

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on April 20, 2017:

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: George O. (Buster) Steere, Jr., President; Edward C. Burlingame, Vice-President; Walter M. O. Steere, III; and Patricia Henry.

Member Absent: William E. Reichert

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Mike Ahnrud, Conservation Commission chair, thanked the Council for issuing the proclamations for Earth Day and Arbor Day. M. Ahnrud noted that on Saturday, the Conservation Commission will be doing a clean-up at the Cedar Brook Restoration Area on Route 44. M. Ahnrud further stated that the Commission will be having a clean-up sometime this Spring at the Wilder Family Burial Plot on Joe Sarle Road.

M. Ahnrud stated that in the Arbor Day Proclamation, two (2) of the listed seedlings are incorrect: the Eastern Red Cedar and Thornless Honey Locust will not be distributed. M. Ahnrud stated that the White Flowering Dogwood and Colorado Blue Spruce will be given in their place.

V. Resolution

A. Opposition to Governor's proposal for Two year "Free-College"

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council voted to send a resolution in opposition of the Governor's Free College initiative.

Councilor Henry read the following Resolution into the record:

**RESOLUTION 2017-08
RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS: Governor Raimondo introduced the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship in 2015 which she states will make it more affordable for Rhode Islanders to pursue a post secondary degree or credential. Per the Governor, this program would be a need based, last-dollar scholarship and the RI Promise Scholarship "fills the gap" between a student's financial aid package and the actual costs of college; and

WHEREAS: Governor Raimondo's proposal would provide free tuition and waive mandatory fees for two years for Rhode Island students in good standing at the University of

Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island;
and

WHEREAS: at Governor Raimondo’s testimony before the House Finance Committee, on March 15, 2017, the Governor stated that the program costs “less than one-half of one percent of our State budget and doesn’t require any new tax increases”; and

WHEREAS: The Senate Fiscal Office Report, dated February 16, 2017, states the costs of this Program is estimated at 10 million dollars in the first year, rising to 30 million dollars by 2021 to the taxpayers statewide; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Gloucester Town Council urges our Senators and Representatives to **OPPOSE** the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship Initiative, and we ask Governor Raimondo to reconsider this Scholarship as we feel it will be forcing taxpayers to shoulder a further financial burden and/or may result in the loss of existing programs that taxpayers have previously approved and now rely on for their own financial stability.

George O. Steere, Jr.
Gloucester Town Council President

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Dated this 20th day of April 2017

seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere commented that he is opposed to this initiative because the money will come from other programs, and noted that once these students have finished school, they can leave the State. Councilor W. Steere stated that New York has a provision that students have to stay for a certain amount of time or they would have to pay the money back. Councilor W. Steere further stated that in a perfect world, this is a great idea, but they say we don’t have money to fix roads. Councilor W. Steere stated that this does not affect us directly, therefore he feels that we don’t need to send this Resolution.

Councilor G. Steere disagreed and stated that it will affect us directly if they spend \$30 million a year that we don’t have to spend.

Councilor Burlingame stated that it is important to send a message that this is a stupid idea.

Councilor Henry stated that it is important to send the Governor as many messages as we can from the Town of Gloucester that we are not into being mandated. Councilor W. Steere responded that the Governor does not know where Gloucester is and she does not care.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Proclamations- Discussion and/or action

A. Earth Day - April 22, 2017

Councilor G. Steere stated that we have our annual Earth Day Proclamation, which was read into the record by Councilor W. Steere:

**Proclamation of the Town of Glocester
#2017-01 Earth Day**

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

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

WHEREAS, in observation of Earth Day, April 22nd, the Conservation Commission has planned many activities that include: a trail walk and litter clean-up at Heritage Park in conjunction with the non-profit group Northwest Rhode Island Supporter of Open Space; the clean-up and maintenance of the historic Glocester Town Pound (located near the Glocester Police Station); the Cutler Brook Riparian Restoration Area along Route 44; roadside clean-ups at several local neighborhood areas; maintenance and expansion of the Shady Oak Brook Tree Orchard/Community Garden on Reynolds Road; and the distribution of over 1100 tree seedlings to Glocester resident at no charge; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is being recognized in Rhode Island by activities that will take place statewide all month and beyond. The Town Council supports the activities of the 47th year of Earth Day in Glocester, statewide, nationally, and on a global level, and we encourage our youth and adults alike to take a pledge to keep Rhode Island “Clean and Green”; and

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

George O. Steere, Jr.
Town Council President

Jean M Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Dated this 20th day of April 2017

seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

B. Arbor Day - April 28, 2017
Councilor G. Steere stated that we also have a proclamation in recognition of Arbor Day, which was read into the record by Councilor Burlingame:

**Proclamation of the Town of Gloucester
#2017-02 Arbor Day**

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

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

WHEREAS, In observation of Arbor Day, April 28th, the Conservation Commission will hold its *43rd Annual Tree Giveaway, on Saturday, May 6th*, where over 1100 tree seedlings, including White Flowering Dogwood, Colorado Blue Spruce and Eastern Redbud, will be distributed free of charge to Gloucester residents; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the Town Council and Town Clerk of the Town of Gloucester do hereby proclaim April 28, 2017 as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Gloucester, and urge all citizens to celebrate by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and we encourage all to go to www.whatgrowsonri.com to view a listing of statewide events.

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

George O. Steere, Jr.
Town Council President

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Dated this 20th day of April 2017

seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Public Hearings
A. Entertainment License

1. Application to amend existing Entertainment License
Applicant: Adriana Enterprises, LLC - d/b/a Sticks Tavern
Location: 417 Putnam Pike

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised on April 6, 2017 in the Valley Breeze and notices were sent to the abutters.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN.

The applicant has submitted the following request:

Once per month, a full band (to include bass guitar and drums), from May to October for up to four (4) hours at a time between the hours of 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Saturdays and for up to four (4) hours at a time between the hours of 2:00 PM -7:00 PM on Sundays.

Discussion: David D'Agostino, attorney from the firm Gorham & Gorham, appeared on behalf of applicant Adriana Iannuzzi, d/b/a Sticks Tavern. D. D'Agostino reiterated the requested uses before the Council and stated for the record that, he feels, the location of Sticks Tavern and the nature of the surrounding area is such that the addition of drums and bass will not constitute a nuisance in the neighborhood. D. D'Agostino also pointed out that last year, the Council had granted an exemption or special dispensation to Sticks Tavern allowing a full band at a fundraising event for the D-Strong movement. D. D'Agostino noted that there were no complaints as a result of the benefit. D. D'Agostino pointed out that this request is for a full band once per month and not for every Special Event. D. D'Agostino stated that he would be happy to answer any questions for the Council or the public.

