

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on February 4,2021:

Councilor Forgue stated that pursuant to current R.I. Executive Orders executed by Governor Gina Raimondo this meeting is being teleconferenced via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:33 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Julian (Jay ) Forgue, President; William E. Reichert Vice President; Walter M.O. Steere III; Stephen Arnold; and William Worthy , Jr.

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Ken Johnson, Bldg/Zoning Official; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; Gary Treml, Director of Public Works; Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilor Arnold reminded the Council that there may be some people joining this meeting by telephone or without video capability so Council members should identify themselves when speaking, particularly when making or seconding a motion.

Councilor Arnold went on to explain the procedure for the zoom meeting, how participants can be recognized when requesting to speak, and further stated that participants expressing inappropriate behavior or being disruptive may be removed from the meeting by the Council.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor Forgue stated that those wishing to speak on agenda items should raise their hand and Christine Mathieu will recognize those that wish to speak.

None

Councilor Forgue stated that council has received a request from the EMA Director to move VIII. New Business, A. Covid-19 Updates/Discussions/Actions to this point on agenda.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to MOVE Item VIII. New Business, A. Covid-19 Updates/Discussions/Actions to this point on agenda; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**VIII. New Business, A. Covid-19 Updates/Discussions/Actions**

1. EMA Update - Discussion and/or Action

G. Mosca, EMA Director, thanked the Council for hearing him out of order. G. Mosca stated that a vaccination clinic was held last Saturday for people 75 and older with a small amount of doses. G. Mosca stated that he is planning future clinics for people 75 and older but the number vaccinated depends upon the number of doses received from the state. G. Mosca stated that he is working with J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, and M. Bouvier, Senior Center Director, on a list to be used in registering people, and further, it will be by appointment only. Councilor Forgue asked the location of the clinic. G. Mosca stated that the clinic will most likely be at Ponaganset Middle School. G. Mosca stated that he submitted potential dates for the clinics to the state and is waiting for their approval. G. Mosca stated that he has informed the State of the high percentage of elderly in Gloucester to try and get more doses but the state is non responsive. G. Mosca anticipates the first doses mid February but that is not set. G. Mosca stated the next clinics are for people 75 and older. Councilor Steere stated that he wants the public to know that Gloucester is well prepared as he feels it is the best run clinic in the state. Councilor Steere also stated there are lots of Gloucester volunteers but more are needed; and if everyone works together and follows the directions then the clinics will get done. G. Mosca stated his appreciation for Councilor Steere's comments and that it is a team effort. G. Mosca stated that people 75 and older should not have any worries about receiving the second shot of the vaccine because they will be registered for the second shot at the time they receive their first dose.

2. Emergency Declaration Status, Extension, and/or Amendments  
(Currently in place until February 18, 2021) - Discussion and/or Action

No action taken

Councilor Forgue stated that the meeting would return back to the agenda:

V. Resolution - # 2021-01

Entitled "Requesting the Governor and the Rhode Island General Assembly Adjust Public Health Guidelines and Executive Orders That Are Harming Rhode Island's Small Business Community" Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Worthy stated he has requested a resolution in support of lifting the Governor's executive order prohibitions on small businesses instituted during the pandemic. Councilor Worthy stated that the State has lifted the bans that are being asked for in this Resolution so he suggested the Council can hold off taking any action.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to remove this item from the table; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of January 21, 2021 & Special Meeting of January 25, 2021 - Discussion and/or Action
- B. Pole Grants - Discussion and/or Action
  - 1. Putnam Pike - Install new pole No. 97-5 and 97-7
  - 2. Chopmist Hill Rd - Install new pole No. 94-3
  - 3. Tourtellot Hill Road - Install new pole No. 36-84

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPROVE the Town Council minutes for the regular meeting of January 21, 2021; the minutes from the Special meeting of January 25, 2021; to APPROVE the Pole Grants for: 1. Putnam Pike - Install new pole No. 97-5 and 97-7, 2. Chopmist Hill Road - Install new pole No. 94-3; and 3. Tourtellot Hill Road - Install new pole No. 36-84; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Boards and Commissions
  - 1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action
    - a. Budget Board  
Position # 3 expired term - New term to expire 12/2023

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE the appointment to the Budget Board for a term to expire 12/2023; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Zoning Board

Position #2 - One Alternate Position to expire 11/2021

Councilor Forgue stated that the Chair has recommended Mike Martone to fill the Alternate position.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPOINT Mike Martone to the Zoning Board, Alternate Position #2, for a term to expire 11/2021; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Recreation Commission

Position # 1 - One term to expire 1/2023

Position # 5 - One term to expire 1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a talent bank listing.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPOINT Deirdra Nicholas to the Recreation Commission, Position #1, for a term to expire 1/2023; seconded by Councilor Arnold.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPOINT Dana Holmes to the Recreation Commission, Position #5, for a term to expire 1/2023; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Gloucester Scarecrow Festival Re: Food Trucks - Discussion and/or Action

D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, reviewed the matter as requested by council at the last meeting. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, summarized that the State passed the mobile food establishment regulations which diminished local permitting by the towns. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that towns can limit the number of permits and regulate as to location, hours and noise. The Council adopted an ordinance that limited the number of annual permits to five (of which there are three currently). D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the Chief of Police has identified the locations where food trucks can't be in a list, as there are public safety concerns, but that the locations may be changed depending upon the situation as to public safety. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the town has no ability to prevent the annual food trucks with permits from operating; but, the town does have the right to allow or deny a temporary food truck permit. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that as the scarecrow festival takes place on a state road the state would have to give permission as to shutting down or blocking the state road and then the town could prevent the food trucks in that area. Councilor Steere stated that it would be difficult to shut down the state road and would create traffic issues in other areas. M. Rechter, Scarecrow Festival chair, stated his concerns of not having control over the food trucks and how it would effect the festival in a negative way. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the Council has no control over the annual permitted food trucks but can refuse the temporary ones. Councilor Forgue would like to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor for further research. L. Gaddis-Barrett, resident, stated her concerns with limiting food trucks at the scarecrow festival. R. Shields, resident, suggested the Council talk to the parade committee about their experience and insight with multiple vendors at one event. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the town has not had a parade since the new law went into effect. Councilor Steere suggested contacting the Town of Scituate for advice as to how they handled the Scituate Art Festival. Councilor Forgue stated that he has knowledge as to the Scituate Art Festival and stated that approval and permits are required and that private landowners have the ability to do more.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the Scarecrow Festival Re: Food Trucks; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Sand Dam Association - Presentation to Council - Discussion and/or Action  
Councilor Steere stated that he is recusing himself from any discussion and/or vote on this matter. Councilor Arnold stated that he has spoken to J. Colaluca about forming a group of freshwater lake residents that could approach the state legislature.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE the Sand Dam Association presentation ; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Recused  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

- A. Covid-19 Updates/Discussions/Actions
  - 1. EMA Update - Discussion and/or Action
  - 2. Emergency Declaration Status, Extension, and/or Amendments  
(Currently in place until February 18, 2021) - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that this item has already addressed, we can move to VIII. B. Boards and Commissions

- B. Boards and Commissions
  - 1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action
    - a. Conservation Commission  
One Alternate Term to expire 2/1/2022

Councilor Forgue stated that the Conservation Commission has forwarded a recommendation from the Talent Bank listing for a vacant Alternate position, Katherine Bucci

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to APPOINT Katherine Bucci to the Conservation Commission for an Alternate Term to expire 2/1/2022; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Land Trust  
Three terms to expire 2/2021

Councilor Forgue stated that this is for three terms on the Land Trust which have expired: the members at large from the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board and for the regular term member, position #2 Steven St. Pierre.

Councilor Forgue stated that the Conservation Commission and Planning Board will make a recommendation after their next meeting to fill those positions so Council can TABLE the at large positions. Councilor Forgue stated Council can act on the position #2 regular member appointment.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment of the two Member-at-Large positions, (from the Conservation Commission & Planning Board) to the Land Trust; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to RE-APPOINT Steven St. Pierre to the Land Trust for a five year term to expire 2/2026; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Authorization: Town Council President and Council Liaison to the Land Trust to meet with three (3) representatives of the Land Trust to discuss the administrative concerns of the Land Trust - Discussion and/or Action

D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, stated that administrative concerns have been raised by the staff and the Finance Director and he recommends an informal discussion be had to review these concerns and if the informal discussions don't resolve the concerns then the more formal actions may be taken.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President & Land Trust liaison to meet with three members of the Land Trust to discuss administrative concerns of the Land Trust; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Worthy -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Reichert -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Authorization: Request from the National Association of Government Employees re: Council consideration to voluntarily consent to Department of Public Works Employees becoming a bargaining unit Representative, in accordance with the Board's Rules and Regulations 465-RICR-10-00-1-1.14(C)(1)(b)-Agreement for Consent Election by Comparison of Signatures - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received correspondence from the National Association of Government Employees on behalf of the Public Works employees. Councilor Forgue stated that our Public Works employees are starting the process to form a union bargaining group. Councilor Forgue stated that if Council acknowledges this action with their consent the body can begin the process.

D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the entire Department of Public Works have signed cards of intent which triggers an election for the formation of a union, but due to COVID an in-person election is not possible. D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, stated that as an alternative to an election, the RI Labor Board would review all signatures and if they match and there are a majority number then the department becomes represented by NAGE and bargaining could begin with the town. Councilor Steere requested clarification as to the cards of intent. D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, stated they are cards indicating the intent to become a bargaining unit. Councilor Reichert asked if a person could vote no if they signed a card of intent. D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, stated the comparing of signatures to see if there is a majority is an alternative to an election . D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the Council is being asked to give their consent for election by comparison of signatures.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ACKNOWLEDGE and CONSENT to the Petition filed by the National Association of Government Employees for representation with the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board on behalf of the Gloucester Public Works employees, for the purpose of

creating a bargaining unit; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- E. Snow Removal in Village area in addition to area previously designated for snow removal - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that the GBA is asking that the area approved for snow removal be extended as follows:

**“we request that the Town reconsider the extent of sidewalk clearing, expanding it from those areas noted above to include both sides of Main Street, from the southern junction of Routes 44 and 102 (just south of the Pavilion) to the northern junction of Routes 44 and 102 (just beyond the rotary)”**

Councilor Forgue stated the Council agreed to plow Town properties in 2019. Councilor Forgue called on the Public Works Director to address this issue. Councilor Forgue commended the Director on the job done during recent snow storm.

Discussion: G. Trembl, Director, Department of Public Works, stated that if they clear the sidewalks for one area then they would have to do for all areas and it is a big job especially as they do not have the necessary equipment and would have to purchase it. G. Trembl stated this area has progressed over time and stated if we plow for one we will have to plow for all along Route 44. G. Trembl, DPW Director, stated that they would have to truck the snow away as there is no where to put it. G. Trembl, DPW director, stated that it takes several hours to clear the current piece from the pavilion to the Town Hall. Discussion followed on where we would even put the snow. Councilor Worthy asked if personnel were taken from the roads to do the sidewalks . G. Trembl, DPW Director, stated that the department completes the roads and then does the sidewalks the next day. C. Wilson, resident, asked if money could be put aside in the budget for next year. Councilor Forgue stated that the problem is where to put the snow because it is a big expense.

