

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on June 6, 2019:

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, Vice-President; William E. Reichert; Patricia Henry; and Julian (Jay) Forgue.

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; William Bernstein, Assistant Town Solicitor; Diane Brennan, Finance Director; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Bob Shields, Recreation Director; and Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

None.

V. Resolution

- A. Support of 2nd Amendment Rights - Discussion and/or Action
(May or may not include "Sanctuary designation")

As proposed:

Councilor Henry read the following into the record:

Resolution #2019-03
Declaring the Town of Gloucester a place of Refuge & Protection of our
2nd Amendment Rights

Whereas; the Gloucester Town Council pursuant to Rhode Island statute and the Charter of the Town, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Gloucester, RI, and

Whereas; the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the inalienable and individual right of the people to keep and bear arms, and

Whereas; the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service

in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

Whereas; the United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms”, as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and is applicable to the states, and

Whereas; the United States Supreme Court in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment, and

Whereas; Article I, Section 22 of the Rhode Island Constitution provides that “The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”, and

Whereas; Article I, Section 6 of the Rhode Island Constitution provides that “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, papers and possessions, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue, but on complaint in writing, upon probable cause supported by oath or affirmation and describing as nearly as many as may be, the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized”, and

Whereas; Rhode Island gun sales already require in-state residency, background checks, an eight-day waiting period and a “Blue Card” [RI Department of Environmental Management Pistol/Revolver Certification] for handgun purchases; and prohibits all gun purchases

- on behalf of another person,
- or for anyone under indictment or convicted of a felony or any crime for which the judge could imprison said person for more than one year,
- or for anyone who is a fugitive from justice,
- or for any unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug or any controlled substance regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreational purposes,
- or for anyone adjudicated as a mental defective OR has ever been committed to a mental institution,
- or for anyone who has been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions,
- or for anyone who is subject to a court order restraining said person from harassing, stalking, or threatening their child or an intimate partner or child of such partner,
- or for anyone who has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence,
- or for anyone who has renounced their United States citizenship,
- or for anyone who is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States, and

Whereas; it is the desire of the Gloucester Town Council to declare its support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and to the provisions of the Rhode

Island Constitution which protect the citizens of Gloucester's inalienable and individual right to keep and bear arms, and

Whereas; the Gloucester Town Council members each took an oath to support and defend the United States Constitution, and the laws of the State of Rhode Island which are not deemed unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, and the Charter of the Town of Gloucester.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gloucester Town Council that the Town of Gloucester be, and hereby is, declared to be a place of refuge & protection of our citizen's 2nd Amendment Rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gloucester Town Council affirms its support for the Gloucester Police Department to exercise sound discretion when enforcing laws impacting the rights of citizens under the second amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gloucester Town Council will not appropriate funds for capital construction of building space or purchase of storage systems to store weapons seized pursuant to the requirements set forth in any legislation if such bill is enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly and/or for the purpose of enforcing any other law that unconstitutionally infringes upon the right of the citizens of the Town of Gloucester to keep and bear arms.

George O. Steere, Jr., President
Gloucester Town Council

Dated this 6th day of June, 2019

seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion:

1. Ron Der, of Tourtellot Hill Road, stated that he is confused about the resistance to use the word "sanctuary", stating that the 2nd Amendment is, in itself, a sanctuary for the other amendments, because without the 2nd, you don't have the 1st, 3rd or 4th. R. Der stated that the framers put it there to oppose tyranny. R. Der stated that this Resolution is a statement to the capital city that they are not going to tell us what to do when it pertains to the Constitution. R. Der stated that most of us here will not abide by "bad law" because where there is bad law, there is no law. R. Der commented that if you are anti-gun, you are in the wrong part of the state because the people out here are independent and this Resolution drives that point home. R. Der stated that this is a reversal because sanctuary cities started with trying to protect illegal immigrants and illegal drugs. R. Der expressed his opinion that the word "sanctuary" is important because it reverses that and drives the point home. R. Der asked why the word "sanctuary" was not used in the Resolution. Councilor G. Steere replied that it was a compromise, adding that he does not have a problem with the word. Councilor Reichert explained that some people were offended by it.
2. Richard Tarlaian, of 51 White Pine Drive, stated that he is a gun owner, Vietnam veteran and former police officer and is opposed to the Resolution, even though the wording has

been changed. R. Tarlaian stated that this is nothing more than political grand-standing and has no practical effect. R. Tarlaian stated that he is a supporter of the local police and they don't need the Council to tell them to use sound discretion as that is part of their training and education. R. Tarlaian further stated that the 2nd Amendment is alive and well in Gloucester and he hears gunshots nearly every day from Addieville East which abuts his property. With regard to being armed for self-defense, we live in one of the most crime free communities in Rhode Island. R. Tarlaian stated that the bigger threat to our residents by guns is suicide, which is distinctly a white male rural phenomenon. R. Tarlaian stated that one of the problems he has with this proposal is that these fringe kind of groups are coming into the mainstream and we are giving credence to that. R. Tarlaian stated that this type of Resolution speaks volumes to the people that he calls 2nd Amendment groups. R. Tarlaian expressed his opposition to the sanctuary cities for undocumented citizens because they are asking law enforcement to disregard the law and it is wrong to ask our law enforcement to do that. R. Tarlaian stated that this movement around the country is largely a white nationalist movement.

Councilor Reichert stated that what the State is trying to pass is for us to construct a building which is another unfunded mandate and would increase taxes. R. Tarlaian replied that he loves this town and would not mind if his taxes were raised. R. Tarlaian commented that this issue is dividing the community and if the Council wants to distinguish Gloucester for some reason, do it for something other than this.

Councilor Henry stated that we are frustrated with the State and our Governor regarding the many unfunded mandates we are juggling with. Councilor Henry stated that at some point, the mandates need to stop. Councilor Henry stated that letters to Governor Raimondo have had no response so this is our way to have her pay attention to some of the rural communities. Councilor Henry referred to R. Tarlaian's comment about fringe elements, and stated that at times we have watched the liberal fringe element go off on things, and we just sit and take it. Councilor Henry stated that there needs to be some push-back.