Councilor W. Steere asked if the request is on top of the Special Event application that will be heard later. D. D'Agostino replied that it is not another event and stated that the Special Event request is for two (2) events per month which would have musical entertainment. D. D'Agostino explained that this proposal would allow a full band at one (1) of the events per month.

Councilor G. Steere stated that this is for outside and would throw it into a Special Event anyway with a band outside. D. D'Agostino stated that since Sticks has an existing Entertainment License, they are looking for permission to expand the license to go to what they have described as a full band once per month, which would, most likely, coincide with one of the Special Events they have requested. Councilor G. Steere stated it appears that would take up one of your special events. D. D'Agostino agreed, they would like to have one full band at one of those events each month.

Councilor G. Steere asked Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, why this request wouldn't be part of the Special Event requirements instead of an expansion of the Entertainment License. T. Kane replied that we could do both if we make sure to clarify events. D. D'Agostino referred to last September when his client appeared before the Council and there was a question regarding whether the Entertainment License Expansion had been properly advertised. D. D'Agostino stated that it had not at the time and they simply proceeded to request consideration of the entertainment piece. D. D'Agostino stated that they are trying to maintain consistency with what we asked for back then. Councilor G. Steere noted that the Council has since revamped the Special Event process and anything with a band outside would automatically become a Special Event.

Atty. Kane stated the Council could handle this as proposed with added stipulations relating to Special Events. Atty Kane stated it does go to the Entertainment License also. Atty. Kane felt this was the way Council should handle this request.

Councilor W. Steere expressed his opposition to this proposal and stated that there are some residents present who are against it and the Council must listen to them. Councilor W. Steere stated that we have a responsibility to the residents of this Town. Councilor W. Steere further stated that each year, this applicant asked for a little bit more and we tend to give them everything they ask for. Councilor W. Steere stated that he is against this; if they want to keep the acoustics outside, that is fine because we had no problems with that last year, but this would take it to another level. Councilor W. Steere also stated that other establishments will be looking for the same thing.

Councilor G. Steere agreed that this takes it to another level, which is why the Council had stipulated a 3-piece band with no bass. Councilor G. Steere noted that they were allowed a full band for the D-Strong event, and no complaints were made. Councilor G. Steere asked if anybody wished to speak regarding this application.

Missy LaPlante, of Absalona Hill Road, stated that when she first moved to their current address Sticks was a small bar with 30 seats. M. LaPlante stated that they have continued to expand. M. LaPlante stated that they can hear the volleyball games including the language. M. LaPlante stated that Special Events are fine once in a while but she hears the motorcycles arriving and leaving. M. LaPlante commented that there is no control in the parking lot and she can hear all the conversations. M. LaPlante stated that other neighbors hear it also and have to bring their children inside so they don't hear it. M. LaPlante stated that they have a right to sit outside and the hours of 4:00 to 9:00 are when they are working in their yards or having a get-together. M. LaPlante again stated that an occasional event is okay, but it is never enough for the applicant. M. LaPlante acknowledges they want to make money but that they don't want to hear them.

Councilor G. Steere asked M. LaPlante if the time frame would make a difference, such as 1:00 to 5:00. M. LaPlante replied that she does not know if it would make a difference because when the motorcycles leave, they do so loudly. M. LaPlante recommended placing a Police car across the street so the motorcycles don't take off like that. M. LaPlante stated she understands the applicant has to make a living, but she does not want to hear this every weekend or every other weekend for six (6) months. M. LaPlante stated that they can hear the acoustic music and it is not bad, but if you add drums and amplification, it would be too much.

Councilor Henry stated that the applicant is asking for up to four (4) hours from 4:00 to 9:00 on a Saturday and up to four (4) hours on a Sunday from 2:00 to 7:00. Councilor Henry commented that Sunday is a day that people should be able to have a peaceful afternoon with their families. Councilor Henry suggested that we find some middle ground by allowing Saturday evenings but not Sundays, and maybe three (3) times per season rather than six (6).

Councilor W. Steere pointed out that they are allowed to have a full band inside their establishment any time they want.

Councilor Burlingame stated his opinion that this could become a "slippery slope" and other establishments may ask for the same deal. Councilor Burlingame noted that if this type of thing took place at Cady's, the neighbors would go crazy. Councilor Burlingame stated that the Council must be careful because how do you say okay for one and not another. Councilor Burlingame stated Councilor W. Steere point that they have indoor entertainment was well taken but when you get outside consideration of the neighbors has to be considered.

Councilor G. Steere stated that he doesn't think there have been any complaints with the way it is now, with the 3-piece acoustic band.

D. D'Agostino stated that his client would be willing to waive the Sunday event altogether because they want to be good neighbors. D. D'Agostino stated that there is a difference between music and the effect of loud motorcycles leaving the establishment. D. D'Agostino pointed out that they have music outdoors now anyway and are requesting a reasonable expansion of that. D. D'Agostino further stated that under Chapter 173, the Council has the ability to shut down events should they become a public nuisance, which is not their intention.

Councilor Henry asked if the volleyball events take place every weekend all summer long. D. D'Agostino replied that they happen quite frequently. Councilor Henry stated that she is trying to get a sense of what the neighbors already tolerate. Councilor Henry stated that she would be willing to give them one (1) special band activity for the summer during that 6-month period on a Saturday night.

D. D'Agostino pointed out that when there is a Special Event application, there are traffic safety plans, fire marshal plans, Police details, etc. D. D'Agostino also stated the outside area of the request is quite large, completely fenced and contains over 21 picnic tables.

Councilor G. Steere stated that last years stipulations included a 3-piece band was allowed to play for a 4-hour period from 1:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Henry commented that we have never had an amplified band outside, except for the D-Strong event, which was a one-time deal. Councilor Henry stated that, if the neighbors do not object, she is willing to give the applicant one (1) event from May to October on a Saturday night for a 4-hour period between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Councilor Henry asked if it is too crazy can we renege on this use the next time. Atty Kane stated in the affirmative.

Russell Gross addressed the Council, stating that they are missing the whole point and invited them to come to his property on the weekend and listen to the motorcycles. R. Gross stated that you can't have a conversation with 100 motorcycles going by. R. Gross stated his opinion that the motorcycles are a bigger issue than the music. Councilor G. Steere agreed but stated that there is nothing we can do to control the motorcycles. R. Gross stated that at Cady's, there is a large sign asking the motorcyclists to respect the neighbors and to leave quietly. R. Gross stated have a police officer checking the pipes on motorcycles. Councilor Henry suggested that we direct Sticks to put up a similar sign.

Councilor G. Steere stated that the application for expansion of the Entertainment License is up to the Council. Councilor Burlingame expressed concern that other establishments will come in and ask for the same thing. Councilor G. Steere noted that we put stipulations on outdoor entertainment for that reason and stated that we did allow the D-Strong event as a one-time thing because it was a good cause.

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

Hearing no MOTIONS, no action was taken on the application.

Discussion: Councilor Henry stated that she can't imagine that there is a tremendous hardship to the business and the issue of quality of life for the neighbors outweighs that in her opinion.

B. 2017 Special Events for Liquor Establishments

1. Adriana Iannuzzi, Adriana Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Sticks Tavern
Location: 417 Putnam Pike, Glocester, RI
Request for miscellaneous Special Events with Outdoor Entertainment
May - October, 2017

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on March 30, 2017 and abutters notices were sent.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor G. Steere stated that this request is for 12 events, 2 per month, all events will include a three piece band or DJ and all music limited to 4 hours between allowed times.

Discussion: David D'Agostino, representing Sticks Tavern, stated that this is a request for a total of 12 events, 2 per month over a 6-month period. D. D'Agostino stated these fall under the Special Event Ordinance, which was recently amended, and are outdoor events where there is entertainment as the Council has redefined. D. D'Agostino noted that this application mirrors what was granted last year. D. D'Agostino stated that he will answer any questions the Council may have.

Councilor W. Steere stated that his concern lies with the outdoor occupancy. Councilor W. Steere stated the applicant addressed this with the Fire Marshall for an outdoor occupancy number and stated that it should remain the same as the indoor capacity, in case there is bad weather. Councilor W. Steere also expressed concern regarding large crowds, stating that we have a small Police Department.

D. D'Agostino stated that the outdoor occupancy is established by the State Fire Marshal's Office as 750 with the 21 picnic tables, and 1122 with no picnic tables. D. D'Agostino noted that the indoor capacity of Sticks Tavern is 144, and in the case of inclement weather, only 144 would be allowed inside; the others would have to disperse.

Councilor W. Steere asked Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, if the Council as the Licensing Board can override the State Fire Marshal's ruling. T. Kane replied that he thinks they can do so. Councilor W. Steere stated that it becomes a safety issue and the occupancy should be less than what the State Fire Marshal says. Councilor W. Steere stated, in his opinion, 750 occupancy is too high. It was stated that one of the stipulations that the Council put on the first outdoor entertainment licenses is that the total capacity of both spaces shall not exceed the indoor capacity.

Councilor G. Steere stated that this is basically what Sticks has asked for the last few years.

Regarding occupancy, D. D'Agostino clarified that the updated Ordinance requires that the application be accompanied by a plat or drawing of the area where the Special Event is to take place, showing its location, size and capacity. D. D'Agostino stated that they are not saying that they will have 750 people at an event; they are saying that this is the occupancy that has been established by the State Fire Marshal and responding to the established ordinances requirements. D. D'Agostino explained they will estimate each event, separately, six days prior so that they can discuss plans with the police & fire, as required.

Councilor Burlingame questioned last year eight out of twelve granted were used. Applicant answered in the affirmative. Councilor Burlingame asked the Chief if there were any issues last year.

Chief DelPrete stated none. Councilor G. Steere stated he has no problem with the number of events and reiterated there were no problems last year asked the Chief for his input on outdoor occupancy. Chief DelPrete stated he went round and round with Fire Marshall on this and there wasn't anything he could do, as it is a calculated number. Chief DelPrete stated if Sticks has a big event with 750 people present and Cady's is also having an event our police department will be maxed out. Chief DelPrete stated Sticks has been very forthcoming with parking plans and on one occasion they had two police details. The Chief stated further stated that he would require two details at Sticks when over 100 people are anticipated and that they have been amicable to that requirement. The Chief stated there have been no problems with special events.

Councilor W. Steere stated the establishment would probably be limited due to parking. D. D'Agostino stated that a parking plan must be submitted along with an estimate of participants. D'Agostino stated for the D. Strong event he estimates there was approximately 400 participants, and further they submitted the number occupancy number of 750 just to show capacity of the area and not that they anticipate that number at events.

Councilor W. Steere stated, in his opinion, it was an end around with the State Fire Marshall regarding occupancy to circumvent the Council. Councilor W. Steere stated he was concerned with the size but not the amount of events.

Councilor G. Steere stated he was fine with the number of events also. Councilor W. Steere asked if the Chief could say no if the plan isn't sufficient. The answer was in the affirmative. J. Fecteau stated she will not issue the license if the Chief does not sign off on the application. Councilor G. Steere stated he feels comfortable leaving it in the Chief's hands.

Councilor G. Steere asked if anyone else in the audience wished to speak. Hearing none, Councilor G. Steere declared the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Motion was made by Councilor Burlingame to APPROVE twelve (12) Special Events, 2 per month, from May through October, 2017, for Adriana Iannuzzi, Adriana Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, not to exceed a 4-hour period between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., no consecutive days in the same weekend, subject to:

1. The filing of an application 6 days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Live music will be limited to a 3-piece band with no bass, or a DJ.
7. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
8. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.

seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding whether a DJ was allowed. Councilor G. Steere stated it was allowed in the past. Councilor W. Steere stated that is amplification. Councilor W. Steere questioned if there is a problem with the DJ and someone complains do they have to come back before Council for the other events. Atty. Kane stated if you notify them and ask them to come back they would be required to come back.

Councilor G. Steere stated it has been allowed previously and is worded "a 3-piece band or a DJ."

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, & Henry
NAYS - W. Steere (Councilor W. Steere stated due to the size limits)

MOTION PASSED

2. Robin Tyo, Tyo-Ristaino Corp, d/b/a Cady's Tavern
Location: 2168 Putnam Pike, Glocester, RI
Request for miscellaneous Special Events with Outdoor Entertainment
May - September, 2017

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on March 30, 2017 and abutters were notified.

Councilor G. Steere Declared the Public Hearing OPEN and stated that this request is for 6 events, with acoustic music.

Discussion: Robin Tyo, of Cady's Tavern, explained her request for car/bike washes and general fund-raisers and stated that she is asking for acoustic music as she has in the past, although she has never used it.

Councilor G. Steere asked if anyone had any questions.

Bruce Payton asked what times the events would be held. R. Tyo replied that the bike washes would be from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. Regarding the outside fund-raisers, R. Tyo stated that they are generally held in the afternoon on a Saturday.

Eleanor Heuberger, of 12 Cady Lane, asked about the noise level of the acoustic music and if it would be amplified. R. Tyo replied that there would be no amplification.

Councilor G. Steere asked if anyone else in the audience wished to speak. Hearing none, Councilor G. Steere declared the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

Motion was made by Councilor Burlingame to APPROVE six (6) Special Events, from May through November, 2017, for Robin Tyo, Tyo-Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady's Tavern, subject to:

1. The filing of an application 6 days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Acoustic music on the deck on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., not more than twice per season.
9. All events to be held between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., not to exceed 5 hours.

seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

3. Daniel Ribeiro, The Purple Cat Vineyard & Winery, Inc., d/b/a The Purple Cat Winery
Location: 11 Money Hill Road, Glocester, RI
Request for miscellaneous Special Events with Outdoor Entertainment
April - December, 2017

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on March 30, 2017 and abutters were notified.

Councilor G. Steere Declared the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor G. Steere read the request: for 14 -20 outdoor events. Events would include Spring Festival and cupcake challenge, small weddings, corporate events, BBQ and clambakes, art and craft festivals, outdoor movies, family concerts, seasonal events, bridal and baby showers, anniversaries, birthdays, reunions.

Discussion: Dan Ribeiro, Managing Partner of the Purple Cat Winery, stated that they are in the process of preparing their field for corporate and private events such as barbecues and clambakes. D. Ribeiro stated that they have experimented with outdoor movies, which would be a family-friendly event. D. Ribeiro stated that the Cupcake Challenge and the Christmas Village are also geared toward families. D. Ribeiro noted that the field is not yet ready for some of these events, therefore they probably will not come close to the number of events requested. Regarding weddings, D. Ribeiro stated that they would be small because they are not a large wedding venue such as Crystal Lake. D. Ribeiro noted that any events requiring tents would be approved by the Fire Marshal.

D. Ribeiro stated that the parking area has been expanded to allow more spaces. Councilor W. Steere mentioned a previous event at which the applicant was directing traffic on Route 44. D. Ribeiro explained that this incident took place during their Christmas Village weekend and there was a flash snowstorm which occurred just as the vendors were arriving. D. Ribeiro stated that this caused problems regarding plowing of the parking lot, and they were directing people not to park in that lot until it was cleared. D. Ribeiro stated it was a lesson learned.

Councilor W. Steere asked how late the outside events would be going on and noted that there are a considerable number of houses in the area. D. Ribeiro replied that according to their original stipulations, there would be no music after 10:00 p.m. and on Sundays, nothing past 6:00 p.m.. Councilor Henry stated that the stipulations are that events would end at 9:00 p.m. except for movie nights, which would end at 10:00 p.m. D. Ribeiro stated that the winery itself closes at 8:00 p.m. and the only time it stays open later is when there is an event. D. Ribeiro stated we want to be a good neighbor and if there is a wedding with music we would keep it to a certain decibel. D. Ribeiro stated if the police are called we would lower the sound. D. Ribeiro stated that they are not looking to have hard rock concerts, just family type entertainment.

Councilor Burlingame asked the applicant if he is aware that there is a 40-unit affordable housing project in the works which would be right in the winery's backyard. D. Ribeiro replied in the affirmative. Councilor Burlingame expressed concerns about what type of interaction this will cause. Councilor Burlingame also questioned the access and egress of the winery and the 40

housing units. Councilor Burlingame stated this may come up in future discussions. D. Ribeiro stated we may have to revisit this in the future. D. Ribeiro stated that he believes that most of the units would be to the left and behind the winery. Councilor Burlingame stated you are still within 300 feet of each other. Councilor Burlingame stated you are requesting large events which bring a lot of traffic. D. Ribeiro further stated that they try to be a good neighbor and the reviews of the venue have been outstanding.

Councilor W. Steere stated that if there are complaints about noise, the Council will revisit the license. Both Councilor Burlingame and D. Ribeiro answered in the affirmative. Councilor W. Steere further stated that there will be no access, egress or parking on Oil Mill Lane and Tanyard Lane. T. Kane noted that this is one of the stipulations.

Councilor G. Steere stated that he has no problem with the things the applicant has listed, but regarding outdoor music, Councilor G. Steere stated that it should be no different than what was granted to the previous applicants.

Councilor Henry spoke about #8, Amplification of sound must be monitored, asking if the applicant is allowed amplification. Councilor W. Steere replied in the affirmative, but if there is a problem, the applicant will work with the Council. Councilor W. Steere commented that we don't want there to be a problem to begin with since there are a lot of houses right there.

Councilor G. Steere stated that the applicant is asking for his events to end at 10:00 p.m., which is much later than the other establishments. D. Ribeiro stated that this would only be for outdoor movies, but not for bands.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the application calls for one (1) day per weekend, although he has a 2-day event, a Spring Festival, scheduled for April 29th and 30th, which is already in violation of the stipulations. D. Ribeiro stated that he believes the original stipulation was that he was not to have entertainment seven (7) days a week but would allow for three in a week. Jean Fecteau read from the entertainment license, stating it allows one (1) day per week and weekends. Councilor W. Steere stated that they can do things inside at any time, but this speaks to the outside. D. Ribeiro stated that this would allow events on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Councilor W. Steere disagreed. Councilor G. Steere stated it reads one day per week and weekends.

Councilor Henry asked for clarification on #8, whether this allows them to have amplification outdoors. Councilor Henry noted that we denied the other applicants. J. Fecteau explained that these stipulations do not pertain to Special Events. J. Fecteau stated that over the last five (5) years, the Council has given different rights and added on to different licenses and she has spent a lot of time trying to figure out which ones are in conflict with the others. J. Fecteau further stated this was not for Special Events, but the applicant still has to follow all previous stipulations for his other rights that have been granted. Councilor G. Steere stated that having an Easter Egg Hunt and a birthday party on a Friday and a Saturday would not be like having a band on consecutive days. D. Ribeiro questioned about having two (2) weddings, one on a Saturday and one on a Sunday. Councilor Henry questioned if they would both be outdoors. D. Ribeiro stated that could happen. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Expansion of Entertainment License, Outdoor, #2 states "one (1) day per week and weekends", so it would allow two (2) events on the weekend. Councilor W. Steere stated he doesn't think it is that clear on this.

Councilor G. Steere stated that he does not have a problem except with having outdoor bands both days of a weekend. Councilor G. Steere noted that the Council has made that stipulation with the other establishments and should do so with this applicant. There was Council agreement. D. Ribeiro indicated that he can see the Council's concern and he is fine with that.

Councilor Burlingame stated that the application asks for 14 to 20 events and asked the applicant how many he wants. D. Ribeiro replied that he is good with 12.

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

Discussion: None.

Motion was made by Councilor Burlingame to APPROVE twelve (12) Special Events from April - December, 2017 for Daniel Ribeiro, The Purple Cat Vineyard & Winery, Inc., d/b/a The Purple Cat Winery, with all stipulations for outdoor uses previously granted to this applicant to continue to apply, and with the additional stipulation that there shall be no outdoor amplification of music on consecutive days; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: Councilor Henry questioned that we are allowing some amplification. Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, replied that it has been allowed in the past. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, noted that the applicant already has that right. Councilor G. Steere stated that we will trust the applicant to keep it reasonable and if the neighbors do not complain, we won't have to change it.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or action

- A. Approval of Town Council regular meeting minutes of April 6, 2017 & Public Hearing of April 17th, 2017
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions & Abatements -March 2017
- C. Finance Director's Report - March 2017

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPROVE the Town Council regular meeting minutes of April 6, 2017; to TABLE the Town Council Public Hearing minutes of April 17, 2017; to APPROVE the Abatement of the 2006 Receivable Tax Roll outstanding balances which total \$28,353.73 and Tax Sales Fees from 2006 of \$591.75; No Additions for March 2017; and to ACCEPT the Finance Director's Report of March 2017; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Rules/Regulations: Pavilion Use - Discussion and/or action

Councilor Henry stated that Councilor G. Steere has come up with a name for the Pavilion, and she would like to make a motion to name the pavilion "The Pavilion at Kent Field". Tim Kane,

Town Solicitor, pointed out that this agenda item is for “Rules/Regulations: Pavilion Use” and the specific item to name the pavilion could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to TABLE Rules/Regulations: Pavilion Use - Discussion and/or action until the next Town Council meeting; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

- B. Trash & Litter - Transfer Station & town wide - Discussion and/or action
 - 1. Discussion & vote on actions necessary

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has had discussion regarding people driving to the Transfer Station with trash blowing out of their trucks and trailers. Councilor G. Steere stated that this is a problem and it wouldn't hurt to remind people that they have to have their loads secured.

Councilor Henry stated that she spent over three (3) hours today with Judy Colaluca picking up 12 large plastic bags full of trash in a very small area. Councilor Henry stated her opinion that some of the trash is deliberately thrown out of vehicle windows, but much of it is a result of trash blowing out of trucks on the way to the Transfer Station. Councilor Henry stated that she has formulated a sample ad that she would like to run in the newspaper. Councilor Henry read as follows:

ATTENTION ALL GLOCESTER RESIDENTS

Due to the growing amount of trash and litter on our town roads and in our ponds and streams all trash being hauled in open truck beds or trailers must be securely covered.

This is in compliance with R.I.G.L. 31.25.10

Effective June 1, 2017 (to be determined date) uncovered loads will be refused at the transfer station.

Many residents have voiced a concern to the town council regarding the trash/litter problem in Gloucester.

The Council believes this is a step to help eliminate this problem.

Please do your part to keep Gloucester clean and green

Help us clean up our roadways by doing your part and be sure your trash is secured and covered when hauling to the transfer station. .

Thank you to all residents who actively pick up litter on our roads and properties.

Let's all work together and continue to keep Gloucester clean and green

Thank you

The Gloucester Town Council

(end of ad)

Councilor Henry stated her opinion that it is a personal responsibility to do the right thing.

Councilor W. Steere stated that he has traveled to Boston several times recently and from here to Boston, there is trash all along the side of the road which is not from people dumping trash at our Transfer Station. Councilor W. Steere stated in his opinion that this would “open up a can of worms” if we require everything to be tied down. Councilor W. Steere asked if it would be the Director of

Public Works who would be telling people to go away, because the trash and recyclables would not get back to the resident's house, or people will just throw everything in their trash receptacle instead of recycling. Councilor W. Steere stated that he agrees that there is an issue because when he runs, he sees the litter along the roads. Councilor Henry stated that it has to start somewhere. Councilor W. Steere asked if we are going to be the "gestapo". Councilor Henry stated that Councilor W. Steere is jumping from one extreme to the other. Councilor W. Steere stated that he is not saying that we need to stop people at the dump. Councilor W. Steere stated that some of the proposed ad is good and would help everyone understand that there is a problem instead of being heavy-handed and telling people they cannot dump at the Transfer Station, which would put the Police and the Public Works Department in a tough spot.

Councilor G. Steere suggested that the ad be placed without the sentence about refusing uncovered loads. Councilor W. Steere replied we could start that way. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council still has not addressed that the trash could be coming from the Transfer Station and suggested putting up a 6-foot fence to help contain the stuff that ends up in the lake. Councilor W. Steere stated that we will create problems if we tell people to go away if their loads are not covered or secured.

Councilor Burlingame stated that it is his understanding that if you go to the Landfill with an uncovered load, you are sent home. Councilor Henry stated that this is where this started and G. Treml requested that the Council ask people to comply or they would be turned away from the Transfer Station.

Walter Steere, Jr. stated that the wording of the ad should be changed because there is a difference between a secure load and a covered load. W. Steere, Jr. stated that a covered load would have to have a canvas over the whole bed of a pickup truck which he feels is ridiculous because if you have bags tied up, he does not see a problem. Walter Steere, Jr. stated that he also believes that most of the litter is coming from the dump or the small parking area by the bridge, and agreed that we should invest in a fence.

George Charette stated that the Council is talking about the area surrounding the dump, but he has witnessed trash bags falling out of vehicles and being hit by other vehicles, causing trash all over the place. G. Charette stated that we will not stop this by refusing to let them dump, but by giving a warning and a ticket. G. Charette stated that there is a rule and a law and they should be enforced.

Joe Huguenin, of Lake Drive, stated that he and his wife walk a loop around the neighborhood every day and pick up beer and soda cans, which is different from what we are dealing with at the Transfer Station. J. Huguenin stated his opinion that this type of trash does not fly off the back of trucks, it comes out of the windows of cars.

Judy Colaluca, of the Sand Dam Reservoir Association, stated that she appreciates all the comments made and stated that the law is the law and must be followed. J. Colaluca expressed concern for the lake and its wildlife. J. Colaluca noted that while she and Councilor Henry were picking up litter, they saw at least eight (8) trucks with trash coming out on their way to the Transfer Station. J. Colaluca stated that something needs to be done quickly.

Councilor G. Steere asked the Council members if they wish to run the ad as it was written or to take out the sentence regarding uncovered loads being refused. Councilor Burlingame replied that

we should get something started and see what happens. Councilor Burlingame suggested that we ask for the residents' cooperation and to refer to the RI law which states that load must be secured.

Councilor G. Steere agreed with Councilor W. Steere's comment that if people get turned away from the Transfer Station, we will find their trash down the road somewhere. Councilor W. Steere commented that if we are going to enforce the law, it must be done all over town, not just at the dump.

Dave Steere commented that the budget includes money for a Litter Corps and asked if this helps in the Summer. Councilor Henry replied that she does not think it gets better. D. Steere asked if we are wasting money on the Litter Corps. Councilor Henry stated that it is not enough.

Councilor Henry stated for the record that it is not always comfortable to bring about change but she is certainly not the "gestapo". Councilor W. Steere stated that we are talking about litter and Councilor Henry is talking about State Law regarding securing loads, which are two (2) different things. Councilor W. Steere stated that the biggest problem regarding the lake is the Transfer Station and again suggested that a 6-foot chain link fence be constructed.

Gary Treml, Director of Public Works, stated that the Litter Crew consists of three (3) kids who work for eight (8) weeks once a year and cannot cover the whole town. G. Treml noted that if people would tie their plastic bags in a knot, they probably would not blow around.

Kathy Sorensen commented that in addition to running an ad in the paper, we should also do a posting or awareness flyer to be posted at the Transfer Station.

Lauren Niedel-Gresh stated her opinion that using the Bargain Buyer to advertise this is not good enough and suggested that a postcard be sent to every residence so nobody can say they didn't know. L. Niedel-Gresh also recommended that the Code Red notification system be utilized for this purpose.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to authorize Councilor Henry to develop an ad for the Bargain Buyer regarding litter and to have copies of the ad at the Transfer Station to distribute to residents.

There was no second to the motion and no vote was taken.

Councilor W. Steere asked what we are going to do about a fence at the Transfer Station. Councilor G. Steere stated that this will be discussed at another time.

Eleanor Heuberger stated that it may be more effective to have a large banner or poster at the Transfer Station that everybody has to drive past. Councilor W. Steere stated that we could try using an electronic billboard.

VIII. New Business

A. Budget 2017-2018

1. Review of Budget - Town Council - Discussion and/or action

Discussion: Councilor G. Steere stated that many good points were brought up at the meeting on Monday and some changes will be made to the Budget as a result.

Councilor Burlingame stated that before the Public Hearing, the amount to be raised by taxes was approximately \$169,000, including Capital. Councilor Burlingame stated that suggestions were made regarding areas where cuts could be made and the Council took another look at the Budget. Councilor Burlingame stated, as a result, that reductions were made in the amount of \$218,598, which are outlined as follows:

Pg. 7	Finance, Payroll Services	(2,500)
	Total Finance	(2,500)
Pg. 9	Public Safety	
	Personnel/Benefits	(89,172)
	Propane	(1,000)
	Supplies Copy Machine	(1,500)
	Supplies Office	(500)
	Other Purchased Services	(7,000)
	Miscellaneous Expense	(4,000)
	Police Equipment - non-office	(10,000)
	Office Equipment/Furniture	(500)
	Total Public Safety	(105,672)
	DPW	
Pg. 11	Highway Division - Propane	(3,000)
Pg. 12	Maintenance Division - Salary	(10,068)
Pg. 15	Waste Disposal Division-Diesel	(5,000)
	Waste Disposal Division- Tipping	(5,000)
	Total DPW	(23,068)
	Senior Ctr. & Human Services	
Pg. 14	Heating Fuel	(2,000)
Pg. 15	Van Drivers - P/T Assistant	(15,358)
	Total Senior Ctr. & Human Service	(17,358)
	Other Operational Expenses	
	Accrued Comp. Absences	(45,000)
	Transfer to Health Reserve	(25,000)
	Total Other Operational Expenses	(70,000)
	Total Expense Change	(218,598)

Councilor Burlingame stated that there is an issue on the Capital side where more was being spent than was provided for between the 2% set-aside and the surplus transfer. Councilor Burlingame stated that we moved \$150,000 out of the Public Works Capital account to take care of the net requirement. Councilor Burlingame stated we felt that was justified because road work is similar to an annual maintenance that needs to be done. Councilor Burlingame stated that there was another issue with Land Trust money which goes to them by law as a result of Realty Tax Stamps. Councilor Burlingame stated that it is a revenue, but not technically an expense and was not properly reflected in the Budget. Councilor Burlingame stated that the bottom line, when we take all of these savings, the increase in the amount to be raised by taxes is \$65,000 as opposed to \$169,000 or down from the amount of \$219,000 which would have been the correct amount at the last meeting.

Councilor Burlingame stated that we have a \$107,000 reduction this year from the Region due to a shift in student population and reduction in debt service. Councilor Burlingame stated this year it shifted to Foster but we know it could come back on us and recommended that \$40,000 be taken from that \$218,000 and added to the \$70,000 that we already have reserved to cover us in the event that the population shifts again.

Councilor Burlingame stated that these numbers represent a \$65,000 or .3% increase in the overall Budget over last year.

Councilor W. Steere asked for clarification regarding taking money out of Capital to make it a line item in the Budget. Councilor Burlingame explained that we are reducing a portion of the \$400,000 which was in the Capital Budget for Public Works-Paving, taking \$150,000 and moving it to a line item for Road Repair and Maintenance within the Public Works Operational Budget. Councilor Burlingame stated that the Department has the same amount of money, but it is reflected in a different place. Councilor Burlingame pointed out that because we had savings in other areas, this will not increase the bottom line of the Operational Budget.

Councilor W. Steere expressed concern about creating a line item with a large amount of money that may have to be funded in subsequent years. Councilor Burlingame stated that it is not increasing the Budget because there are savings in other places. Councilor Burlingame further stated that there has been a concern that when looking at the 2% set-aside for Capital, each year the paving takes the lion's share, not leaving much for other things. Councilor Burlingame stated if we are going to repair roads every year it would make sense to create a line item in the operating budget. Councilor W. Steere agreed that the roads need to be done but stated we need to be careful.

David Steere stated that his point at the Public Hearing was that we should not be raising taxes to pay for Capital. D. Steere stated that all the Council did was reduce the \$400,000 by \$150,000 and put it back in the Budget, so the taxpayers still are not getting that break. Councilor Burlingame stated that this is absolutely not true because we took \$219,000 out of the expenses. D. Steere commented that the Council had other options, such as taking more money from surplus or the Capital Projects fund. Councilor Burlingame replied that the Capital Projects fund of \$400,000 is not available because \$300,000 of it is for the schools and the remaining \$100,000 is for land.

Councilor Burlingame stated that due to a suggestion by D. Steere at the Public Hearing, the Council took \$45,000 out of Accrued Comp Absences and \$25,000 from Transfer to Health Reserves. Councilor Burlingame stated that they were not going to tap into those assigned funds and transfer them to surplus. D. Steere objected to adding \$150,000 to the annual operating expense, stating that this should be a savings to the taxpayer. Councilor Burlingame again stated that we found \$219,000 in savings. Councilor Burlingame reminded D. Steere that last year, we took \$1.5 million from surplus and assigned it to the school project, which dropped the surplus down to 15%. It was the Council's decision not to reduce it any further and go below the current 14%. Councilor Burlingame stated that on a \$21 million Budget, the increase is only \$65,000.

D. Steere questioned the Capital Budget, asking if everything there is an emergency that needs to be done in the next Fiscal Year, and whether it can be reduced to give the taxpayers a break. Councilor Burlingame replied that he has given his answer and it is up to the rest of the Council.

Dave Steere asked when the revised Budget will be available. Councilor Burlingame stated that these are the recommendations and the Council will have another meeting to come up with the

final number and adopt the Budget and ballot questions. It was stated that the Budget will be available late next week.

Walter Steere, Jr. stated his opinion that we should put more than the \$40,000 into the account for the student proration shift. Councilor Burlingame replied that we already have \$75,000 and this would take us to \$115,000. W. Steere, Jr. pointed out that Foster had to pay about \$250,000 this year and if it reverses next year, the account will not cover it. Councilor Henry stated that hopefully we can keep the Superintendent accountable to his promise to come in with a zero increase next year. Councilor Burlingame pointed out to W. Steere, Jr. that if we increase the \$40,000, it will increase the amount to be raised by taxes, unless we find some savings in other areas. W. Steere, Jr. disagreed, stating that we are using the \$107,000 savings from the Region as revenue to offset our expenses. Councilor Burlingame stated that we are taking \$40,000, so we are not using the full \$107,000. W. Steere, Jr. stated that is bad enough.

W. Steere, Jr. spoke regarding Accrued Absences and stated that we have \$500,000 in that account. W. Steere, Jr. stated that on average, we have been using \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year and asked why we are putting any more money in that account. Councilor G. Steere noted that if three (3) people retired, we would easily spend much more than \$30,000. W. Steere, Jr. commented that even if we use \$100,000 in one year, there would still be a lot of money in there. Councilor G. Steere stated that it is still an option. Councilor Burlingame stated that it was not within the Council's purview to wipe out that appropriation entirely when looking for savings. Councilor Burlingame stated that the original amount of \$80,000 was reduced to \$35,000, which is what an average annual cost would be. W. Steere, Jr. stated that he still thinks this year it could be brought down to zero.

W. Steere, Jr. asked if anything was done regarding Transfer to Health Care Reserve. Councilor Burlingame replied that it was reduced by \$25,000. W. Steere, Jr. asked if we have ever used that account. D. Brennan, Finance Director, explained that account (inaudible) W. Steere, Jr. asked if we had ever used the account and D. Brennan stated she has not had to use it. W. Steere, Jr. stated his opinion that we should not put any more money in the account this year because there is plenty in there and it seems like we don't use it.

W. Steere, Jr. asked if we are still going to be fixing the skate park. Councilor Burlingame replied in the affirmative. W. Steere, Jr. spoke regarding the \$70,000 for the tennis court, stating that we spent \$500,000 on new courts at the high school. Discussion followed on the different areas to be fixed at G.P..

There was Council discussion regarding whether they wish to zero out the Accrued Comp Absences account and the Transfer to Healthcare Reserve account. D. Brennan asked if the Council wants her to take the changes made and implement them into a new revised Budget. Councilor Burlingame suggested that the Council approve these changes tonight and think about what to do regarding the Accrued Comp Absences and Transfer to Health Reserve.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to incorporate the changes to allow the Finance Director to prepare a preliminary Budget for next week's meeting.

Discussion: Councilor Henry stated that she would be willing to reduce the two (2) restricted accounts to \$5,000 each so that they are open line items that show some funding. Councilor Henry stated that she feels that neither of those accounts are in jeopardy. Councilor Burlingame agreed and stated that he will include that in his Motion.

Motion was seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if changes can still be made at the next meeting. Councilor Burlingame replied in the affirmative.

Councilor Henry stated that the Council had discussed the \$16,995 line item for Public Safety - Non-Office. It was stated that the item was reduced by \$10,000. Councilor W. Steere asked for an example of what that account was for. Chief DelPrete stated that account was for items used inside of police cars.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

2. Adoption of Budget 2017-18 and/or Set Special Meeting Date to Adopt - Discussion and/or action

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to set a Special Meeting date of Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

3. Approval of Ballot Questions: Financial Town Referendum, May 16, 2017- Discussion and/or action

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to TABLE until Monday, April 24, 2017 the Approval of Ballot Questions for placement on the 2017 Financial Town Referendum Ballot; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

B. Bid Extensions - Discussion and/or action

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

April 13, 2017

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Gary Treml, Public Works Director
Re: Bid Extensions

Bid extensions were requested from the vendors on the following bids:

IFB 2001-10 Low Sulfur Diesel and Gasoline

IFB 2016-05 Full Depth Pavement Reclamation
IFB 2016-02 Cleaning Services at the Senior Center
IFB 2010-08 Chip Sealing
IFB 2012-02 Hot Mix Asphalt

All vendors have agreed to extend the bids at original pricing and conditions. (See attached bid extension agreements).

I am requesting that these bid extension be approved.

Thank you
Gary Trembl
(end of memo)

1. IFB #2001-10 - Low sulfur diesel and gasoline

Councilor G. Steere stated that we received a bid extension form from Reichert and Sons Fuel Oil Co., Inc. to extend IFB #2001-10 to May 31, 2018.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to GRANT the Bid Extension for IFB #2001-10, Low sulfur diesel and gasoline, to Reichert & Sons Fuel Oil Co., Inc. to May 31, 2018; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

2. IFB #2016-05 - Full Depth Pavement Reclamation

Councilor G. Steere stated that we received a bid extension form from Murray Paving & Reclamation to extend IFB #2016-05 Full Depth Pavement Reclamation to November 2017.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to GRANT the bid extension for IFB #2016-05, Full Depth Pavement Reclamation, to Murray Paving & Reclamation to November 1, 2017; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

3. IFB #2016-02 - Cleaning Service

Councilor G. Steere stated that we received a bid extension form from Simply-Clean to extend IFB #2016-02 Cleaning Service to June 11, 2018.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to GRANT the bid extension for IFB #2016-02, Cleaning Service, to Simply-Clean to June 11, 2018; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

4. IFB #2010-08 - Single Chip Seal

Councilor G. Steere stated that we received a bid extension form from Comer Contracting, Inc. to extend IFB #2010-08 Single Chip Seal to October 15, 2017.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to GRANT the bid extension for IFB #2010-08, Single Chip Seal, to Comer Contracting, Inc. to October 15, 2017; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

5. IFB #2012-02 - Hot Mix Asphalt

Councilor G. Steere stated that we received a bid extension form from Cardi Corporation to extend IFB #2012-02, Hot Mix Asphalt to November 16, 2017.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to GRANT the bid extension for IFB #2012-02 Hot Mix Asphalt to Cardi Corp to November 16, 2017; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

C. Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement - Discussion and/or action
Between R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation & Town of Gloucester
July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019

1. Approval & Authorization to Sign

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has received the latest Resource Recovery agreement for authorization.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement between the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation & the Town of Gloucester for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: Councilor Henry asked if there were to be any changes made regarding our arrangements on how we deal with trash, such as recycling, and questioned if we have that option.

Councilor G. Steere replied that it all has to go to Resource Recovery. Walter Steere, Jr. spoke regarding the new program that Waste Disposal is going to come out with, and asked if we can switch mid-year. G. Trembl, Director of Public Works, replied that the program is on hold.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

D. Chepachet Grange Request for Use of Pavilion: Gloucester Scarecrow Festival - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has received a request from the Chepachet Grange.

Mark Rechter appeared before the Council on behalf of the Chepachet Grange. Councilor G. Steere stated that the request is to use the light posts in Town, however the Council did not think this was a good idea and suggested using the poles on the pavilion. Councilor G. Steere commented that the light posts are too close to the road. M. Rechter stated that the request is to place the scarecrows only on the light posts in front of the pavilion and in front of some of the businesses, with their permission.

Councilor Henry questioned the placement of the scarecrows “along the pavilion posts” as stated in the request. Councilor Henry stated that affixing anything to the new pavilion will cause damage to the posts over time. Councilor Henry noted that other towns prohibit this in their Ordinances and advised M. Rechter to come up with other ways to display the scarecrows.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council will consider this request but pointed out that we don’t have any rules and regulations in place at this time. M. Rechter asked the Council to adopt rules because other groups are also interested in using the facility. Councilor Henry stated that the Council is working to that end.

Gary Trembl, Director of Public Works, stated that he plans to install a small guardrail to separate the grass area from the entrance. G. Trembl suggested that a 2 by 4 be attached to the fence temporarily for the display.

Councilor W. Steere suggested that this request be tabled until we have rules and regulations in place.

E. Legislation and/or Governor’s proposal

1. Taxpayer Funding of Baseball Stadium- Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that he is in opposition of funding a baseball stadium with taxpayer dollars. Councilor G. Steere suggested that the Council send a letter to our reps stating that we want nothing to do with it. Councilor Burlingame agreed.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to authorize the Town Council President to write a letter to our State Representatives to express our opposition to using taxpayer money for a baseball stadium; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry

NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

2. 2017 Senate Bill # 217- An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Low and Moderate Income Housing - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that Senator Paul Fogarty has submitted a bill during the current session that, if passed, would allow cities and towns to count their mobile home parks towards their low and moderate income housing quota. Councilor G. Steere stated this is the same bill submitted last session after Council asked for support.

Discussion: Councilor G. Steere asked if the Council wanted to send a letter of support for this proposed legislation. Councilor Burlingame responded in the affirmative. Councilor W. Steere stated that we did so last year. Councilor G. Steere noted that the Bill is being reintroduced. Councilor W. Steere stated that if passed, this would get all of our trailer parks to be certified as affordable housing. Councilor Burlingame suggested that we ask them in the letter to also include in-law apartments. Councilor Henry stated that the House is looking to submit a similar Bill.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to send a letter of support regarding 2017 Senate Bill #217 - An Act Relating to Towns and Cities - Low and Moderate Income Housing; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry

NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

F. Boards & Commissions

1. Parade Committee

- a. Two Alternate positions- Discussion and/or action

- a. Two Alternate positions

Councilor G. Steere stated that there have been no recommendations from the Parade Committee for these positions.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to TABLE the appointments of two alternate positions on the Parade Committee; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry

NAYS - 0

MOTION PASSED

IX. Town Council Correspondence /Discussion

- A. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has received a request from the GBA for the use of the Pavilion on October 28th for a Trick or Treat on Main Street event.
 - B. Councilor G. Steere stated that a letter was received from Representative Robert Quattrocchi regarding the establishment of a legislative commission to study the cost of implementing a recycling program for multi-family residential units including condominium complexes.
 - C. Councilor G. Steere stated that correspondence was received from The Trust regarding an update to the Trust's Model Use of Force Policy.
- X. Department Head Reports/Discussion
- A. Diane Brennan, Finance Director, asked that the Council put on the next agenda the appointment of a new person in her office.
- XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion
None.
- XII. Open Forum
- A. Lauren Nidel-Gresh stated that the Gloucester Democratic Town Committee is having a forum on the potential gypsy moth invasion conducted by DEM on Monday April 24th at 6:30 at the Gloucester Manton Library.
 - B. Linda Minisce asked what is the status of her right-of-way issue that was referred to the Town Solicitor. T. Kane, Town Solicitor, replied that he has not had much time to work on the matter as he has been representing the Town in a lawsuit. T. Kane stated that he will make it a priority next week. L. Minisce expressed her appreciation.
 - C. Don Simpson, 150 Lakeview Drive, stated that he is still concerned about the speeding in the middle of Town. D. Simpson stated that he was hit while trying to pull out of the gas station. D. Simpson suggested that the Police use a radar gun to help the situation. Councilor G. Steere noted that there will soon be construction on the roundabout which will slow down the traffic.
- XIII. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to:
- A. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) Litigation - Discussion and/or action
Town of Gloucester vs. Robert & Shana Grenga, Superior Court Civil Action
PC -2017-0693.
- No Executive Session held
- XIV. Reconvene Open Session (Disclose votes taken in Executive Session)
No Executive Session held
- XV. Adjourn
MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to ADJOURN at 10:29 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES - G. Steere, Burlingame, W. Steere & Henry
 NAYS - 0
MOTION PASSED