No action taken

- F. Recreation Department-
  - 1. Request to allow payment of unbudgeted farmers market “manager” stipend & Reallocation of Recreation Dept. funds if authorized to pay stipend - Discussion and/or Action

R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that he is requesting the Council pay an unbudgeted farmers market “manager” , who stepped in for him at the Farmers Market, a stipend, even though there is

no line item in the budget and to reallocate the funds from the Recreation Department. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he was hesitant to approve this request as this item was presented to the prior Budget Board. A. Muccino state the Budget Board removed this item from the budget and the Council approved the budget. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that there are funds in the budget that could be used to pay this stipend but he would require the Council's approval to reallocate those funds. A. Muccino, Finance Director, and R. Shields, Recreation Director , discussed why he could not be at the farmers market to do the job and if the individual was an exhibitor. Councilor Forgue asked if there was money in the recreation account to pay this expense. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that there is money in his account. R. Shields stated that he needs clarification as to budgets so he is not in this position again, and that it was his lack of knowledge that led to the situation. Councilor Forgue stated that R. Shields made a mistake but the person did the job. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that any motion would have to specify the amount to be paid. Councilor Arnold stated he would recuse himself from any vote as he was a member of the committee at the time. R. Shields stated that he does support the reimbursement and, there needs to be a clear policy going forward. Councilor Steere stated that the Budget Board took this item out of the Budget and that the Council approved the budget without this item in it. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that the error was on him and apologized for placing the Council in an uncomfortable position.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPROVE \$600.00 stipend to allow for the payment of the market manager; seconded by Councilor

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Recusal  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

2. Proposed Ice Rink
  - a. Consideration of Recreation proposal - Outdoor ice rink - Discussion and/or Action

R. Shields, Recreation Director, is asking the Council to allow him to reallocate funds in the recreation budget to allow for the purchase of an ice rink (40 x 60 ; 8000 to 10,000 gallons) that could be reused each year. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that the cost is \$4500 and the two possible locations are the Kent Pavillion or the basketball court at Gloucester Memorial Park (GMP). G. Treml, DPW Director, stated that GMP is a better site as it has lights and parking. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that maintenance is minimal and he could do the set up but it all depends upon if there is a first good freeze. Councilor Steere stated he likes the concept but raised concerns about the need for waivers and if any monitoring is necessary. Councilor Forgue inquired as to the source of the money. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the recreation commission budget has \$15,000 in the tennis budget from which the funds could be reallocated. Councilor Worthy asked if the ice would damage the basketball court. G. Treml, DPW Director , stated that the ice rink would

not be a problem this year as the courts are due to be redone. Councilor Steere stated he is agreeable to the idea but that it seems kind of late in the year to do this. Councilor Steere asked how long it would take to get it up and running. Councilor Steere asked about the hours and agreed that signs need to be put up. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that it would take about a week to set up depending on the temperature and if the temperature is fine he could get it up and running for February vacation. R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated he would like the hours to be after school and weekends especially as he could lock the court.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to ALLOW the Recreation Department a reallocation of funds to establish a reusable ice rink at Gloucester Memorial Park or the Pavilion; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: D. LaPlante, resident, inquired as to the amount of water required because he does not want to have to buy water. Councilor Forgue asked if R. Shields, Recreation Director, knows the amount of water needed. R. Shields, Recreation Director, estimated 8,000 to 10,000 gallons. C. LaButti, resident and Gloucester Fire Department, stated that the fire department could supply the water if needed as a tanker truck holds 2500 gallons. C. Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk, asked D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, if the motion needed to be amended to include a specific amount. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated to amend the motion to include the set amount.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to AMEND the MAIN MOTION and read as follows: to allow the Recreation Department a reallocation of funds not to exceed \$5,000 to establish a reusable ice rink at Gloucester Memorial Park or the Pavilion; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Reallocation of funds (if ice rink use approved) Discussion and/or Action

A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that \$4500 could be moved from the Recreation Department's tennis budget to the Recreational Materials and Equipment budget and \$500 could be moved from an account to be identified for signage.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to move \$4500 from the Recreation Department's tennis budget to the Recreational Materials and Equipment budget and \$500 to be moved from an account to be identified for signage; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Reimbursement of funds to private citizen - Expense for use of Porta John in village outside of Grant period and reallocation of funds (if necessary) to fund expense-  
Discussion and/or Action

