

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on March 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 7:30 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 Igliozi, 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; Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director; Gary Trembl, Director of Public Works and Karen Scott, Town Planner

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, therefore, 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

V. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that the Town Clerk added the Pole Grant below in anticipation of receiving the request from National Grid and Verizon but that the paperwork has not arrived, therefore, the Clerk is asking Council to table the Pole Grant to the next meeting of March 18, 2021

A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of February 18, 2021

B. Pole Grant - New Road

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to APPROVE the Town Council Minutes of February 18, 2021; and to TABLE the Pole Grant for New Road to the Town Council meeting of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

VI. 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 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

b. Land Trust

Member at Large- Conservation Commission expired term- New Term to expire 2/2022

Member at Large - Planning Board expired term- New term to Expire 2/2022

Councilor Forgue stated that the Conservation Commission recommended Roy Najecki for Land Trust, Member at Large, at their last meeting. Councilor Forgue stated that the Planning Board will address this appointment at their next meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to REAPPOINT Roy Najecki, from the Conversation Commission, to the position of Member at Large on the Land Trust and to TABLE the appointment of the Member at Large position on the Land Trust from the Planning Board: 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

- c. Economic Development Commission - Position # 6 to expire 1/1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that the Economic Development Chair has asked for this item to be tabled.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire 1/1/2023; 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

VII. New Business

A. Covid-19 Updates/Discussions/Actions

1. EMA Update - Discussion and/or Action

G. Mosca, EMA Director, stated that the final regional COVID vaccine clinic was held in Smithfield last Saturday and that the third Foster and Gloucester COVID vaccine clinic is scheduled for this coming Saturday. G. Mosca stated that the state is considering returning to a regional model but the location, time and format has not been determined. G. Mosca suggested to the state that he could organize the COVID vaccine clinic for all Gloucester teachers and employees but he has not received an answer on that possible clinic. Councilor Forgue offered his appreciation and thanks to the EMA Director. G. Mosca stated that all the volunteers have been great. Councilor Arnold, also, stated his thanks to G. Mosca for all he is doing and asked the age limit for the clinics. G. Mosca stated that the clerks office and the senior center have been calling residents 75 and older to get as many as possible registered for the vaccine. G. Mosca stated that there may be an opportunity to open up a clinic for 65 and older but that he would have a limited number of vaccines. G. Mosca stated that if he is able to obtain a limited number of vaccines to be able to offer a clinic to the 65 and older then the residents would schedule their appointments on a first come first serve basis and would need to show id, proof of residency and be over 65 years of age.

2. Emergency Declaration Status, Extension, and/or Amendments  
(Currently in place until **April 1, 2021**) - Discussion and/or Action

No action taken by the Council

B. Consideration of the current procedure/requirements for residents to qualify for annual Elderly Exemptions -Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that the Tax Assessor's Office has forwarded information to the Council on the processes for applying for allowed tax exemptions. Councilor Forgue stated that the Tax Assessor's Clerk has asked that the Council table this item to allow time for discussion with the Finance Director and the liaison to the Assessor's office before Council proposes any changes

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE the Consideration of the current procedure/requirements for residents to qualify for annual Elderly Exemptions; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested that the Clerk poll the council:

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Boards and Commissions

1. Resignations - Discussion and/or Action
  - a. Parade Committee
    1. Alternate Position #2

Councilor Forgue stated that the Town Clerk would like to table this item as the agenda does not include appointments.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE Parade Committee Resignations; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: The Clerk stated it was her error omitting from agenda.

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

2. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that this item is for two expired terms. Councilor Forgue stated that the Chair of the Planning Board has indicated that both, David Calderara & Lynn Furney, wish to be reappointed:

- a. Planning Board - Expired Position #1, New term to expire 3/31/2026

Councilor Forgue stated this position is for the expired term of David Calderara.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to REAPPOINT David Calderara to the Planning Board for a term to expire 3/31/2026; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested request the Clerk poll the council:

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Planning Board - Expired Position #2, New term to expire 3/31/2026

Councilor Forgue stated that this position is for the expired term of Lynn Furney.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to REAPPOINT Lynn Furney to the Planning Board for a term to expire 3/31/2026; 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

D. Human Services Department

1. Van Drivers

a. Appointment of Temporary Part Time Van Driver - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that the Human Services Director has requested the appointment of George Kain to fill in while one of the van drivers is out of work for a short time.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPOINT George Kain to the position of temporary part time Van Driver on an as needed basis; said appointment shall be only until Van Driver #2 returns to work and salary shall be set as the same rate as Van Driver #2; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked when the Van Driver # 2 would be returning. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that Van Driver #2 was expected to return in a couple of weeks.

Councilor Forgue requested the the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Worthy -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Reichert -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Discussion and/or Action regarding process to create a list of “as needed” Temporary Part Time Van Drivers

Councilor Forgue stated that in the past, the Town has created a list to go to should the Human Services Department need a fill in van driver on a limited basis. Councilor Forgue stated that Council can consider if they want to start a process to create a list now of “as needed” Van Drivers, should the Director of Human Services need additional drivers to fill in on the schedule. Councilor Forgue stated that the Town could run an advertisement and create a list of qualified fill in drivers.

A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he would work with D. Zimmerman, Human Resources Consultant, to create an advertisement and screen applicants.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to AUTHORIZE the process to create a list of “as needed” temporary fill in van drivers to be utilized by the Human Services Department; 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. Dept. of Public Works

1. Request for increase in work force - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Arnold requested this item to be placed on the agenda as the liaison to the Department of Public Works and asked G. Trembl to explain his request. G. Trembl, Director of Public Works, stated that he was asking for additional work force due to the growth of the town and all that needs to be done. G. Trembl stated that he is looking to add two people. Councilor Arnold stated that he knows G. Trembl has analyzed the needs over time especially as to adding full time employees instead of subs. Councilor Forgue asked if G. Trembl has met with the Budget Board. G. Trembl stated that he has met with the Budget Board. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the addition of two people would not result in the buying of more equipment as we have the necessary equipment to put additional employees to work. Councilor Steere asked what position level these employees would be. G. Trembl, Director of Public Works, stated that these employees would both be laborers. G. Trembl, Director of Public Works, stated that his office is understaffed due to one employee being deployed with the National Guard; another employee has been out for thirteen weeks due to shoulder surgery ; and, the administrative assistant is currently out.

No action taken by the Council

F. Independence Day Celebration - Discussion and/or Action

1. Set Parade Date

Councilor Forgue stated that members of the Parade Committee may be present to speak to this item. Councilor Forgue stated that J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, was asked to put this on agenda to determine the best day to hold parade and that this year the 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday.

Discussion: Councilor Reichert stated that K. Sorensen , Parade committee member, wants to set the date for the fireworks. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that she included setting the date for the parade at this time due to the 4<sup>th</sup> falling on a Sunday. Councilor Worthy stated he spoke to K. Sorensen and she is suggesting to have the parade on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the fireworks on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. K. Sorensen stated she has spoken with the fireworks company, Pyrotechnics, and they are holding the July 2<sup>nd</sup> date until she presents the date to the Council. K. Sorensen stated she has spoken with Chief Delprete about these dates but still needs to speak with R. Shields regarding the date for the road race. R. Shields stated he would like to check with D. Chase, race director, as to what has been done in the past because R. Shields would like to remain consistent historically. Councilor Steere asked for the location of the fireworks. K. Sorensen stated the fireworks would be held in the same location as in the past because the construction is not in the field behind the Senior Center. Councilor Forgue asked if there would be construction in that field. G. Trembl stated that he does not know if there will be construction in this field as it depends upon when the jobs go out to bid. Councilor Steere stated that he wants to make sure of safety concerns. K. Sorensen stated that the police would like the parade and the race held the same day. R. Shields stated that the playground area could be disturbed if the projects are out to bid so that the safety concern would be the distance from construction. K. Sorensen stated that other sites have been used for the fireworks in the past so she will contact K. Scott, Town Planner, as to time frame for construction in the park and will hopefully have a location for the fireworks at the next meeting. Councilor Steere asked if there was a rain date planned. K. Sorensen stated the rain date for the fireworks was July 10<sup>th</sup>. K. Sorensen asked if she should proceed to have a contract drafted with the vendor to then present to

the Council. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that if K. Sorensen is still working with Chief Delprete as to whether the two events will be the same day or not then perhaps this should be decided at a future meeting. K. Sorensen stated she wants to lock in the date for the fireworks because the fireworks company is booking fast and she does not want to lose the date. Councilor Worthy stated it might be easier to set the date and have to cancel than not set the date.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy, to SET the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade celebration, scope to be determined and approved by Town Council, for July 3, 2021. Once scope is determined the Parade Committee shall have the plan approved by Town Council, Police, Fire, and EMA Director; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated that only the dates were being set and that any plans would be approved at a later time.

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

2. Set Fireworks date

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to SET the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display celebration, scope to be determined and approved by Town Council, for July 2, 2021 with a rain date of July 10, 2021. Once scope, to include location and events planned, is determined the Parade Committee shall have plan approved by Town Council, Police, Fire, and EMA Director; 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

G. Personnel

1. Police Department Promotion - Discussion and/or Action
  - a. Sergeant to Lieutenant

Councilor Forgue stated that the Council has received a request from the Chief of Police and he read the request:

To: Honorable Town Council  
From: Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police  
Date: February 24, 2021  
Subj: Lieutenant Promotion

Dear Council Members:

I would respectfully request that the Town Council authorize and consent to the promotion of Sergeant Jeffrey Jenison to the rank of Lieutenant on the Gloucester Police Department. This promotion will be in accordance with the current IBPO 638 collective bargaining agreement. This promotion will become effective on Sunday March 7, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joseph DelPrete  
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to CONSENT to and AUTHORIZE the promotion of Sergeant Jeffrey Jenison to the rank of Lieutenant on the Gloucester Police Department; said promotion is in accordance with the current IBPO #638 Collective Bargaining Agreement and shall become effective on March 7, 2021; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Councilor Steere offered his congratulations as did the rest of the Council.

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

H. Economic Development Commission (EDC)

1. Request for website independent of Town website: Presentation of concept, content and cost - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that A. Muccino, Finance Director, has been discussing this matter with the Chair of the EDC.

Discussion: A. Sarji, EDC Chair, and L.Gaddis-Barret, EDC member, gave a presentation outlining the EDC request for an independent website that is dynamic and interactive which would promote business and support tourism as well as their estimated cost to establish and operate the website. Councilor Forgue inquired as to the EDC budget . L. Gaddis-Barret stated the 2021 budget is \$2500 which expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. L. Gaddis-Barret stated the estimated cost of \$2000 to get the website up and running by June 30<sup>th</sup> and a cost of \$125 per year to operate. Councilor Steere thanked A. Sarji and L. Gaddis-Barret for a thorough presentation . Councilor Steere questioned who would maintain and manage the website. A. Sarji stated that the EDC would develop the initial content and that EDC members would maintain the website. A. Sarji stated that the EDC would decide the content and it would be in line with the EDC charge. Councilor Steere inquired as to the source of information for the website. A. Sarji stated that the EDC has been developing a database and has received some help from K. Scott, Town Planner but does not know where the future content will come from. A. Sarji explained the ways the website may be interactive in response to Councilor Steere's question. Councilor Steere stated that his main concern is the management of the independent website as it would still be a town website. Councilor Steere stated he wants to make sure the Council is involved because the Council approves all matters of the town. Councilor Forgue asked if the board would have a problem bringing changes to the Council for approval. A.Sarji, EDC Chair, stated that the EDC would not have a problem bringing proposed changes to the Council for approval. Councilor Steere asked A. Muccino, Finance Director, if the estimated costs made sense . A. Muccino stated that the costs made sense and that this was a very new proposal. A. Muccino stated that he and the Town Clerk have reached out to the current town web designer regarding updates to the town website. A. Muccino stated that the town web designer has made some mockups for a new website and they look good at minimal cost to the town. A. Muccino suggested that perhaps the updated town website might work for the EDC. L.Gaddis-Barret stated that the EDC had spoken with the town web designer and was told that she was not taking on new clients and that she was not prepared to take on the amount of work the EDC was proposing. L.Gaddis-Barret, EDC member stated that the EDC wants their members to have the ability to make changes and the town website is limited to the web designer making the changes. K.Sorensen, resident, questioned if the proposed EDC website would become an advertisement which could be a concern as it would still be a town website. A.Sarji stated that the goal of the website is to promote all businesses. Councilor Steere asked D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, if there were any liability concerns. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that there is not much liability but that the website needs to be supervised and recommended that the Council approve anything that goes on the website.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to allow the EDC to proceed with the stand alone website with the understanding that Council approves content on a monthly basis; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated that he would like more time to research and for the EDC to research platform, content and supervision. Councilor Steere stated he would vote no if a motion was made because he is feeling rushed and has strong concerns about having more than one town website.

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

- I. Community Septic Loan Program - Discussion and/or Action
  1. Consideration of Loan Terms Exception

A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he received an exception request from Rhode Island Housing regarding Applicant: Diane Bergeron of 28 Second Road. A. Muccino stated that Ms. Bergeron needs the exception because she is just outside the town limit for debt to income ratio but that she satisfies all other requirements. A. Muccino stated that he recommends the approval of the exception.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to ALLOW the Loan Terms Exception for a Community Septic Loan Program application by owner/applicant Diane Bergeron for property located at 28 Second Road, Chepachet; said exception is for debt to income ratio; 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

- VIII. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received eleven emails expressing opinions about the skate park. Councilor Arnold stated that he has received a lot of feedback about the skate park at Gloucester Memorial Park (GMP) which has begun a revitalization pursuant to a grant. Councilor Arnold stated that some people were not aware of the proposed changes and some were stating their opinion about the importance of the skate park because of the enjoyment it brings. Councilor Arnold stated that he welcomed all of the feedback and that all of it is being taken into consideration. J. Shira, resident at 28 Joe Sweet Road, thanked

the efforts for obtaining the grant but stated a large number of people are discussing the skate park on Facebook. J. Shira, resident, stated that she would like the younger demographic group to be heard and the further that the park was a great place for teenagers and she suggested that an advisory board be formed that includes teenagers. Councilor Arnold stated that it has been great to receive mail from all ages -from middle school students to high school students.

No action taken by the Council

2. Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received correspondence from the Rhode Island Homeless Bill of Rights Defense Committee requesting the repeal of certain ordinances (Sec. 157-2: Disorderly conduct and Sec. 221-7: Profanity; disorderly conduct), which they feel would “make a comprehensive move toward a no-arrest policy by removing the possibility of incarceration from the municipal code’s general penalty provisions (Sec. 1-14).” They state “it is still concerning that these ordinances remain in the municipal code, as this leaves their nonenforcement to the discretion of the police department and municipal officials.”

D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that he did receive this correspondence and would like to consult with the Police Chief so he is asking to continue this matter.

3. Councilor Forgue stated that Council received Tax Sale legislation from Rep. Chippendale. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he testified, via zoom, before the RI House Corporation Committee regarding this proposed legislation. A. Muccino stated that this proposed legislation severely limits an entity’s ability to bring a property to tax sale. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the town’s policy is to work with a taxpayer who has not paid their taxes and try to work out a payment plan. A. Muccino stated that on average the town has 130 properties identified for tax sale each year but that by the time the tax sale is held only about 9% actually go to tax sale. A. Muccino stated that if the state removes this tool from a municipality’s tool kit then unscrupulous people could take advantage. Councilor Worthy asked if other towns were writing resolutions. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated he is not sure but that he could find out. Councilor Steere stated that this is an effective tool. A. Muccino stated he could draft a resolution and send it to the Council for the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilor W. Steere stated he believes we should do something as the tax sale process is an effective tool in the collection of taxes. Councilor Forgue asked about timing. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated he believed that there was plenty of time but would look into it and report back to Council by the end of the meeting.

#### IX. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor Forgue asked if any department heads had anything to add.

1. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, thanked Gary and his team for repairing the well to restore water to the Town Hall.

Councilor Forgue stated he would like any resolution regarding the tax sale issue to be sent to the Governor also.

Councilor Forgue thanked all the department heads for their hard work.

X. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor Forgue asked if any board or commissions had anything to report.

1. C. Wilson, Historic District Commission (HDC) Chair, stated that he was speaking on behalf of the village businesses and they were looking to see if the porta john could be restored back in the village. C. Wilson stated it has been a crisis for the businesses, especially during Covid. C. Wilson stated most of the businesses and restaurants in the area do not have their restrooms open to the public. Councilor Forgue told C. Wilson, HDC chair, to contact his liaison to see about having it placed on the the next agenda.

XI. Open Forum

Councilor Forgue stated that if anyone wishes to speak on any other subjects, raise your hand as instructed earlier and you will be recognized.

1. Danielle Jose (sp?) , resident, stated that she recently learned about the skate park being removed. Danielle stated that she feels many people did not know that it was to be removed and, that it was unfair as it is used by so many. Danielle discussed the use the skate park received and stated she would like the skate park issue to be reconsidered.

D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the bill relative to the tax sale is number House #5269 and that there is plenty of time as it is still in the corporations committee.

XII. Seek to Convene to Executive Session

- A. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to any discussions of job performance character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons  
Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council  
Re: Potential stipend for EMA Director - (Employee notified per Open Meetings Law)

- B. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(5) Land Acquisition - Discussion and/or Action
  1. Negotiation : 162 Chopmist Hill Road, also known as A.P. 14, Lot 92
  2. Discussion pertaining to alternative land acquisition for public safety purposes

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to Convene to Executive Session pursuant to:  
R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to any discussions of job performance character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons, Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council  
Re: Potential stipend for EMA Director - (Employee notified per Open Meetings Law) and

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  2. Discussion pertaining to alternative land acquisition for public safety purposes

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. Re-Convene Open Session  
Disclosure of votes take in Executive Session

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Re-Convene Open Session; **DECLARE** one (1) vote was taken in Closed Executive Session; and **SEAL** the minutes of Executive Session; 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

XIV. Stipend for EMA Director - Discussion and/or Action  
Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to AUTHORIZE the expenditure of \$ 10,000.00 payable

to Gerald Mosca, Emergency Management Director, as a one time stipend for hours of service during the 2020-21 Covid Pandemic. Said funds to be allocated from savings in current budget; seconded by Councilor Worthy.

Discussion: A. Muccino, Finance Director, clarified that the discussion was for G. Mosca to net \$10,000 .

Councilor Steere withdrew his motion and Councilor Worthy withdrew his second.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to AUTHORIZE the expenditure of \$ 10,000.00 net payable to Gerald Mosca, Emergency Management Director, as a one time stipend for hours of service during the 2020-21 Covid Pandemic. Said funds to be allocated from savings in current budget; 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

XV. MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to Adjourn at 10:50 p.m.; 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

