annual Certificate of Compliance - Records Officer (Town Clerk)

Councilor W. Steere explained that the Town Clerk has been maintaining certification as a Public Records Officer and has recently completed viewing the annual training session. Councilor W. Steere stated the Clerk is requesting the Town Council President sign her current compliance form to be forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Certificate of Compliance, Access to Public Records, Compliance by Agencies & Public Bodies, dated November 17, 2016; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

D. Boards & Commissions

1. Resignation - Discussion and/or action

a. Budget Board - One unexpired three year term to expire 01/2018

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Clerk has received the resignation of Patricia Henry from the Budget Board to become effective in January 2017.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to ACCEPT the resignation of Patricia Henry from the Budget Board, effective January 3rd, 2017 from an unexpired three year term set to expire 01/2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere thanked Patricia Henry for her service on the Budget Board and the Council members welcomed her as a newly-elected member of the Town Council.

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

MOTION PASSED

IX. Town Council Correspondence and/or Discussion

A. Councilor W. Steere stated that correspondence was received regarding Candlelight Shopping for 2016. Councilor W. Steere stated that in the past, the Town has supported the event by covering one of the Police Details. Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, stated that he is in the process of scheduling the details and in the past, his Department has taken care of two (2) and the Council has taken care of the remaining detail. There was Council consensus to do the same this year and it will be on the next agenda for ratification.

B. Councilor W. Steere stated that he has received communication regarding whether the Council wants to have wreaths hung from the light poles in the Village as was done the past couple of years. Councilor W. Steere noted that the cost would be less than \$500. This will be on the next agenda.

X. Department Head Reports/Discussion

A. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that Candlelight Shopping will take place on December 1st, 8th and 15th.

XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/Discussion

None.

XII. Open Forum

A. David LaPlante, of Absalona Hill Road, spoke regarding Affordable Housing in Gloucester. D. LaPlante stated that the proposal that he has heard about is 41 rental units behind the old pharmacy, which would be a burden to the schools. D. LaPlante also stated that due to the possibility of septic problems, they are proposing compost toilets. D. LaPlante commented that these require work and people who are renting the properties will not do the work. D. LaPlante further stated that renters do not have a stake in the community.

D. LaPlante stated his opinion that affordable housing is buying a house you can afford. D. LaPlante suggested following what other towns are doing to create affordable housing through ownership. D. LaPlante stated that Burrillville has a process by which people can have a family member help construct these houses. D. LaPlante stated that if we have to go to affordable housing, it would be wise to take notice of what kind of affordable housing would fit the Town.

D. LaPlante reiterated his opinion that 41 rental units will be a burden to the schools and Public Safety. D. LaPlante stated that affordable housing may be necessary, but towns must look at how they create that affordable housing.

B. Councilor Burlingame stated that he appreciates D. LaPlante's comments and concurs with everything he said. Councilor Burlingame stated his opinion that this is another example of the Governor trying to redistribute people from the inner cities out to the urban communities as a form of redistribution of wealth. Councilor Burlingame stated that we took action by getting out of the Western RI Home Repair Program and not taking HUD money so we would not be subjected to this, and he hopes we were not too late. Councilor Burlingame stated that the proposal for 41 rental units will ruin the Village and create financial problems for the Town. Councilor Burlingame stated that he is glad D. LaPlante brought this up and people must understand how serious an implication this is.

C. George Charette, of Chopmist Hill Road, & Planning Board chair, stated that he was aware eight (8) months ago of this affordable housing project that was being contemplated with a non-profit from Woonsocket. G. Charette expressed his opinion that this would jeopardize the future of every taxpayer in this Town. G. Charette stated that he has seen pictures of nice-looking buildings, two and three bedroom units, but the percentage of tax that would be paid to the Town would be almost nothing. G. Charette stated that his problem with this is that the Planning Board worked a long time to enhance and beautify the Village by creating the Village Overlay District, but a section of the District was lost this year because of apartment buildings being constructed off of Route 100. G. Charette stated that we must not let this happen.

D. Don Simpson, of Lake View Drive, spoke regarding solar energy, asking if something can be done to make the facilities less visible. Councilor W. Steere replied that an Ordinance has been written and there will be a Public Hearing next month.

XIII. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining: Contract Negotiations

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining: Contract Negotiations - Discussion and/or action; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

XV.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to Adjourn at 9:34 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED