

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on November 16, 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; Walter M. O. Steere, III; William E. Reichert and Patricia Henry.

Member Absent: Edward C. Burlingame, Vice-President

Also present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Timothy Kane, Town Solicitor; Gary Treml, Director of Public Works; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Diane Brennan, Finance Director; Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official; Lori DeSantis, Tax Assessor; and Robert Shields, Recreation Director.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

None.

V. Resolution - Recognition of Award: Ponaganset High School "2017 Unified Champion School"

The following Resolution was read into the record by Councilor W. Steere:

**RESOLUTION 2017-14  
Ponaganset High School - A Unified Champion School**

**WHEREAS:** Special Olympics, founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968, is a global sports organization created with a mission to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people in our society; and

**WHEREAS:** to better serve their mission Special Olympics has created Special Olympics Unified Sports, a world wide initiative for people with and without ID to play football, basketball, bocce, volleyball and other team sports together, because they believe playing together is a great way to learn about one another, an educational tool that changes attitudes and society in a positive way; and

**WHEREAS:** Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools is a "comprehensive model implemented in the U.S. that combines Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership and Whole School Engagement to create school and community climates of

acceptance and inclusion”; and

**WHEREAS:** to be nationally recognized a school must have demonstrated a commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 National Standards of Excellence as formulated by a national panel of leaders from Special Olympics and the education community; and

**WHEREAS:** Ponaganset High School, in its’ 8<sup>th</sup> year of participation in Unified Team Sports, under the direction and guidance of mentor, Beth Keeling, has achieved recognition for its commitment to obtaining and maintaining an inclusive school climate that “exudes a sense of collaboration, engagement and respect for all members of the student body and staff” and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Council and Town Clerk are proud and grateful as we extend our sincerest congratulations to:

**Ponaganset High School**

for its achievement, as one of four schools nationwide, in receiving the:

**2017 UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOL BANNER AWARD**

**George O. Steere, Jr.**  
**Glocester Town Council President**

**Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk**

**Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017**

seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

Superintendent Michael Barnes was present to accept the Resolution on behalf of Ponaganset High School. Councilor W. Steere congratulated Dr. Barnes on this achievement. Dr. Barnes thanked the Council for their support.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. 24-HOUR VIRTUALING LICENSE RENEWALS - Discussion and/or action
  - 1. Chepachet Deli & Catering, 842 Putnam Pike
  - 2. Harmony Kitchen, LLC, 401 Putnam Pike

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised on October 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Valley Breeze/Observer.

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

Discussion: None.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert 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) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; and 6) a current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only and are valid from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, if all of the licenses granted tonight are non-transferable. T. Kane replied that the licenses are only transferable with the approval of the Town Council (as Licensing Board) and liquor licenses holders that take on a partner with more than 10% interest must come before the Town Council (as Licensing Board).

VOTE: AYES- G. Steere, W. Steere, Reichert and Henry  
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. DePetrillo's Pizza & Bakery, 1153 Putnam Pike
6. Dino's Park N Shop, 1020 Putnam Pike
7. Dunkin Donuts, 1006 Putnam Pike
8. Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike
9. Glocester Little League, 1011 Putnam Pike (Concession Stand)
10. Harmony Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Road
11. Harmony Lodge Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
12. Knight Farm, Farmers Omelette, 1 Snake Hill Road
13. Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
14. Paris Irons Farm, 86 Paris Irons Road
15. Philanthropy Tea & Coffee Company, 11 Money Hill Road
16. Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane

17. Sticks Tavern, 417 Putnam Pike
18. Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike
19. The Road House Farm, 312 Chopmist Hill Road
20. The Village Bean, 15 Money Hill Road

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/ Observer on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Councilor G. 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 G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert 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). Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; and 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only and are valid from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

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

1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike
2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

Discussion: None.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

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

1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike;
2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike;

contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 5) current R.I. Health Department approval; 6) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 7) current Food Manager Certificate; 8) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees; 9) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 10) Per R.I.G.L., Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000. These licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only and are valid from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018; seconded by; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

**D. CLASS B -RETAILER LICENSES - Discussion and/or action**

1. Harmony Lodge Restaurant, LLC, Michael Fournier, Catherine Hamill, d/b/a Harmony Lodge Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
2. Tri State Golf, LLC, Jonathan Hoenig, Donald Hoenig, 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, Units #9-13
5. Tyo Ristaino, Corp., Stephen & Robin Tyo & Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cadys Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
6. Adriana Enterprises, LLC, Adriana Iannuzzi, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, 417 Putnam Pike

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

Discussion: None.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert 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 and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 8) current copy of menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L., Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; 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, 2017 to November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

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

- 1. DLUM Restaurant, LLC , David Lumnah, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

Discussion: None.

Councilor G. 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 and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) current copy of menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L., Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance

for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor Reichert questioned if this R.I. General Law regarding insurance was new. The Clerk stated it was a new law. Councilor Reichert questioned how we can be sure that policies are kept valid. Atty. Kane stated that it can be stated on the binder that in the event there is a change to the status of the policy the town would be notified. The Clerk noted the request.

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

MOTION PASSED

F. CLASS B - LIMITED - Discussion and/or action

1. Knight Farm, LLC, Joseph Iacofano, d/b/a Knight Farm, Farmers Omelette, 1 Snake Hill Road

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

Discussion: None.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert 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 and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 7) current Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) current copy of menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L., Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

G. (NEW) LIQUOR LICENSE

CLASS B - 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 G. Steere stated that a license was granted to this applicant last November. Councilor G. Steere explained that they are here again because, per 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 G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

Discussion: None.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: Councilor Henry inquired as to the anticipated date of opening for this establishment. Bill Kapanakis, applicant, replied that he expects to be open within a 6-month period.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert 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 and/or Police approval as needed;
- 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing,
- 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales,
- 7) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees,
- 8) current copy of menu,
- 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check,
- 10) Per R.I.G.L., Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

H. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE - Discussion and/or action

1. Harmony Lodge Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Harmony Lodge Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
2. Prickly Pear, Inc., d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
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. The Purple Cat Vineyard & Winery, Inc., 11 Money Hill Road  
Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Observer/Valley Breeze on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

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

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, if there have been any issues with these establishments in this regard during the past year. Chief DelPrete replied in the negative.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

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

1. Harmony Lodge Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Harmony Lodge Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
2. Prickly Pear, Inc., d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
3. Tyo Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cadys Tavern 2168 Putnam Pike
4. Adriana Enterprises LLC, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, 417 Putnam Pike
5. 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 and/or Police approval as needed; these licenses are valid from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018 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 #5. 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 any other reasonable conditions and restrictions as the Town Council may require.

seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

I. SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE - Discussion and/or action

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, 2018

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on November 2, 2017 and abutters notices were sent.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor G. Steere explained that this request is for: 12 events, 2 per month from May 2018 to October 2018 - 4 hours between 1-6 p.m. for music, No bass, 3 piece.

Discussion: Councilor G. Steere asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the Special Event license. Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, stated that he wished to go on record regarding an issue with outlaw motorcycle clubs. Chief DelPrete stated that when the clubs use Sticks Tavern as a step-off point, it segues into a special event. Chief DelPrete expressed concern that this causes a huge public safety issue with regard to the Police Department. Chief DelPrete stated that the applicant is under advisement that she cannot use her location as a special event step-off point for motorcycle clubs or advertise outlaw motorcycle events on her sign. Chief DelPrete noted that one of the clubs that she has advertised was involved in a major violent incident on the west end. Chief DelPrete stated that he has spoken to the applicant but now feels the Council should be aware of this because it will be a problem if the applicant does not control it.

Councilor Henry asked for clarification of the term “stepping off”. Chief DelPrete replied that it is using the establishment for a rendezvous point for 10, 20 or 30 outlaw clubs for an outside gathering. The Chief stated there is a lot going on right now, it is a tense time, and we are at the epicenter location for this. The Chief further stated he has talked with the owner a few times. The Chief stated the owner can control some things but not all and he has asked that concern be taken when having a special event and that the two are not connected.

Councilor W. Steere asked how many Special Events were held this year at that location. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, replied that the applicant did not apply for any licenses this year. Councilor Henry stated that they clearly had events.

Ana Iannuzzi stated that a Special Event is for outdoor music which these events did not have. Councilor W. Steere asked the owner if they had worked around the special event ordinance. A. Iannuzzi stated there was no music or an event starting or ending at her establishment so there was no special events. Councilor W. Steere asked if there were tents at the events. A. Iannuzzi replied that there were only pop up tents and she had cleared the tents with the Fire Chief. Councilor W. Steere asked if the Town was notified. A. Iannuzzi stated it was noted on her license application. Councilor W. Steere stated no license application was completed.

Councilor Henry asked about the barbecue tent that was set up this summer. A. Iannuzzi stated that the vendor had his own food license.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the bigger issue is the outlaw bike gangs, and the fact that the applicant is asking for 12 events is a major concern.

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council approved 12 events last year, but because the applicant did not have outdoor bands, she did not use any of them. Councilor G. Steere noted that the Police Chief did not have any issues, other than what he spoke about. Chief DelPrete stated he brought up his issues under the liquor license application and if there was a problem with those biker groups he would ask for revocation or suspension (of the liquor license.) Councilor W. Steere stated that it isn't a special event because the applicant is "working her way around" Special Events. Councilor G. Steere disagreed, stating that with no outdoor band, a Special Event license is not necessary. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that the Council should not grant any Special Events because she did not use any last year. Councilor G. Steere pointed out that Cady's has gotten 6 or 8 before and only used 2 or 3. Councilor W. Steere stated that we are not talking about that application, we are talking about this one. Councilor W. Steere stated that we don't want outlaw biker gangs congregating, even though it's not a Special Event and the Chief does not know about it until it happens.

Councilor Henry stated that she would like to give the opportunity to the applicant to explain what she feels is happening with the outlaw motorcycle clubs. A. Iannuzzi stated that they are just people who just happen to wear patches indicating that they are members of an outlaw club. Councilor Henry questioned if they are just people coming down Route 44, who just happened to wear a patch, and they just stopped at her establishment. A. Iannuzzi agreed. Councilor Henry questioned if you can refuse to serve them or is it discrimination.

Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, stated that there are some establishments that won't allow people to wear "colors" or patches, because that seems to create a problem. A. Iannuzzi stated that she is considering doing that.

Councilor Reichert asked if she advertises these events. A. Iannuzzi replied in the negative. Chief DelPrete stated that the location is being used as a stepping-off point and that cannot be controlled, but having 40, 50 or 100 members there for an hour or more, when there is a volatile climate, will over run public safety in Glocester and other mutual aid communities. Chief DelPrete stated he does not feel the owner can control that situation. Councilor Reichert agreed and stated that it can be intimidating to the business owner and other clientele.

Chief DelPrete stated that there are legal issues that the applicant will have to face if she prohibits the wearing of colors. Councilor Henry commented that if people come with their colors on and are told they cannot do so, "all hell" could break loose. Chief DelPrete stated that he brings this up to make it clear to the applicant and advise the Licensing Board that if this keeps happening, there will be a problem. Chief DelPrete stressed this is an important time and there is currently things going on. The Chief briefly discussed an incident that happened in town recently. Chief DelPrete stated he does not want an "event" to coincide with groups stepping off. T. Kane concurred and stated that the liquor license and entertainment license could be affected.

Councilor W. Steere recommended approval of six (6) events, since the applicant did not see the need to use any this year. A. Iannuzzi stated that the year before, she used 12. Councilor W. Steere disagreed.

Multiple people were allowed to talk at once.

Councilor G. Steere stated that he will entertain a motion and not let personal vendettas get into it. Councilor W. Steere stated that he has his opinion. Councilor G. Steere responded that Councilor W. Steere has an opinion mixed with an attitude. Councilor W. Steere stated that he is being accused of having a personal vendetta even though we have had these issues year after year with the same applicant. Councilor W. Steere stated that with the other applicants, there has not been an issue. Councilor W. Steere stated that if Councilor G. Steere feels it is a personal vendetta, that is his opinion. Councilor G. Steere stated that is his opinion. Councilor W. Steere stated that he finds this offensive because if he can't have an opinion, it is a personal vendetta. Councilor W. Steere commented that this applicant gets the Council members arguing with each other over her not following the rules.

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

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to Approve 12 Special Events, May through October, 2018, for Adriana Iannuzzi, Adriana Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Sticks Tavern, with the following stipulations:

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.

in addition, all stipulations for outdoor uses previously granted to this applicant continue to apply; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, if he could ask the applicant a question at this point. T. Kane replied in the affirmative. Councilor W. Steere asked the applicant, since he apparently has a personal vendetta, even though he does not know her other than speaking here, is he banned again from her establishment like he was last year. A. Iannuzzi declined to answer. Councilor W. Steere asked why he was banned, stating that he never really got an answer. A. Iannuzzi again declined to respond. Councilor W. Steere stated that the applicant does not answer the Council's questions and disrespects the Council.

VOTE: AYES- G. Steere, Reichert and Henry

NAYS- W. Steere  
MOTION PASSED

Councilor W. Steere commented that it is not a personal vendetta that he voted against the application.

2. Robin Tyo, Tyo Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cadys Tavern  
Location: 2168 Putnam Pike, Glocester, RI  
Request for miscellaneous Special Events with Outdoor Entertainment - May - October, 2018

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on November 2, 2017 and abutters were notified.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor G. Steere explained that this request is for 3 events: Bike Car Wash; Outside solo acoustic performance (no amplification); & Bike show between May 2018 and October 2018.

Discussion: Councilor Henry asked Robin Tyo, applicant, if she has the same situation with “colors” and motorcycle groups. R. Tyo replied that there are several different types of motorcycle groups, and people are sometimes intimidated by MC patches. R. Tyo stated that she became proactive and has a sign explaining the dress code at Cady’s Tavern. R. Tyo stated a dress code is legal. R. Tyo stated that individuals are asked to take their jackets off and those that don’t are asked to leave. Councilor Henry asked if there is somebody there to enforce the dress code. R. Tyo replied that it usually falls on her, but she has had no problem with anybody being disrespectful. Councilor W. Steere noted this establishment has been very proactive.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing for Cady’s Tavern CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

Motion was made by Councilor Reichert to Approve 3 Special Events, May through September, 2018, for Robin Tyo, Tyo-Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady’s Tavern:

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.

in addition, all stipulations for outdoor uses previously granted to this applicant continue to apply; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor Henry asked if it would be out of the Council's privity to state in the stipulations to require an applicant, such as Sticks Tavern, to post outside the premise that this Town does not approve of any organization, club or group wearing "colors". Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, stated that he would be reluctant to advise the Council to do this. Chief DelPrete agreed, stating that it could open up other problems such as discrimination lawsuits and resentment.

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

MOTION PASSED

3. Daniel Ribeiro, The Purple Cat Vineyard & Winery, Inc.  
Location: 11 Money Hill Road, Glocester, RI  
Request for miscellaneous Special Events with Outdoor Entertainment -  
April - December, 2018

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on November 2, 2017 and abutters were notified.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor G. Steere explained that this request is for 15 -20 outdoor events. Events would include small weddings, corporate functions, clambakes and BBQ's, arts & crafts festivals, outdoor movies, vendors and family concerts. Seasonal events include 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, summer, fall & winter, holidays. Family events include bridal & baby showers, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. All events fall under our outdoor entertainment license guidelines. Between April - December 2018.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked the applicant how many events he had in the current year. D. Ribeiro, applicant, replied two (2) or three (3) of the 12 requested, noting that the reason was that they never got the field done. D. Ribeiro stated that it is hoped that the field will be ready in the Spring. Councilor W. Steere stated that the application states 15 to 20 events, and asked what is the number requested. D. Ribeiro replied less than six (6). Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council needs a number to approve. D. Ribeiro replied that six (6) would be fine.

Councilor G. Steere asked if anyone wished to be heard. Hearing none, Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing for The Purple Cat Winery CLOSED.

Discussion: None.

Motion was made by Councilor Reichert to Approve 6 Special Events from April - December, 2018 for Daniel Ribeiro, The Purple Cat Vineyard & Winery, Inc., d/b/a The Purple Cat Winery; with the following stipulations:

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. There will be no parking on Oil Mill Lane or Tanyard Lane.

**(Last year's stipulations)**

and with the stipulation that there shall be no outdoor amplification of music on consecutive days.

in addition, all stipulations for outdoor uses previously granted to this applicant continue to apply; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if we should add that there is no parking on Oil Mill Lane and Tanyard Lane. Councilor G. Steere stated that there have been no problems so far. Councilor Henry stated that if people had been parking on these roads, we would have had people here tonight complaining about it. Councilor W. Steere stated that he is worried about when the field is ready to be used for events. There was Council consensus to add this as point #8.

Councilor Henry asked the applicant if he has had any problems with motorcycle groups. D. Ribeiro replied in the negative.

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or action

- A. Approval of Town Council meeting minutes of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions & Abatements for October 2017
- C. Finance Director's Report for October 2017

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPROVE the Town Council meeting minutes of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017; to APPROVE the ADDITIONS to the 2017 Tax Roll in the amount of \$4,438.75; and ABATEMENTS to the 2017 Tax Roll in the amount of \$5,896.88; and to ACCEPT the Finance Directors Report for October 2017; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Boards & Commissions
  1. Appointments - Discussion and/or action
    - a. Conservation Commission  
One Alternate term to expire 2/2018

Councilor Henry stated that she spoke to Mike Ahnrud, chair of the Conservation Commission, who asked that the Council table the appointment at this time.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Conservation Commission for one Alternate term to expire 2/2018; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Boards & Commissions - Discussion and/or action
  - a. Inactive Boards & Commissions -(Personnel Board; Affordable Housing Board; Community Resource Commission; Economic Development) - Status & Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Clerk has prepared information for each board for the Council's review. Councilor W. Steere stated that he will contact the Town Planner to see if we can schedule a meeting of the Affordable Housing Board.

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated she hasn't reached out again to see if there is still interest among the remaining members and won't until a decision is made whether to keep the board.

Councilor Henry stated that Councilor Burlingame, who is not present tonight, has ideas regarding the Personnel Board and Councilor W. Steere is liaison to the Community Resource Commission. Councilor Henry spoke regarding the Economic Development Commission, stating that she would like to re-energize this board to work along with the Gloucester Business Association to come up with some plans to bring more economic development to Town. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Economic Development Commission has been suspended but not disbanded. Councilor W. Steere commented that we have trouble getting volunteers to serve on other boards.

There was Council consensus to table this matter until Councilor Burlingame is present.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to TABLE Inactive Boards & Commissions - Discussion and/or action until the next Town Council meeting; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- B. Human Services Department
  1. Amendment to Van Policy- Discussion and/or action

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the Human Services Director is absent due to illness. J. Fecteau explained that other than several minor corrections, the only changes in the proposed Van Policy is that there will be two (2) trips per month and there will be a 22-mile travel radius. J. Fecteau further stated that the Director wishes to change the hours because people were making late day appointments. J. Fecteau noted that there are two (2) other State services that provide transportation to doctors' appointments for Gloucester residents. J. Fecteau stated that the Director wished to reiterate that this is a program for people who have no other means of transportation or are unable to travel on their own.

Councilor Henry stated that she has read the proposed Policy and it looks reasonable to her.



Councilor G. Steere commented that some of the clients are willing to stay closer to home or make two (2) appointments on the same day to save a trip, however there are others that are stubborn and adamant that we must provide them with a ride, no matter when or where their appointment is.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to AMEND the Human Services Transportation Policy-Van Driver Policy, originally adopted June 19, 2003, as submitted by the Human Services Director; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- C. Gloucester Veterans Advocate - Discussion and/or action
  - 1. Creating position & establishing guidelines
  - 2. Appointment - Discussion and/or action

**(See New Business)**

Councilor G. Steere stated that no action is necessary because this item is coming up later on the agenda.

IX. New Business

- A. Boards & Commissions - Discussion and/or action
  - 1. Zoning Board of Review
    - a. One Alternate #2 Term to expire 1-2018

Councilor G. Steere stated that at the last meeting Council received a request from the Chair of the Zoning Board to move an alternate up to a regular position that was vacant. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council took that action but doing so created a vacancy in an alternate position. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Chair has made the recommendation of Christopher Decesare as Alternate #2.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPOINT Christopher Decesare to the position of Alternate #2 on the Zoning Board of Review for a term to expire 1/2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if Mr. Decesare is a Town employee. Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, replied that he is a part-time dispatcher. Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, stated that he will look into whether Town employees can serve on boards and commissions.

Councilor Henry WITHDREW her Motion and Councilor Reichert WITHDREW his second.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to TABLE the appointment of the position of Alternate #2 on the Zoning Board of Review for a term to expire 1/2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Historic District Commission
  - a. Two three year terms to expire 11/2020

Councilor G. Steere stated that this appointment is for the expired terms of Diana Seaver and Michael Robinson, both of whom wish to be reappointed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to REAPPOINT Diana Seaver and Michael Robinson to the Historic District Commission for three year terms to expire 11/2020; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. One Alternate term to expire 11/2018

Councilor G. Steere stated that this appointment is for the expired term of Alternate Marjorie Swift. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Chair has indicated that Marjorie would like to be reappointed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to REAPPOINT Marjorie Swift to the Alternate position on the Historic District Commission for a term to expire 11/2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

3. Senior Center Board of Directors
  - a. One expired five year term to expire 11/2022

Councilor G. Steere stated that this appointment is for the expired term of Kathleen Rechter, who does not wish to be reappointed.

Councilor G. Steere stated that no other Department Head is governed by a Board of Directors and suggested that the Council not appoint anyone to this position. Councilor G. Steere further stated that he is not sure that a Board of Directors is needed. Councilor W. Steere stated that we created a Department Head and the Board of Directors is there to assist. Councilor W. Steere suggested waiting a year and then revisiting the matter. Councilor Henry pointed out that Councilor Burlingame is the liaison to the Board and the matter should be tabled until he is present.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Senior Center Board of Directors for a five year term to expire 11/2022; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Authorization for Correspondence - Discussion and/or action

1. National Grid - Service, response times & maintenance

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council had discussed corresponding to National Grid regarding tree trimming in town.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign correspondence to National Grid requesting that they get back on track regarding trimming branches over wires, and that they submit a 2-year plan with a schedule; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor Henry stated that she will draft the correspondence to National Grid.

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

MOTION PASSED

C. F.M. Global - Expansion - Discussion and/or action

1. Plan to amend existing P.I.L.O.T. Agreement

Councilor G. Steere asked Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, if this is something he would do with F.M. Global. T. Kane replied that a negotiating committee would be formed or a liaison would be appointed.

Councilor W. Steere stated that with the last expansion, we had a situation where the Council was not aware that a negotiation was going on, and noted that the Council is the only body that can negotiate this type of contract. Councilor W. Steere stated that he wants a process in place beforehand so we don't run into this issue again.

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that for the original P.I.L.O.T agreement, the Solicitor, a Councilor and the Tax Assessor sat down and ironed out a plan to present to the Council.

Councilor G. Steere asked when the project is scheduled to take place. Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official replied that they plan to break ground in December and it will take at least a year to complete.

Tim Kane stated that we should have something in place by December 31<sup>st</sup> of next year, and based on their plans, figure out what the value of the building will be in order to do an amendment to the P.I.L.O.T agreement to include the new building. Councilor W. Steere suggested that the Council reach out to F.M. Global to "get the ball rolling".

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to send correspondence to FM Global to gauge a level of interest to discuss a possible P.I.L.O.T. agreement regarding their expansion; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES- G. Steere, W. Steere, Reichert and Henry

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

D. Candlelight Shopping - Police Detail - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Clerk has received a request from the Chair of Candlelight Shopping, Charlie Wilson:

It's that time of the year again. Candlelight shopping events on Thursday evenings in the Village Dates are Dec 7,14, & 21.

I'm hoping you can give us your support during this event

Thanks in Advance

Chair of the CLS

(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor G. Steere stated that last year, the Council agreed to pay for one (1) Police detail out of the Council Contingency Account. Charlie Wilson, chair of Candlelight Shopping, stated that they may get one detail from the GBA and he hopes that the Council and Police Department will again each take one. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has done one each year and he does not see a problem with it. There was consensus that the Council will take one and the Chief will take one.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the expenditure, from the Town Council Contingency Account, of one police detail during candlelight shopping December, 2017; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES- G. Steere, W. Steere, Reichert and Henry

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

E. Gloucester Code of Ordinance - Proposed amendments

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Chapter 247 Taxation

Article XI. Renewable Energy Tax Exemption - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere explained that this amendment would rename and amend text to include "commercial renewable energy systems shall be subject to a tangible tax payment to the municipality" through rules and regulations that have been adopted by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources for all commercial renewable energy systems.. Councilor G. Steere stated that the amendment also "exempts from taxation commercial net-metered renewable energy systems whose sole purpose is to offset electricity bills and not to sell power back to the electric distribution system".

Discussion: Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, stated that this is a model ordinance put out by the State which has been adopted by the towns of Exeter and Coventry. T. Kane explained that the cities and towns get \$5.00 per kilowatt and \$5,000 per megawatt. T. Kane stated that we would get \$1,250 for the facility near Chester's. T. Kane stated that the ones with an interconnection agreement that were substantially completed by 12/31/16 are not subject to taxation.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to WAIVE the reading of the Gloucester Code of Ordinance - Proposed amendments, Chapter 247 Taxation, Article XI Renewable Energy Tax Exemption; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to SET a Public Hearing for December 7, 2017 for the proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 247 Taxation; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Rename Part II, to Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Positions, Add Chapter: 120. Veterans Advocate - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has the authority, per the code of ordinance, to create positions as needed, therefore, we will need an ordinance to create the Veterans Advocate position.

Councilor G. Steere explained that Walter Bienieki was a self-appointed veterans advocate for many years until he stepped down due to health issues. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council now needs to create this position because it is a needed position and has been requested by the State Veterans Affairs Office. Councilor G. Steere noted that this would be a volunteer position of veterans advocate to assist our veterans to find solutions or information for any questions or problems they may have.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to WAIVE the reading of creating a Veterans Advocate Volunteer; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to SET a Public Hearing, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, for a proposed amendment to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Part II, Addition of Chapter 120 Veterans Advocate; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion:

VOTE: AYES- G. Steere, W. Steere, Reichert and Henry

NAYS-0  
MOTION PASSED

F. D.O.T. Round-a-bout - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that he asked to put this on the agenda because he feels that they have bumped out the curbs too far in front of Aegean Pizza and the old barber shop. Councilor G. Steere also questioned the three (3) islands that are going to be placed around the circle. Councilor G. Steere commented that when the Council contacted D.O.T. regarding the work at Chestnut Hill Road, there was a good resolution and suggested that the Council speak to D.O.T. regarding their concerns about this project. Councilor W. Steere stated he has seen those islands on wider lane rotaries. Councilor Reichert discussed the height of the reveals and stated he believed D.O.T. was having paving done in the morning. Councilor Reichert stated we could ask them to consider a shorter reveal height. Gary Treml, Director of Public Works, questioned if bollard lights were being installed.

Charlie Wilson, Historic District Commission, stated that he spoke to the project manager and was told that they are putting movable wooden signs on the islands. C. Wilson asked what the signs say and he has not received an answer, but was told that a wide load will have to move the signs. C. Wilson further stated that there will be between 9 and 12 crash barrier poles, with flashing lights on top, which were not approved by the Historic District. C. Wilson also objected to the proposed signage.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to contact D.O.T. as soon as possible to request an emergency meeting with the President of the Town Council, the Town Clerk, the Director of Public Works and the chair of the Historic District Commission; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding how the D.O.T. will be contacted. There was Council consensus that a phone call to Gary Tella would be quickest.

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

MOTION PASSED

G. Pavilion Holiday Decorations - Discussion and/or action

Councilor Henry stated that George Charette has offered to donate a 14-foot fresh Christmas tree to be erected at our Pavilion prior to the first week of Candlelight Shopping, which is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Henry stated that she spoke to Bob Shields, Recreation Director, who will reach out to the choir to ask them to sing at the Pavilion before the start of Candlelight Shopping. Councilor Henry suggested having a tree-lighting event that evening.

There was discussion concerning whether the tree will be placed in the Pavilion or next to it. Councilor G. Steere stated that he would not want to put it under the roof of the structure in case of fire.

Councilor Henry thanked George Charette for his generous offer and stated that it is appropriate as he had so much to do with the Pavilion to begin with.

George Charette addressed the Council, stating that he is not looking for any recognition. G. Charette stated that this is something that he wants to do because the two (2) events that took place at the pavilion in October were good for the community. G. Charette stated that there are many more things that can happen at the Pavilion. G. Charette stated the Council may choose to accept his offer or not. G. Charette stated that there were holiday activities in the Village in the past and he would like to bring things back to the way they were.

Councilor Henry stated that Charlie Wilson has strings of antique lights for the tree which would eliminate our expense. Councilor Henry asked the Recreation Director to coordinate the tree lighting event along with C. Wilson and the Public Works Director.

Gary Treml, Public Works Director, stated that he has money in his budget for lights to be placed on the Pavilion. There was discussion regarding whether to plow the area of the Pavilion during the winter. G. Treml stated that he had envisioned blocking it off in the winter, but if we have decorations, it will have to be accessible. There was Council consensus to keep the area accessible until the first of the year.

There was discussion regarding Santa Claus figures. G. Treml stated that there are two or three different ones from which to choose.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPROVE the acceptance of a Christmas tree donated by George Charette, to give the authority to the Public Works Department to erect the Christmas Tree at the Pavilion; for Charlie Wilson of the Historic District Commission to put the lights on the Christmas Tree; to have our Recreation Director create a tree-lighting event at the Pavilion to coincide with Candlelight Shopping on December 7<sup>th</sup>; and for Public Works to put tasteful decorative lighting at the Pavilion and to choose a Santa to erect; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor Henry stated she would go to Public Works and help G. Treml choose a Santa.

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

MOTION PASSED

The Council members thanked G. Charette for his donation and Councilor G. Steere expressed his opinion that there were a lot of people involved in the creation of the pavilion but if it had not been for G. Charette's persistence, the Pavilion would not be there today. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Pavilion is something to be proud of and he is glad it is being used.

X. Town Council Correspondence /Discussion

- A. Councilor G. Steere stated that he received two (2) calls this week regarding the Simas property. Councilor G. Steere stated that somebody asked if hunting would be allowed on the property, and somebody else told him that there is a pond on the property which has been dammed up by beavers to the point that it may overflow

onto a neighbor's property. Discussion followed and Councilor G. Steere asked G. Trembl to take a look at the beaver dams.

- B. Councilor G. Steere stated that correspondence was received from the U. S. Census Bureau, 2018 End to End Census Test, asking to come out to test procedures for the 2020 Census. Councilor G. Steere stated someone was requesting time before the Council. Councilor Henry stated that she was told that the Bureau is trying to recruit employees.
- C. Councilor G. Steere stated that a letter was received from the Burrillville Town Council President asking for support and availability for a news conference regarding the proposed power plant. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Energy Siting Board has voted to suppress all resolutions from 33 municipalities as being "irrelevant and a waste of time".
- D. Councilor G. Steere stated that a letter of thanks was received from the GBA with regard to the use of the Pavilion and Town Hall for the Halloween event, which was a huge success with over 800 children participating.
- E. Councilor G. Steere stated that a letter was received from the RI Commerce Corporation regarding Foreign-Trade Zones. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, explained that the RI Commerce Corporation is filing an application with the Federal Government to enable them to bring FTZ designation to companies within the proposed service area, which would include Providence County. J. Fecteau stated that if any of the Council members are interested, she will place it on the next agenda.
- F. Councilor W. Steere stated that he received a phone call regarding wreaths for the period lighting in the Village. Councilor W. Steere asked the Council members if they are interested in doing that again this year. Councilor G. Steere suggested, in the future, asking the GBA or the Grange to have a wreath contest, similar to the scarecrow contest that was held, and decorate the Village with the wreaths. Councilor G. Steere stated that this would save us the \$500 cost of the wreaths. There was Council consensus to spend up to \$500 for the wreaths for this year.

#### XI. Department Head Reports/Discussion

- A. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that she gave the Council their current Budget numbers. J. Fecteau asked the Council to let her know if they want any different amounts for the next budget.
- B. Councilor Reichert asked Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official, if there is an open permit for the demolition of the building bought by Consumers Propane. K. Johnson replied that the company allowed the Fire Department to put holes in the building for practice and were given the application for a demo permit, but they were not sure when they were going to take the building down. K. Johnson stated the company filled out an application but a demo permit was not issued. K. Johnson will contact the company because the building is now taking on water and is becoming a public safety issue.



XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

- A. Walter Steere, Jr., School Committee member, stated that starting next month there will be a sub-committee regarding full regionalization. W. Steere, Jr. stated that he does not think that the Gloucester School Department is interested but Foster is pushing for it, and he feels that we should look into the legal side of the matter. W. Steere, Jr. stated that he is on the sub-committee. W. Steere, Jr. stated his opinion that if they want to fully regionalize, they should have people from both communities on the sub-committee in addition to School Committee members. W. Steere, Jr. stated Gloucester schools are better and he doesn't think it is a good idea for us. W. Steere, Jr. stated he will listen to the conversation. W. Steere, Jr. stated that if Foster does regionalize, Gloucester will be supporting the Foster schools in some way. Councilor Reichert asked if Foster is still losing enrollment. W. Steere, Jr. replied that they are either staying steady or losing.

XIII. Open Forum

None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) Pending & Potential Litigation

1. Town of Gloucester v. Gregoire/Hopkins PC-2016-0536
2. Voccola, PC 2012-0762
3. Holiday Acres Campground

and R.I.G.L. 42-46-(a)(2) Collective Bargaining: Grievance; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

XV. Reconvene Open Session -  
Disclosure of votes taken

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to SEAL the minutes of Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

Councilor G. Steere announced that two (2) votes were taken in Executive Session:

1. MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to withdraw and rescind Town Council approval of a Consent Agreement (between Gregoire/Hopkins and the Town of Gloucester) and to instruct the Assistant Solicitor to notify opposing Council as soon as possible; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None.

VOTE:           AYES- G. Steere, W. Steere, Reichert and Henry  
                  NAYS-0  
                  MOTION PASSED

2.       One (1) vote was taken regarding Holiday Acres Campground.

XVI.   Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to ADJOURN at 10:58 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

VOTE:           AYES- G. Steere, W. Steere, Reichert and Henry  
                  NAYS-0  
                  MOTION PASSED