Councilor Reichert commented that Smithfield is getting roads paved by the State, while the paving of Route 94, since 2013, has been pushed back to 2022. Councilor Reichert stated that FM Global is there but the Governor does not care because it is not in her view. R. Tarlaian commented that there is no connection between this statement and getting Route 94 fixed. Councilor Reichert replied that it is all the same thing; we get **** up here.

3. Linda Onanian, of 539 Lake Washington Drive, quoted as follows: "There is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetrated under the shield of the law and in the name of justice". L. Onanian stated that Gloucester and western Rhode Island are neither heard nor considered at the State House and this is where our voices begin to be heard. L. Onanian stated that passing this Resolution is a way to protect our rights and send a message that we will no longer be ignored. L. Onanian stated that Gina Raimondo has said that these are responsible common-sense laws designed to keep us safe, but her concerns register as false and are reminiscent of a similar sentiment from Adolph Hitler "The state must declare the child to be the most precious treasure of the people. As long as the government is perceived as working for the benefit of the children, the people will happily endure almost any curtailment

of liberty and almost any deprivation”. L. Onanian stated that we must work toward a more intelligent solution than to wrest firearms from law-abiding citizens. L. Onanian implored the Town Council to see the proposed new gun laws for what they really are and, along with the Towns that have gone before us, make a statement. L. Onanian closed with a quote from Benjamin Franklin; “They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety”.

4. Mark Coupe, spoke in favor of the Resolution.
5. Linda Nichols, Gloucester resident and chair of the Democratic Committee, stated that as she has previously stated, she opposes this Resolution. L. Nichols stated that the State needs to come up with better ideas and solutions instead of us fighting against each other. L. Nichols stated that she has five (5) grandchildren in the school system and she prays to God that nothing ever happens.
6. Jessica Caparco stated that she has lived in Gloucester for seven (7) years and she loves it here. J. Caparco stated that she spoke at the last meeting and wanted to reiterate that she opposes this declaration, stating that it has no legal standing and is unnecessary. J. Caparco stated that these symbolic resolutions are divisive and serve as political posturing. J. Caparco stated that as Rhode Island residents, we are required to follow our State’s law; we are not seceding from Rhode Island. J. Caparco commented that the Police cannot pick and choose which laws to enforce as it places them in precarious positions. J. Caparco stated that she agrees that there are other ways to stand out to get Gina Raimondo’s attention and does not think this is the way to assert ourselves. J. Caparco further stated that it is a false equivalency to compare road neglect and other issues that need to be fixed to this declaration.

Councilor Reichert asked J. Caparco if she wants her tax dollars to be used to build buildings. J. Caparco replied that she is okay with that.

Councilor Henry stated that J. Caparco said that we are obligated to follow State law, but Councilor Henry stated that she is not sure that we are obligated to follow a State law that is against the Constitution. J. Caparco stated that there are no laws right now on the books that oppose the 2nd Amendment. Councilor Henry stated that if the law is passed, we do not have to follow it. J. Caparco replied that it has to be opposed at the State House level, not the Town.

7. Will Worthy expressed his support for the Resolution.
8. Denise Plaza-Martin, Gloucester resident, asked how this is going to work. D. Plaza-Martin gave a scenario that if the Resolution passes, and Senate Bill 84 also passes, if a Gloucester Police officer stops someone who has a weapon visibly on his front passenger seat, what happens then and what would the process be? Councilor G. Steere replied that the Chief of Police is going to follow State law, adding that this Resolution is just a statement. D. Plaza-Martin stated that we have heard about “discretion” and the way it is worded, it seems that they would use discretion in individual instances of finding firearms. Councilor G. Steere commented that they use discretion every day. Councilor W. Steere stated that their job will

not change and the Police Department will follow State law. D. Plaza-Martin asked what is the reason for this. Councilor G. Steere replied that it is just a Resolution of the Council and simply a statement. Councilor Reichert spoke regarding sanctuary cities where Police or ICE can't go into a courtroom, as they did in Boston when they let a criminal out the back door.

9. Stacey Swift, resident of Hartford Pike since 1974, stated that he didn't move to Gloucester for hunting, but because he wanted space. S. Swift noted that he has never owned a gun in his life, but that doesn't mean that he doesn't approve of people coming on his property to keep the deer population from getting starved. S. Swift stated that the people in this room that are wearing yellow shirts are probably very responsible people and nobody will take something away if they are law-abiding citizens. S. Swift stated that he does not condone people getting guns that would be used in the military to slaughter 50 or 100 people at one time. S. Swift stated that he has a little bit of a problem with the term, but he agrees in principle.
10. Sandy Watmough, lifelong resident of Gloucester, stated that there is an assumption that if they are not wearing a yellow shirt, they are anti-gun, which is not the case. S. Watmough stated that when she was growing up, her father would chase trespassers away with a gun, which was never loaded. S. Watmough commented that this is a fight against nothing and is dividing our town. S. Watmough stated that somebody got up at the last meeting and said she was threatened by her neighbor. S. Watmough stated that Gloucester is a wonderful town full of beauty and stated that she wishes that we could stay together. S. Watmough stated that if the Council votes on this tonight, she will be very disappointed.
11. Brian Rea, of Brandon Street, expressed hope that the Council does vote on it and that it does pass because all his life he has watched good, honest, law-abiding citizens' rights under attack across the nation with this gun issue.
12. Ata Edizkan stated that he spoke at the last meeting and he is in support of this Resolution. A. Edizkan commented that the Declaration of Independence was a statement that the colonists were not going to comply with the laws of the British government. A. Edizkan noted that Rhode Island was the first state to sign that document. A. Edizkan further stated that towns like Gloucester and Foster are safe because we have guns and people don't come here looking for trouble like in Central Falls and Woonsocket. A. Edizkan stated that he is from Turkey and it took him nine (9) years to get his citizenship and it hurts him to hear about sanctuary cities where somebody can just walk over the border and be protected under the law. A. Edizkan stated that in Turkey, there are no school shootings because there is a police officer at every school protecting the students. A. Edizkan commented that banning guns will not stop murder. A. Edizkan stated that if we don't want divisiveness, we must work together.
13. Richard Onanian, of 539 Lake Washington, stated that on both sides of this issue, we are not divided against our friends and neighbors as a whole, we just disagree on this issue, but it doesn't mean that we hate each other. R. Onanian stated that we don't protect our children by disallowing legal guns, carried by responsible people; we protect them with guns. R.

Onanian stated that he wants to address undetectable firearms, stating that no firearm can actually operate without plenty of metal, including the ammunition. R. Onanian stated that nobody is going to take something away from a law-abiding citizen, except when law-abiding citizens are turned into criminals with unconstitutional new laws. R. Onanian stated that we have had a slow erosion of our rights and we need to put a stop to it. R. Onanian stated that if we pass this Resolution, we are saying something, this is how we speak.

14. Roger Desaulniers, of Sand Dam Road, stated that he is a school teacher and has concern about the nature of this discussion. R. Desaulniers commented that it is unfortunate to be an American and be concerned about our 2nd Amendment rights and be concerned about mass shootings and school safety. R. Desaulniers expressed his opinion that the Resolution is plagiarism and that we need people to come up with solutions to the problems we are having. R. Desaulniers stated that he does not think this is the statement we want to make.
15. Andy Glasko, lifelong resident, stated that he lost a brother to suicide by gun and commented that if somebody is going to commit suicide, they are going to do so. A. Glasko further stated that he lost a young friend that he mentored for about 20 years, stating that he hung himself with a lamp cord. A. Glasko stated that he feels that the argument about suicide and guns is a moot point. A. Glasko also stated that he takes offense with the gentleman earlier who stated that anyone who does not agree with him is a white supremacist.

Councilor G. Steere asked the Council for their comments.

Councilor W. Steere stated that he is not an endorsed Republican, which is fine with him. Councilor W. Steere stated that what we have in front of us will not change what the Police do now; they will follow State law as will the Council.

Councilor G. Steere stated that we all realize that and it was said at the last meeting and again tonight. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Police will follow State law and we are not intending to tell them they can't or shouldn't. Councilor G. Steere pointed out that this is just a statement. Councilor G. Steere stated that he has lived here most of his life and he has a good feeling for what people in Glocester want, and they want this Resolution. Councilor G. Steere stated that there is an erosion of our rights in many different areas as well as an unbearable amount of State unfunded mandates. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Resolution states that we will not spend taxpayer money to build buildings to house weapons that are confiscated contrary to what the 2nd Amendment allows.

Councilor Forgue referred to the gentleman who came from Turkey and took nine (9) years to become a citizen, stating that when his grandparents came from Italy and France, it took a long time to document them properly. Councilor Forgue stated that we have a Mayor of the city of Providence and a Governor who say "just come trot across the border and we'll find refuge for you". Councilor Forgue stated that there is a crack in the door, and the bigger that crack gets, before you know it, the door is wide open. Councilor Forgue stated that if this creates a speed bump in that crack, we have accomplished something here tonight.

The Town Clerk polled the Council:

VOTE: Councilor Forgue - AYE
 Councilor Reichert - AYE
 Councilor Henry - AYE
 Councilor W. Steere - AYE
 Councilor G. Steere - AYE

MOTION PASSED

VI. Citations

A. Eagle Scouts: Ratification of Citations - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Town Council, by consensus, authorized Citations for Scouts as they achieve the distinction of becoming Eagle Scouts and the Citations were presented last Sunday, June 2nd, at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Councilor G. Steere stated the Citations now need to be ratified by Council.

(Note: Scouts were given individual citations at the ceremony)

Councilor W. Steere stated that over the last five (5) years or so, this group has had literally dozens of Eagle Scouts, which is impressive and speaks to the leadership of Troop 44.

Councilor W. Steere read the following into the record:

**Citation
2019-07**

**Be it hereby known to all that the Town of Gloucester hereby offers its sincerest
congratulations to Gloucester Scout Troop 44.**

In Recognition of their Scouts achieving the highest ranking honor of

**Eagle Scout
in the
Boy Scouts of America.**

To achieve this award, Scouts must work diligently to rise through the ranks of Scouting and be a leader by good example to other young men.

These Scouts gave of their time to better our community with the following Eagle Scout Projects:

Evan Thomas Matthew Knudsen worked on revitalization of the Harmony Library “Tot Lot” by installing a sand box with roof and donating two picnic tables, that he built, to the project.

Christopher Hebert hung flyers, distributed boxes and collected items for a clothing drive. After sorting the clothes, Chris packed and delivered them to a facility and when weighed, he received \$1044 which was donated to the Gloucester Food Pantry.

André Leo DeGrange permanently installed a community flag retirement box at the Gloucester Manton Library, complete with landscaping. The Town now has a central location to bring flags that should be retired. The troop will empty the box regularly and perform a proper flag retirement ceremony.

The Town Council, Town Clerk and citizens of Gloucester are proud to honor these Eagle Scouts.

George O. Steere, Jr.
President, Gloucester Town Council

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Dated this 6th day of June 2019

Seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

Councilor G. Steere stated that he attended the ceremony to present the Citations and commented that it is quite an impressive group, including the leadership and the parents.

VII. Public Hearing

A. Gloucester Code of Ordinance

1. Proposed Amendments to:

- a. Chapter 350-5 Definitions, Sect. 350-58.2 Farm Accessory Uses & Attachment 1, Table of Use Regulations - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that this public hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze Observer on May 16, 23, and 30, 2019 and the first reading of the proposed amendments to the code was held on May 2, 2019.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN and asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the amendments.

Discussion: Karen Scott, Town Planner, noted that she has four (4) small corrections in the language of the Ordinance amendment. K. Scott suggested that the public be allowed to speak before she goes through the technical corrections.

1. Roy Anderton, of Chestnut Hill Road, stated that he has a small farm, nothing for sale, with equipment such as a rototiller and tractor, and does not know if this amendment affects any of that. R. Anderton spoke about distilleries, as far as alcohol to drink, and stated that anybody could probably make alcohol used for fuel. R. Anderton asked if somebody with two (2) or three (3) acres could build a greenhouse.

Councilor G. Steere noted that these are accessory uses, so you have to have a working farm first. K. Scott concurred and stated that this is only meant to expand on what we have available to farm owners and they are not losing any rights they already have. K. Scott stated that a greenhouse on a residential lot would be allowed the same way it is today, with setbacks, lot coverage and a building permit.

2. Stacey Swift stated that this is a very good Ordinance. S. Swift noted that some land in Gloucester is located in the Scituate Watershed which is under the oversight of the Department of Environmental Management. S. Swift stated that we should consider if this is appropriate within the watershed.

K. Scott thanked Scott Millar of the Providence Water Supply Board for his assistance.

K. Scott stated the corrections are as follows:

1. On Page 1, Agricultural Related Products, 2nd line, “a land owner” should be changed to “the land owner”.
2. On Page 3, Farm Based Contracting Business, the phrase “who resides on-site” should be added.
3. On Page 7, Accessory Use Conditions, the addition of “If the farm ceases to exist in compliance with the definition in Section 350-5, the accessory use shall also cease to exist.”
4. On Page 8, g. Storage, the word “business” should be changed to “permitted accessory use”.

K. Scott expressed appreciation to the Planning Board, stating they were instrumental in hosting workshops, debating and discussing this for the past 12 months. K. Scott also thanked the agricultural community for their input.

Councilor G. Steere asked if anyone else wished to speak. Hearing none, Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the public hearing CLOSED.

Councilor G. Steere asked if the Council members had any questions or comments. There was further discussion regarding change of ownership. K. Scott clarified that if the farm changes ownership but remains a farm the accessory use will remain, whereas, if the farm is sold for house lots the accessory use will cease.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to ADOPT the amendments to the Gloucester Code of Ordinances as proposed for: Chapter 350-5 Definitions, Sect. 350-58.2 Farm Accessory Uses & Attachment 1, Table of Use Regulations, with the changes recommended by the Town Planner; effective upon passage; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

VIII. Gloucester Board of Licensing

A. Discussion and/or Action RE: Proposed event at Town licensed establishment.
(Hill's Tavern)

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has asked to speak to the owner of Hill's Tavern due to a recent social media post regarding an upcoming event at the tavern. Councilor G. Steere stated that Mr. Hill was asked to attend this meeting to discuss with Council, as the Licensing Board.

Discussion: Albert Hill, owner of Hill's Tavern, stated that it is really not their event and the extent of their involvement is that they are providing music outside for four (4) hours followed by inside music at night. A. Hill again stated that this is someone else's event which is being held elsewhere on the Friday and the Sunday at a campground.

Councilor W. Steere asked A. Hill how many times per month he can have outdoor music. A. Hill replied twice. Councilor W. Steere noted that there was an event on the 2nd, and this event, and another one is advertised for the 29th. Councilor W. Steere spoke about an event on the 9th and asked if there will be outside entertainment that day as well. A. Hill stated that the event on the 9th is all inside. Councilor W. Steere stated that A. Hill said he did not know about the advertisement, but it is on the tavern's Facebook site. A. Hill stated that he did not read it. Councilor W. Steere stated that the ad says that people will be bussed in to the facility and the problem is that we don't know who is coming and how many. Councilor W. Steere stated that this is unprecedented; we have never had an event where there is outside entertainment and people will be bussed in for it. Councilor W. Steere stated that, to the Council, public safety is first and foremost. Councilor W. Steere stated that Hill's Tavern already has three (3) events advertised where there will be outside entertainment and they are only allowed two (2) per month. A. Hill replied that his understanding is that he can do a fundraiser if it is a Special Event, and he has an application pending. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council may have moved too fast granting some things to A. Hill because typically, anything with outside entertainment is a Special Event, like a charity event, because it not normal business. Councilor W. Steere noted that the Council hears applications for Special Events in November when people renew their licenses.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council did not know about this event until they saw it on Facebook and does not think they would have received an application until A. Hill was alerted that he needed one for this Special Event. Councilor W. Steere stated that there have been other issues such as noise complaints have been received recently. A. Hill stated that he was not aware of that. Councilor W. Steere expressed his concern and stated that the Licensing Board, in good faith, gave a new owner some permissions which may have premature since there was no history. Councilor W.

Steere pointed out that some businesses that have been here for ten (10) years haven't received what Hill's Tavern has received.

Councilor Henry stated that A. Hill has said that it is not their event, but pointed out that he is the business owner and with that comes great responsibility. Councilor Henry stated that A. Hill needs to be aware of what he is advertising.

Councilor Forgue stated that prior to hiring a band, you should find out what kind of following they have so you can prepare properly for anything that may happen. Councilor Forgue stated that if 250 cars showed up and there is no Police or Fire officer there, it would be a problem. Councilor Forgue suggested that A. Hill do a little more research and construct this better. Councilor Forgue also stated that A. Hill should have the advertisement deleted from his Facebook page.

Councilor Henry read from the ad which states "Bus option on site to bring campers back and forth from location", and asked for details. A. Hill replied that his understanding is that it is a small school bus to curtail parking issues. Councilor Henry asked about the "camping location 12 miles away". A. Hill explained that it is a private residence in Burrillville.

Councilor Forgue stated that A. Hill is "hanging himself out to dry" and it could be very bad for him if something goes wrong. Councilor Forgue commented that the Council wants to see him stay in business, but we have a quaint little town here.

Councilor G. Steere stated that when A. Hill came before the Council, he was granted outdoor entertainment but he did not ask for Special Events at that time. Councilor G. Steere commented that this event is more than just outdoor entertainment and if people will be bussed in, it would qualify as a Special Event. A. Hill stated that he applied for a Special Event permit for the Operation Stand Down fundraiser, but regarding this, he sees it only as a musical event. Councilor Henry stated that "event" is the key word. Councilor Henry further stated that she does not like the element that this will bring to Town.

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that at the Public Hearing for outdoor entertainment, after a long conversation it was agreed that there would be two (2) music events per month. J. Fecteau asked Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, if A. Hill can now go through with this Special Event. T. Kane replied that he can ask but the Council can say no. T. Kane further stated that the reason we do it in November is to get a total picture of the whole season so we can have restrictions that everybody can live with. J. Fecteau noted that because the Council gave him something no one else has, there will be problems with Special Events, even in November.

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council said if A. Hill came in with a Special Event, it would not be in addition to the two (2) outside bands allowed each month; one of those would be used as the Special Event.

Councilor Forgue asked A. Hill if 300 people showed up at his door, and his capacity is 149, what would he do with the remaining people? A. Hill replied that they would not be able to come into the building. Councilor Henry stated that they would congregate outside and start to party. Councilor

Forgue advised A. Hill to watch what he is doing because if there are 150 outside wanting to go in, they are not going to be happy. Councilor Forgue suggested that A. Hill get rid of his promoter and start thinking for himself.

Councilor W. Steere stated that our Police Department is very limited and we are short people right now. Councilor W. Steere referred to a recent local event in a neighboring town where assistance had to be called in from our town and others. Councilor W. Steere stated that it would be the same thing here and we don't want to see that. Councilor W. Steere expressed concern about people coming in by bus because we don't know what condition they will be in.

Councilor Reichert asked if there is another event with this and referred to the infamous "Pa Toad Festival" where many problems occurred.

Councilor W. Steere stated that there was an agreement between the Council and A. Hill to allow two (2) outdoor events per month, regardless of whether they are Special Events. Councilor W. Steere noted that A. Hill already has three (3) events booked. Councilor W. Steere stated that changing the agreement would set a bad precedent. Councilor G. Steere agreed that it has to be two (2).

Councilor G. Steere stated that A. Hill's attorney, Dave D'Agostino, was aware of the process for Special Events because he was the attorney for the previous owner. Councilor G. Steere stated that they did discuss that.

Councilor Reichert stated that the field in Burrillville where the people will be bussed from is the same location of the event over 15 years ago where there was a million dollar judgement. A. Hill stated that he asked that and was told that it is not the same field. Councilor Reichert stated that he looked up the address and that is where the "toad" fest was held. Councilor Reichert asked if they have permission from Burrillville. Councilor G. Steere stated that's in another town and all we care about is that A. Hill can have two (2) outdoor bands a month. A. Hill stated that he can have a band for (4) hours, according to his license. Councilor G. Steere asked if that would be his second one for June. A. Hill replied in the affirmative and added that they applied for the special permit for Operation Stand Down on June 29th. Councilor W. Steere stated that the band can play inside. Councilor W. Steere expressed his opinion that further discussion is needed regarding the June 21st event because it is something we have never seen before.

Councilor Henry stated that the ad reads "June 21st through June 23rd" and asked if this is going on for three (3) days. A. Hill replied that the only thing at the tavern is music on the 22nd. A. Hill stated that on the 21st and the 23rd, events will be held in Burrillville.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the ad has information about camping and also a bus schedule. Councilor W. Steere stated that there is nothing to prevent A. Hill from having everything inside. Councilor W. Steere stated that he is not willing to go beyond two (2) outside events per month and he has a big problem with bussing people in.

Councilor Forgue stated that he is perplexed because A. Hill does not know how many people are coming to the event. A. Hill replied that is the case with almost any event. A. Hill stated that he is learning how to gauge it as well as learning how to communicate with the Police Chief, Fire Chief and the Town Council. A. Hill stated that he wants everybody to be safe at his place. Councilor Forgue asked A. Hill if he has made any preparations to have anyone from the Police Department at this event. Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, stated that A. Hill spoke to him regarding a parking plan and crowd control.

Councilor G. Steere noted that this would be A. Hill's second outdoor band of the month and it would set a bad precedent if the Council allowed a third one. A. Hill asked if they did this event inside, would they still be able to have the one on the 29th. J. Fecteau stated that there will still be a Public Hearing for that Special Event. Councilor G. Steere noted that we talked about this when A. Hill got his outdoor entertainment and A. Hill chose not to apply for Special Events at that time. A. Hill questioned whether he has to apply for a Special Event permit for the fundraiser, since it will only be his second outdoor event. T. Kane replied in the affirmative, stating that it is a Special Event that is not in the normal course of business. J. Fecteau commented that he is advertising for something besides just listening to a band and having a drink. Councilor G. Steere agreed that it constitutes a Special Event.

Councilor W. Steere stated that this is something that has plagued us for ten (10) years since we started to allow people to do more outside. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has tried to define what a Special Event is. Councilor Forgue stated that the Council made it clear to A. Hill that if he is going to have a Special Event, he would have to give up one of his outdoor events because he is only allowed to have two (2). A. Hill stated that when they came before the Council for outdoor entertainment, they stated up front that they would not go beyond 8:00 in consideration of the neighbors. A. Hill asked if a fundraiser is a Special Event. The Council responded in the affirmative. T. Kane read the definition as follows: "Special Events for establishments that hold liquor licenses are those events that are held outside the normal course of business and outside licensed building at which outdoor entertainment is offered including, but not limited to, sporting events, fundraisers, car washes, car shows, and bike runs that either commence or end at the licensed establishment". T. Kane urged A. Hill to be careful because these people will be drinking and partying for three (3) days. Councilor G. Steere commented that if it is the old "Toad Fest" crew, A. Hill is looking for trouble. Councilor Forgue stated that the Council appreciates A. Hill trying to create a nice business, but he urged him to be very careful.

Councilor G. Steere stated that we need to resolve this somehow. Councilor W. Steere commented that he is not as enthusiastic as Councilor Forgue about the bus issue and feels that it is a bad precedent to set. Councilor Forgue stated for the record that he is not enthusiastic about it. Councilor Henry stated that A. Hill has advertised a Special Event without the license. Councilor Henry stated that we don't have the time for a Public Hearing which is required. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that a Public Hearing must be advertised and she would need at least 30 days.

Councilor Henry asked A. Hill how he did not think this was a Special Event. A. Hill replied that he is only providing the music. Councilor Henry read from the ad and stated that it sounds like a Special Event to her. A. Hill stated that he did not write the ad. Councilor Henry stated that Mr. Hill

is the owner of the business. A. Hill again stated that it is not his event; he is just providing the music. Councilor Forgue pointed out that food and liquor will also be provided. A. Hill stated that the rest of the event will be held in another town. Councilor Henry stated that people will be coming to his place in buses to buy liquor, to party and to listen to music. A. Hill noted that not everybody will be coming by bus and that the bus is just a mode of transportation. Councilor Henry stated that it is a moot point; people are coming to his place. A. Hill asked if it a moot point, why is Councilor Henry using it. Councilor W. Steere stated that he brought it up, not Councilor Henry. Councilor Henry again stated that this is a Special Event and A. Hill advertised it without coming to the Licensing Board to be properly licensed.

Councilor G. Steere stated that because it is linked in to the whole weekend event, A. Hill is included in the Special Event. Councilor Forgue commented that if something bad happened, A. Hill would find out quickly that he is part of it.

Councilor W. Steere questioned the tickets for \$20.00. A. Hill stated that the tickets are for the camping area; there will be no admission at his place.

Councilor Henry stated that if the Council found a way to approve this, they cannot physically abide by the law they have adapted to do due process. A. Hill stated that he understands. Councilor G. Steere agreed that the Council can't approve it as a Special Event. A. Hill stated that he fully understands but he never anticipated this to be a Special Event. Councilor Henry stated the minute he said "outdoor stage from 2:00 to 6:00", he had a Special Event. Jean Fecteau asked A. Hill if this is advertised anywhere else. A. Hill replied only on Facebook and the ad has been revised.

Councilor G. Steere asked Tim Kane, if the band is moved inside, what does that do to the situation. T. Kane replied that if the band is inside, you could argue that it is not a Special Event. J. Fecteau stated that his original application, what he wants for entertainment indoors is nondescript; music, a band, a singer, a guitar player. Councilor W. Steere asked if a fundraiser indoors is not a Special Event. T. Kane replied that is true. Councilor W. Steere commented that it doesn't make sense because it is not in the course of normal business; you don't have fundraisers every day.

Councilor W. Steere stated that, going back to this event, he still has a problem with busses because people could be drinking more than they should be, knowing that they don't have to drive. Councilor W. Steere asked Chief DelPrete for his input. **Chief DelPrete's response was inaudible.**

Councilor Forgue asked Chief DelPrete if he is prepared if there are 500 people there. Chief DelPrete stated that there can be 700 people outside, per the State Fire Marshal. Councilor G. Steere noted that if they have it inside, they are only allowed 149 people. Chief DelPrete stated that if there are people outside trying to get in they will have to control the capacity. Councilor Forgue stated that if people drove for miles to get in and they are told they cannot, that could be an issue. Councilor Forgue stated that he does not see this working, unless A. Hill adapts to the environment he is in. Councilor Henry asked if any of the bands use pyrotechnics. A. Hill replied in the negative.

Councilor G. Steere stated that if the band is moved inside, it will not be a Special Event, but we are still not comfortable because we don't know how many people are coming. J. Fecteau asked A. Hill

if there is somebody on the other side that he is working with. A. Hill replied yes, the person who put the event together. **A. Hill spoke further but was inaudible.**

Councilor Henry stated that since we don't have the process window to approve a Special Event license, A. Hill is going to eliminate anything that would make this the Special Event that it really is. Councilor Henry explained that this means no busses and no outside music on June 22nd. Councilor Forgue suggested that A. Hill work with the Police Department and that if he has any questions, he should ask the Town Clerk. Councilor G. Steere commented that the Council wants A. Hill to succeed. Councilor Forgue stated that the Council has rules and regulations to enforce but it is not their job to tell A. Hill what is right and what is wrong.

Councilor Henry asked J. Fecteau what she needs the Council to do tonight. J. Fecteau replied that the Council has told Mr. Hill their concerns and she is sure he will try to make sure the promoter does not use his name in the future. J. Fecteau stated that he is moving the event inside and if he gets into a situation, he must call the Chief of Police. J. Fecteau pointed out that A. Hill did not come to the Council for anything and it is probably too late to stop it. Councilor Henry stated that what he was going to do is a Special Event, which he was not licensed for, so what he can do is what he does in his normal course of business; inside music, up to 140 people and he cannot bus people to this event. Councilor Henry further stated that it can no longer be advertised as a Special Event and she suggested that, for legal protection, A. Hill should disassociate himself with the events that are going on at the location in Burrillville.

Councilor W. Steere stated that this is not directed just at A. Hill, but as a board, he is tired of trying to come up with solutions for people. Councilor Henry agreed. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has expressed that they want A. Hill to do well, but they deal with this more often than they should and it is not their job to find solutions for people. Councilor W. Steere pointed out that both sides agreed on something. Councilor G. Steere stated that these people are new at it but it continues to be a problem. Councilor Henry asked A. Hill if he has his ducks in a row for the fundraiser he has planned. A. Hill replied that he believes so. J. Fecteau stated that a Public Hearing has already been advertised.

A. Hill and Chief DelPrete spoke about the complaints that were mentioned earlier, but both were inaudible.

Councilor Forgue asked Chief DelPrete if there have been any other issues. Chief DelPrete replied in the negative.

IX. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council meeting minutes: May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting & May 28, 2019 Special Meeting

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to APPROVE the Town Council Regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2019 and the May 28th Special Meeting minutes; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Councilor Reichert WITHDREW his motion because he was not present at the Special Meeting of May 28th. Councilor W. Steere WITHDREW his second.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to APPROVE the Town Council Regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2019 and the May 28th Special Meeting minutes; seconded by Councilor Forgue.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

X. Unfinished Business

A. Board and Commissions

1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Recreation Commission

Two year term to expire 1/2021

Councilor Henry stated that a candidate attended the last meeting of the Recreation Commission but unfortunately he decided not to sign on. Councilor Henry stated that she would like to table this appointment until the end of the summer.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission for a term to expire 1/2021 until the Town Council meeting of September 5, 2019; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

XI. New Business

A. Vision Government Solutions - Tax Upgrade Statement of Work - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has received an agreement for signing regarding software updates from Vision Government Solutions. Councilor G. Steere stated the statement of work has been reviewed and is ready for signing.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the "Tax Upgrade Statement of Work" between Vision Government Solutions and the Town of Gloucester for the upgrade of software for the Tax Assessor & Tax Collector; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Authorization from Town Council Contingency Fund: Purchase of American flags & brackets- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that he has talked to Matt Salisbury who has been putting the flags up for the past six (6) years. Councilor G. Steere stated that he and Councilor W. Steere have been helping him. Councilor G. Steere commented that the flags and brackets are pretty deteriorated and are not worth putting up on the telephone poles any longer. Councilor G. Steere asked the Council to consider purchasing new flags because it is getting to be time to put them up. Councilor Forgue asked how many would we need. Councilor G. Steere replied probably 30. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the cost is between \$35.00 and \$50.00 each. There was discussion concerning which type of bracket to purchase. Councilor G. Steere stated that we should not buy inexpensive ones that will only last a few years. J. Fecteau stated that the Council should plan on \$60.00 per flag and bracket. Councilor W. Steere suggested approving “up to” a certain amount.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the purchase of American flags and brackets to be funded from the Town Council Contingency Fund, not to exceed \$1,800.00; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

C. Gloucester Police Station: Approval of Scope of Feasibility Study - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Clerk has prepared a possible scope for Council review. Councilor G. Steere stated that if the Council approves the Scope, the Clerk and Planner can move forward to determine the cost for a feasibility study.

Discussion: Councilor Forgue expressed his opinion that it would be a great idea to get a professional opinion on where we are going to be 10 years from now before putting a lot of money into a Police Department, only to find out 10 years from now that we have outgrown it. Councilor Forgue stated that he does not know the cost of a feasibility study, but it is something we would have to find out. Councilor G. Steere agreed that it wouldn't hurt and noted that we have to spend money no matter what. Councilor Forgue stated that if we find out we will outgrow the building, it would not behoove us to put a lot of money into it and we should be looking down a different road.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to APPROVE the “Request for Proposals for Police Department Renovation or Replacement Analysis For the Town of Gloucester, RI” ; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

D. Personnel

1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Recreation Dept. - 2019 Summer Positions
 1. Arts & Crafts Instructor
 2. Tennis Aides
 3. Tennis Instructor
 4. Water Safety Instructor
 5. Lifeguards
 6. Water Safety Aides
 7. Parks & Grounds
 8. Lottery for Parking Lot Attendants

Bob Shields, Recreation Director, stated that the swim and tennis programs are not starting until July 1st, so he would like to wait until the next meeting to fill those positions. B. Shields stated that he would like the Council to approve the employees returning from last year so they can start on June 17th, which is the first full week after school gets out. In addition to that, B. Shields stated that he would like to conduct the lottery today which will determine where some of the individuals will be slotted. Councilor W. Steere asked if the employees who are returning from last year are Gloucester residents. B. Shields replied in the affirmative.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPOINT the following Lifeguards for the Summer 2019 Recreation Program:

Chayce DeMarco	\$13.00/hr. to start on June 17 th
Allie Drexler	\$13.00/hr. to start on June 17 th
Seth Drexler	\$13.00/hr. to start on June 17 th
Raymond Goff	\$13.00/hr. to start on June 17 th
Ian Parker	\$13.00/hr. to start on June 17 th

seconded by Councilor Forgue.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

Separate lotteries were conducted for Gloucester residents and non-residents for the position of Parking Lot Attendants. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked how many will be appointed. B. Shields replied that he is looking to appoint six (6) and he will call them back to see if they are still interested.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPROVE the following appointments of Parking Lot Attendants for the 2019 Recreation Program:

Glocester residents:

1. Laura Buckley
2. Joe Conti
3. Anthony Carter
4. Cameron Masiello
5. Taylor Williams
6. Jessica Mandeville

Out of town Parking Lot Attendants:

1. Domenic Savastano
2. Benjamin Garland
3. Jordan Arpin
4. Dylan Carpenter
5. Scott Chase

seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to TABLE the following appointments until the Town Council meeting of June 20, 2019:

Arts & Crafts Instructor
Tennis Aides
Tennis Instructor
Water Safety Instructor
Water Safety Aides
Parks & Grounds

seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action

- a. Public Safety
 - 1. Police Officer

Council has received the following correspondence from the Chief:

TO: Honorable Town Council
FROM: Joseph DelPrete
DATE: May 31, 2019
RE: Officer Beaudette Resignation

Effective Thursday May 30, 2019 Officer Cody T. Beaudette resigned from his police officer position on the Gloucester Police Department.

I respectfully request that the Town Council accept his resignation on that date.

Respectfully,
Joseph DelPrete
(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to ACCEPT the resignation of Officer Cody T. Beaudette from the Gloucester Police Department, effective May 30, 2019; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

Councilor Henry asked if Cody Beaudette is going to another community. Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, replied in the affirmative.

- E. Community Development Block Grant: Agreement between Town of Gloucester & Office of Housing and Community Development - Contract Amendment notice re: Program Income use - Discussion and/or Action

Karen Scott, Town Planner, stated that this agreement with the Office of Housing and Community Development is for up to \$60,000 of program income, which we can spend on a variety of things.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Community Development Block Grant Program, Contract Amendment Notice, identified as: “Contract Number: Program Income (12/13/26 and prior)” between the Town of Gloucester and the Office of Community Development, effective May 1, 2019; said amendment would allow the use of CDBG Program income for the development of the Chepachet Village Revitalization Plan; seconded by Councilor Forgue.

Discussion:

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

MOTION PASSED

F. Authorization to solicit bids: RFP for Chepachet Village Revitalization Plan - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that Karen Scott, Planner, has submitted a draft RFP for Council to review and is now looking for authorization to proceed with the RFP process.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the solicitation of RFP for Chepachet Village Revitalization Plan in accordance with all Town purchasing policies; seconded by Councilor Forgue.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

G. 4th of July celebrations

1. Approval of 2019 Safety Plan: Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has received the 2019 Safety Plan for the 4th of July celebrations. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Fire Chief and the Police Chief have reviewed the plan, and the Police Chief has indicated his approved. Councilor G. Steere noted that the Clerk and Parade Committee Chair are working with the Fire Chief to add a paragraph to indicate that the "Parade Float Fire Safety Requirements" will be distributed to all float applicants. Councilor G. Steere stated the Chief has indicated with that addition he will approve the plan but he reserves the right to add additional measures as needed.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to APPROVE the plan submitted by the Parade Committee for the 2019 4th of July Events, with an amendment to include: All parade float applicants will receive the R.I. Parade Float Fire Safety Requirements upon registration. The Chief of Police and the Fire Chief must approve the plan submitted and any other requirements for additional safety measures may be added as they may deem necessary; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Authorization: 2019 Fireworks Contract: Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Parade Committee has forwarded a contract between the Town of Gloucester and Ocean State Pyrotechnics for fireworks in the amount of \$15,000 for 2019. Councilor G. Steere explained that in 2016, the Award of RFP 2016-02 was granted to Ocean State Pyrotechnics with an extension for two (2) additional years at the quoted price, \$15,000. Councilor

G. Steere stated that terms were to expire July 8, 2018, and this is an extension of that agreement for one (1) more year.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to AUTHORIZE the Contract between the town of Gloucester and Ocean State Pyrotechnics for fireworks, to be held on July 6th or rain date of 7th, 2019, in the amount of \$15,000, contingent upon receipt of an Insurance Certificate in the amount required by Town; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

H. Authorization: Ratify Grant “Agreement to Terms” Contract
Town of Gloucester & Rhode Island Foundation (Grant for improvements to
DiFonzo Recreation Area) - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Town has received notification of a grant award, from the Rhode Island Foundation, in the amount of \$10,000 for improvements to the DiFonzo Beach recreation area. Councilor G. Steere stated that to complete the award of bid the Town was to electronically sign and return the “Agreement to Terms” within 24 hours. Councilor G. Steere stated that we now need the Council to ratify this agreement.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to RATIFY the Agreement to Terms Contract between the Town of Gloucester and the Rhode Island Foundation. Said grant is in the amount of \$10,000 and is to be used for improvements to DiFonzo Recreation Area; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

I. Authorization: Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement - Discussion and/or
Action

Between the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation & Town of Gloucester
Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has received the agreement from R.I. Resource Recovery Corp. for solid waste and recycling services for the coming year.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Solid Waste & Recycling Services Agreement between R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation and the Town of Gloucester, said agreement valid through June 30, 2021; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

XII. Town Council Correspondence and/or Discussion

- A. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council received a letter from the Pawtucket School Committee looking for support regarding gun free schools.
- B. Councilor G. Steere stated that we received a request from the Town of Burrillville for support of a Resolution to support the funding of the State's E-911 services.
- C. Councilor G. Steere stated that we received the same request for support from Foster for the funding of the E-911 services.
- D. Councilor G. Steere spoke regarding the all-day Referendum, stating that the questions all passed, but those that pertained to putting money away for the schools passed by a smaller margin than the other questions. Councilor G. Steere expressed his opinion that people have a "bad taste in their mouth" from going to School Budget hearings and budgets being railroaded through.
- E. Councilor G. Steere stated that a letter was received from Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, informing the Council that Town employees had an active shooter training session that was extremely informative.
- F. Councilor W. Steere stated that he feels that we have "dropped the ball" regarding the HR position and we need to get to work on whatever process needs to happen. Councilor G. Steere stated that now that the Budget has passed, we can put it on the next agenda.

XIII. Department Head Reports/Discussion

- A. Karen Scott, Town Planner, stated that back in May, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council hosted Roger Brooks, of Destination Development Association, an internationally known consultant who works with municipalities regarding marketing and branding. K. Scott stated that a business owner offered to fund a return trip for him to come back to spend a half-day session in Gloucester.

Councilor Forgue stated that this is a great idea because it would be nice to have somebody who is proficient at bringing back a village. The other Councilors agreed. K. Scott stated that she will reach out to tell them we are interested and to determine the cost.

- B. Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police, stated that he will start the process for advertising for a recruit after July 1st. Chief DelPrete also reported that the Department has received a \$5,000 grant, initiated by Sgt. Jenison, to be used for advertisement regarding addiction. Councilor Henry stated that this is great because we have a void in the Northwest corner.
- C. Councilor W. Steere asked Bob Shields, Recreation Director, if the Little League has contacted him. B. Shields replied that his last contact was that they wanted to meet with him. Councilor W. Steere stated that the representative from the Little League attended the last Council meeting and it was decided that he would meet with the Town to discuss issues at Gloucester Memorial Park.

XIV. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

None.

XV. Open Forum

Brian Trainor, of Echo Road, stated that he is an artist sponsored by Sherwin-Williams and would like to paint the Skate Park at no cost to the Town. B. Trainor stated that if we involve the kids that use the facility, it will improve security. J. Fecteau stated that she has B. Trainor's portfolio in her office for the Council to consider.

Councilor Henry noted that this year we are going to redo the basketball court and she does not know how long the existing skate park will be there before it gets redone. Bob Shields, Recreation Director, stated that when this was brought up several months ago, the Recreation Commission suggested that we follow through on this project, but we are not certain of the direction of the revitalization of the park. Councilor Henry stated that they wouldn't want B. Trainor to be upset if his work was destroyed a year and a half from now.

B. Trainor spoke about bikes that he has painted and put on display at several different locations in Town.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council cannot make any decisions because we are in Open Forum, but it seems like there is interest. Councilor Henry stated that we can put it on the agenda for June 20th to make a motion to give B. Trainor the authority, after conferring with Gary Trembl, Director of Public Works.

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

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

XVII. Reconvene Open Session

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

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

MOTION PASSED

XVIII. MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to Adjourn ; seconded by Councilor Forgue

Discussion: none

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

MOTION PASSED