A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he has received an invoice from C. Wilson, resident, for reimbursement of \$185 for a porta john he supplied for the public's use in town. C. Wilson, resident verified the amount as \$185.00. Councilor Forgue summarized what happened. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the Council decided at a prior council meeting to use the "Take It Outside" grant money to pay for the porta john through December. Councilor Forgue stated it was a good move by the town to provide this facility and he would like to reimburse C. Wilson. Councilor Forgue stated he would like to consider having a porta john there in the future. Councilor Steere has some concerns because C. Wilson stated at the November 19, 2020 Town Council meeting that he would remove the porta john in December and now he is asking the council to pay for December. Councilor Steere stated he is not in favor of paying for porta johns of private citizens because where does it stop. Councilor Steere and Forgue stated their opposite viewpoints in terms of having the porta john. C. Wilson, resident, stated that the bill he submitted was for the time period of December 21 through December 31 and that the prior bill was only through December 20<sup>th</sup> as that is how the company sends their bills out. Councilor Reichert asked if this invoice was for the part of the "Take it Outside" grant that did not get covered. Councilor Forgue stated it was. L. Gaddis-Barret, resident, stated that she would like to caution the Council about a bathroom issue in town. Ms. Gaddis-Barret stated from the Economic Development Commission (EDC) viewpoint, as she is a member, there is a need for money for bathrooms. L. Gaddis-Barret, resident, stated that she knows the bathroom issue at the pavilion has been resolved. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the end date to cover the porta john expenses was December 18, 2020.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to REIMBURSE Charles Wilson for the expense of porta john rental; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked where the money would come from. G. Treml, DPW Director, stated that he has some money in the Pavilion account that could be used.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to AMEND the MAIN MOTION to read as follows: to take \$185 from the Pavilion account and reimburse, resident, Charles Wilson; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Nay  
Councilor Reichert -Aye  
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

IX. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a complaint from a resident regarding gunfire throughout the night time hours and that Chief Delprete is working on this complaint. No action taken
2. Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a request from a citizens regarding the loss of their elderly exemption last year. (Referred to Assessor's Clerk, answer in packet). Councilor Forgue requested this item be placed on the next agenda if it is not already resolved.

X. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor Forgue inquired if there were any department head reports.

1. K. Johnson, Building Official, stated that the town has lost the service of the Mechanical Inspector for several weeks. K. Johnson, Building Official, stated he is able to do some of the inspections but others require a licensed inspector. K. Johnson stated he is looking to Scituate as the town has reciprocity. K. Johnson, Building Official, stated he would like to pay the inspector the same rate as our current Mechanical Inspector. D. Iglizzo, Town Solicitor, stated he is not aware of any reciprocity. Councilor Steere stated he was mistaken when he said the town has reciprocity with Scituate as the town does not. D. Iglizzo, Town Solicitor, stated that the Council may take action and vote if there is a current emergency as that is the only exception. K. Johnson, Building Official stated that there is no current emergency. Councilor Forgue requested that this item be placed on the next agenda.
2. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the agreement with FM Global is in the second to last year of an agreement and not the last year as he originally stated. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the Town will receive 2.9 million dollars and that he will begin negotiations after the budget meeting.

XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

A. Sarji, Economic Development Commission (EDC) , stated that she is the new chair of the commission and that she is very excited about the position. A, Sarji, stated that the EDC is working on the revitalization plan and will start to drive that effort forward. A. Sarji stated she hopes to make regular presentations to the Council to keep them informed.

XII. Open Forum

1. K. Sorenson, resident, voiced her concern about the Ponaganset High School Track Team running on the roads near the school at this time of year when the roads are icy. K. Sorenson stated that the town has done a great job plowing. K. Sorenson, stated she spoke to the coach . Councilor Arnold stated he would contact the school.

XIII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to ADJOURN at 9:55 PM ; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Worthy -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Reichert -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY