

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on April 21, 2016:

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Walter M. O. Steere, III, President; George O. (Buster) Steere, Vice-President; William E. Reichert; Edward C. Burlingame; and Steven A. Sette.

Also present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Tim Kane, Town Solicitor; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Diane Brennan, Finance Director; Gary Treml, Director of Public Works; Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official; and Diane Wrona, Planning Clerk.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Several people signed up to speak regarding agenda items, but chose to wait until those items are addressed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to Remove from the Agenda Item V., A and B; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere pointed out that there are many people present, but this is not a Public Hearing. Councilor Burlingame stated that these items may be extremely important to all residents and not just special interest groups. Councilor Burlingame stated that the Council has had no prior discussion regarding whether they wish to vote in favor of these Resolutions or not. Councilor Burlingame stated that there are times that prior discussion is not necessary, as in the case of thanking people or congratulating people, such as the Chepachet Grange Award. However, these Resolutions deal with weapons and a power plant, and in Councilor Burlingame's opinion, should have had a Council vote to be placed on the agenda. Councilor Burlingame added that no one Councilor should put something on the agenda that is so far reaching and controversial. Councilor Burlingame stated that these two motions came about in a way that is not consistent with past practice and asked that they be removed.

Councilor G. Steere expressed agreement with Councilor Burlingame's views, adding that these Resolutions appeared out of thin air without Council discussion. Councilor G. Steere stated that he is not prepared to vote on these items tonight and agreed that they should be removed from the agenda.

Councilor Reichert stated that he doesn't know anything about the power plant and regarding the guns, he feels that the Council should have discussion before voting on the Resolution.

Councilor Sette stated that he had requested Item B. (Resolution in Support of Gloucester Legislative Opposition to Burrillville Power Plant) to be placed on the agenda for discussion only and did not realize a Resolution had been prepared. Councilor Sette supported Councilor Burlingame's motion for removal from the agenda. Regarding the other item, Councilor Sette stated that since it deals with weapons in schools, this is not a Gloucester Town Council item but rather an issue for the School Committee. Councilor Sette noted that Title 16 of RI General Law indicates that the municipality has jurisdiction up to the door of the school, but not what goes on inside. Councilor Sette stated that this Resolution should go to the School Committee first and if the Council decides to support their action, that would be a more appropriate time to bring this up.

Councilor W. Steere concurred with Councilor Sette's comments. Regarding the power plant, Councilor W. Steere noted that there are two (2) Public Hearings scheduled, and the Council should wait until afterward to have any discussion regarding whether or not they will do anything.

Councilor G. Steere stated that he attended the first Public Hearing in Burrillville and was unable to get in to hear the presentation due to the number of out of town people present. Councilor G. Steere stated that future hearings should be for concerned residents.

Councilor W. Steere stated that two (2) people in the audience have their hands up and he will entertain questions from them, reiterating that this is not a Public Hearing.

1. Robert Woods, resident of Burrillville, expressed concern about the proposed power plant but agrees that the Council should be more informed before voting on a Resolution. R. Woods commented that the power plant will affect Gloucester as much as Burrillville. R. Woods stated that he would welcome the opportunity to sit down with the Council to provide information. R. Woods stated that he is here tonight as a partner, neighbor and friend.
2. Paul Lefebvre, of Burrillville, stated that the Public Hearing had people in attendance from throughout the State, but does not know how it could be limited to only residents of Burrillville and Gloucester. P. Lefebvre suggested that Gloucester contact the Energy Facility Siting Board and the Burrillville Land Trust for more information.

Councilor Burlingame stated that the whole point of this discussion should be whether his motion is appropriate. Councilor Burlingame spoke of the importance of not having discussion regarding things the Council knows nothing of.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0
MOTION PASSED

V. Resolution

- A. Support of House Bill #7243 entitled “Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons”

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

- B. Support of Position taken by Senator Fogarty & Rep. Keable
Re: Invenergy application for Burrillville power plant

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

- C. Chepachet Grange Awards - 2016
Councilor Sette read the following Resolution for the Chepachet Grange acknowledging their 2016 Grange Awards:

**Resolution #2016-10
Chepachet Grange 2016 “Community Service Awards”**

WHEREAS: The National Grange founded in 1867 is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization that advocates for rural America and agriculture. With a strong history in grassroots activism, family values and community service, the Chepachet Grange is part of more than 2,100 hometown granges across the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Chepachet Grange #38, organized in 1907, has always enriched our community and celebrates the importance of citizens in our community that share their ideals and give unselfishly of their time and effort; and

WHEREAS: on May 3rd, 2016, the Chepachet Grange will acknowledge the good works of these people in our community at a Community Service Awards Night; and for the 2016 honorees the Chepachet Grange has chosen:

*Patricia A. Lawrence and John E. Lawrence, Grangers of the Year;
Detective Kyle Shibley, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year;
Thomas Sanzi, Citizen of the Year;
Michael Gingell, Firefighter of the Year;
Polly Hopkins, Agriculturalist of the Year;
Todd A. Murano, Teacher of the Year*

WHEREAS: it is a pleasure and an honor to acknowledge these people in our community for their good works as they are the supports that keep Glocester strong and secure; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Glocester Town Council and the Town Clerk wish to congratulate and express our appreciation to these citizens on this occasion and we wish to thank the membership of the Chepachet Grange for their hard work, sense of community, dedication to our Town; and good sense to honor those chosen for the 2016 Community Service Awards.

Walter M. O. Steere, III
President, Gloucester Town Council

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Public Hearings

- A. Expansion of Current Outdoor Sale of Alcohol Use (Days & Hours)
Applicant: Tyo-Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady's Tavern
Location of Business: 2168 Putnam Pike - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on April 7 & 14th, 2016 and abutters notices were sent.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN and asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding this application.

Councilor W. Steere noted that currently, the stipulations relating to the outdoor sales are:

- 6) **No bottles, glasses, or any other breakable containers shall be utilized by any patron for any beverage**
- 10) **Outdoor use will be limited to 10:00 PM**
- 11) **Outdoor Sales will be allowed during the hours of 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM on Saturdays, Sundays and Monday Holidays**

Changes being proposed are Sunday - Saturday and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and glass allowed.

1. Bruce Payton, of 26 Lake Washington Drive, stated that when he moved there in 1985, the only things Cady's had were a liquor license and food. Mr. Payton stated that since that time, they have been granted an entertainment license and outdoor service which has been a nuisance to him due to the proximity of where he lives. B. Payton stated that they recently added an outdoor area and parking area, but have not constructed the 5-foot evergreen barrier which was required by the Council. B. Payton expressed concern that when he goes to sell his house, he won't be able to get the price that he should.
2. Robin Tyo, Owner/Applicant, stated that there are shrubs planted on the original patio area. R. Tyo stated that one did not survive and they planted a rose bush in its place. R. Tyo stated that fencing was installed on the other side of the property. R. Tyo stated that they have been approached by private groups asking to have functions and on some nights, they

run out of table space inside. Councilor W. Steere asked the applicant why she is asking for glass to be allowed outside. R. Tyo replied that a lot of trash is generated when plastic cups are used. R. Tyo stated that cans are allowed, but many of the customers prefer bottled beer, which gets poured into a plastic cup, causing double the trash. R. Tyo stated that she does not anticipate any problems with glass bottles.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Hearing Closed.

Discussion: Councilor Sette stated that he has no problem with the extra hour, however he has some concerns about allowing glass bottles.

Councilor W. Steere asked the applicant if there is lighting outside at this time. R. Tyo replied that there is a halogen light which lights up the area and she does not plan to have any additional lighting,

Councilor G. Steere stated that he also has no problem with the extra hour, but is not sure about the glass. Councilor G. Steere commented that we do not want to fill up the landfill.

Councilor W. Steere expressed concern about the glass and about outdoor service 7 days a week. Councilor W. Steere commented that if we allow glass at this establishment, there will be another one wanting to do the same thing.

Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, noted that in addition to the extra hour, the applicant is requesting outdoor service every day of the week. Councilor W. Steere stated that right now it is only Saturday, Sunday and Monday holidays, and this amendment would be another imposition on the neighbors.

Councilor G. Steere suggested that they try it, but without the glass, which seems to be the biggest concern.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to AMEND the Sale of Alcohol to a designated outdoor area (approved on April 2, 2015) for: Applicant: Tyo-Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady's Tavern, Location of Business: 2168 Putnam Pike, to 7 days per week, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. and stipulation #6 would not be eliminated; seconded by Councilor Burlingame.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: W. Steere

MOTION PASSED

- B. Gloucester Home Repair - Discussion and/or action
 - 1. Community Development Block Grant - FY 2016 (1st of 2 Public Hearings required)

Councilor W. Steere stated that this is the first Public Hearing of the two that are required.

Councilor W. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Open and read the following correspondence into the record:

April 14, 2016

Re: Community Development Block Grant 2016 - 1st Public Hearing
Program Performance/Letter of Intent

Dear Council Members;

We are in the process of preparing the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Application for submittal to the State Office of Housing and Community Development. In order to submit we are required to conduct two (2) public hearings on the application. The first is an informational meeting where potential applicants can discuss their activity and funding request. The second meeting is where the Town Council reviews and prioritizes applications for submittal to the State.

The Town is eligible for \$150,000.00 in grant funds but normally receives half that amount. In the past year (FY 2015) the Town of Gloucester received no funding for the Food Pantry. The Housing Rehabilitation/Mobile Home Replacement Program will be funded with set-a-side funds, which mean when an applicant applies and is approved locally, and we have 3 bids for the work, we will submit their application to the State for funding through the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Set Aside Program. Funds will be approved by the State on a case by case basis.

As you know the program was re-established in August of 2013 as the Gloucester Home Repair Program. Since that time the program has received 31 applications for assistance. Twenty two clients have been funded. The projects included: roofs, oil tanks, means of egress, onsite wastewater treatment systems and designs, electrical, plumbing, windows, doors, baseboard heat, well pumps and tanks, vinyl siding, chimney's, wood stove, well line and bulkhead. These projects represent typical needs in our community. We are in the process of going out to bid for a new Mobile Home.

The Program has been spending down money from prior years. The approximate balances are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Funded</u>	<u>Total Amount Drawn</u>	<u>Balance to be Drawn</u>
2010	\$284,550.00	\$283,897.69	(\$652.31) De-Obligated
2011	\$176,250.00	\$ 39,260.60	(\$137,239.40)De-Obligated
2012	\$107,250.00	\$ 86,228.10	\$21,021.90
2013	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 1,000.00
2014	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$576,550.00	\$416,636.39	\$ 22,021.90

Since the Home Repair Program has come under the Planning Office, we have drawn down \$325,586.39.

The Community Development Block Grant has provided employment opportunities for local residents and local tradesmen. The grant has provided the Town of Gloucester's low and moderate

income residents with a safe home and has helped keep up the value of Gloucester's housing stock. The grant has also provided funding to support the Gloucester Food Pantry located at Town Hall.

The Town of Gloucester filed its initial application for CDBG funding in 1986. Over the past 29 years the grant has provided over 2.8 million dollars in grant funds that have gone back into the Town of Gloucesters' local economy.

The proposed activities for FY 2016 CDBG will be presented to the Gloucester Planning Board on May 2, 2016. At that time the Planning Board will provide a recommendation of consistency with the Gloucester Comprehensive Community Plan on the proposed activities.

The 2nd Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016 with the Town Council. At that time the Grant Application will be complete and available for review, and prioritized. The Town Council President will then sign the application at that meeting.

Once this is done, the application will be delivered to the State of Rhode Island, Office of Housing and Community Development before May 13, 2016.

Sincerely,

Diane Wrona
Planning Clerk
(end of memo)

Discussion:

1. Linda Nichols, chair of the Community Resource/Wastewater Advisory Commission, inquired whether she should be informed by the Home Repair program regarding septic repairs. Councilor G. Steere stated that it would make sense for L. Nichols to have Home Repair application information to pass on to the public. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that she will send some information to L. Nichols.
2. Dave Steere asked if the Home Repair funds are loans or grants. Councilor W. Steere replied that they are loans to be repaid by the homeowner. D. Steere inquired about the mobile home program. Councilor W. Steere stated that it is a successful program and those units will become eligible for our low to moderate income housing requirement. D. Steere stated that he received information a year ago that of the seven (7) mobile homes that have been funded, three (3) or four (4) of them had not made any payments. Diane Wrona, Program Administrator, stated that letters have gone out to the owners and all have paid something. D. Steere expressed concern that a mobile home's value does not appreciate like a regular home and he feels that the program should be monitored for repayment. D. Steere stated that it is a revolving fund and if money is not coming in, there are no funds to lend back out. D. Steere suggested that if the program does mobile homes, caution be used to ensure that people pay back the funds.

Councilor W. Steere Declared the Public Hearing CLOSED and stated that no action is necessary at this time. Councilor W. Steere stated there will be another public hearing to review the grant application and the Council will prioritize the requests received at that point. Councilor W. Steere stated the application will then be signed and forwarded to the State.

C. Budget FY 2016-17 (**Continuation from April 16, 2016**) - Discussion and/or action
Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated for the record that the Gloucester School Department budget is remaining level with a level budget request from the Town. D. Brennan stated that the amount supported by taxes is \$6,372,035. D. Brennan stated that the total budget for Fiscal Year 2017 is \$9,872,499, which includes State Aid and other revenue of \$2,645,398 and a use of the school cumulative surplus of \$855,066.

D. Brennan stated that there are several adjustments as a result of the Public Hearing. D. Brennan stated that the Planner, whose last day was today, only had a single plan for health care, noting that there will be a significant increase of \$14,428 to change to a family plan. D. Brennan stated that there was an error in Financial Administration in the amount of \$1,251, which has been corrected. Regarding Public Safety health care, D. Brennan recommended an additional \$28,937 to cover the possibility of two (2) employees changing from one category to another. D. Brennan also asked to change two (2) single plans to family plans in the Highway Department, for a total cost of \$24,730. To help support these additions, D. Brennan stated that she has increased some of the revenue figures, based on the April results, showing increases to department receipt & license fees.

Councilor Burlingame stated that the line item for copying and printing at the Senior Center was reduced by \$2,000, and that amount was moved to Public Works, Building and Grounds. Councilor Burlingame noted that the pool table cost of \$1,000 was listed again and was taken out. Councilor Burlingame further stated that the amount for janitorial supplies was reduced.

Councilor W. Steere stated that, in light of obtaining a grant for Leja Field, perhaps we could put the \$2,000 back to the other expenses that we have incurred instead of transferring it to the DPW. There was Council agreement.

Councilor Burlingame stated that we have committed \$1.5 million for school renovations and we have \$300,000 in this Budget to transfer from Surplus. Councilor Burlingame questioned if we ask the voters for approval for the full \$1.5 million now to be spread \$300,000 per year for the next five (5) years. Councilor Burlingame stated his opinion that it is a big number and the voters should have a say. Councilor Burlingame stated that it should specify that the renovations are for Fogarty and West Gloucester Schools and it has nothing to do with the Region. Councilor W. Steere pointed out that we are not asking for new money; it is coming out of Surplus. Councilor G. Steere asked if it should be stated that there is a projected 40% reimbursement on the renovations. Councilor Burlingame spoke regarding the \$100,000 toward a land purchase for recreation, stating that it should be explained that it is not for ballfields, but for open space that does not have the restrictions and conservation easements as in Land Trust property. Councilor W. Steere pointed out that it could possibly be used for ballfields. Councilor Burlingame replied that there are ponds for fishing and plenty of space for hiking trails. Councilor Burlingame stated that when we put these special

appropriations on the ballot, it should be articulated in a way to let the voters know that it is coming from surplus and will not affect the tax rate. Councilor Burlingame commented that this would address the criticism that the surplus is as high as it is, adding that we would be using it in a productive way.

Denny McCallum, of Snake Hill Road, asked who is in charge of the lights at the high school at night. Councilor W. Steere replied that it would be the Foster-Glocester Regional Schools. D. McCallum asked why the lights are on all night. Councilor G. Steere replied that he was told that every 4th light must stay on because if someone breaks into the school and gets injured, we could be sued. D. McCallum stated that this is a blatant waste of money and noted that he checked schools in other towns and they do not leave the lights on all night. Councilor Sette suggested that the Council follow up with a letter explaining that a resident has asked this question. Walter Steere, Jr., School Committee member suggested that D. McCallum attend a Regional School Committee meeting and ask the question.

Walter Steere, Jr. spoke about the road bond issue, asking if it is a one-time expense. W. Steere, Jr. stated that, if not, this money will remain in our budget forever. W. Steere, Jr. stated that when the voters approved this bond, they expected that after it was paid off, it would go away, but it has been rolled over into the Budget. W. Steere, Jr. stated that if we are going to leave it in the Budget, let's put it toward its intended purpose, to fix our roads. W. Steere, Jr. stated that taxes in Glocester are high and he will not vote for this Budget. W. Steere, Jr. further stated that he is disappointed in the Council and hopes that they look at the Budget a little more to find places to cut.

Councilor Burlingame explained that we paid off the road bond of \$282,000 per year. Councilor Burlingame compared this to a mortgage which once paid, you don't have to pay anymore and it is not being reallocated, it's gone away. Councilor Burlingame expressed disappointment that W. Steere, Jr. is criticizing the Council and the Budget process because the reality is that \$330,000 of the increase is strictly due to the Regional School Budget. Councilor Burlingame stated that the Glocester Schools and the Municipal Budgets are extremely flat. Councilor Burlingame stated that the Region pushed it to the limit with a 4% increase. Councilor Burlingame stated that the \$282,000 payment has gone away, but the Region's increase ate up all of the savings, plus.

There was Council discussion concerning the wording of the ballot for the Financial Town Referendum. Discussion followed on how these three (3) questions, for the following appropriations, would be addressed: 1) \$1,500,000 for school renovations; 2) \$64,000 for student proration; and 3) \$100,000 for land purchase. Councilor Burlingame reiterated that this will not affect the tax rate. Regarding the \$1.5 million, Councilor Sette stated that it would be nice to have a joint statement from the School Committee and the Town Council, indicating that they are both doing the same thing and what the reason is. Council discussed advertising and it was agreed that an advertisement or press release would be a good idea. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked if she should include in the question the potential for reimbursement. Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that it should be clear that we are not spending the \$1.5 million this year, but over a five-year period.

Councilor W. Steere asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to CLOSE the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilor Sette.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to schedule a special meeting for Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM to adopt the Budget; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or action

- A. Approval of Town Council Reg. meeting minutes of April 7th, & April 16, 2016 Public Hearing
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions & Abatements - March 2016
- C. Finance Director's Report - March 2016

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to APPROVE the minutes of April 7, 2016 and to TABLE the minutes of the April 16, 2016 Public Hearing to May 5th, 2016; to APPROVE the Tax Assessor's Additions to the 2014 Tax Roll in the amount of \$994.89 and the 2015 Tax Roll in the amount of \$1,010.88; No Abatements for March 2016; and to ACCEPT the Finance Director's Report for March 2016; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Boards & Commissions
 - 1. Conservation Commission - Discussion and/or action
 - a. One alternate 1-year term to expire 2/2017

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received a recommendation from the Chair of this Commission. Mike Ahnrud, chair of the Conservation Commission, stated that he has two (2) very qualified individuals and recommends that Rick Perry be appointed to the Alternate position. M.

Ahnrud further stated that he will be getting a letter of resignation from one of the members and the second candidate will be recommended for that position.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to APPOINT Richard Perry to the Conservation Commission for an Alternate one year term to expire 2/2017; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

- B. Approval of Town Council Minutes
 - 1. March 7, 2016 Special Meeting

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to APPROVE the minutes of the March 7, 2016 Town Council Special Meeting; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert and Burlingame
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: Sette

MOTION PASSED

IX. New Business

- A. Authorization for ACS Contract Renewal (Land Evidence Recording, Indexing, & Maintaining Records) - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Clerk has requested the Town Council President sign a renewal for an existing system in her office. Councilor W. Steere explained this system is for the daily recording, indexing, and maintaining records (both at the Town Hall & on-line) of land evidence. Councilor W. Steere stated the renewal is for five more years, with no increase in price and all equipment is included. Councilor W. Steere stated this item is budgeted using revenue from the Town's share of land evidence recording fees.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the renewal Agreement between the Town of Gloucester and ACS Enterprise Solutions, Inc. Said agreement is for a five year term at a cost of \$5.25 per document for the 20/20 Perfect Vision Land Records Management System; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

B. Noise/dirt complaint: Old Quarry Road - Discussion and/or action
MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to TABLE Noise/dirt complaint: Old Quarry Road - Discussion and/or action until the Town Council meeting of May 5th; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

C. Authorization: Rhode Island Foundation - Centennial Community Grant Acceptance - Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received notice of a grant to the Town of Gloucester from the Rhode Island Foundation. Councilor W. Steere stated this grant is the Centennial Community Grant in the amount of \$7,450 to be used for the Leja Baseball Field Restoration Project.

Councilor W. Steere explained that if the Council accepts the grant, along with the terms and conditions of utilizing the grant, we must return a signed acceptance by May 3, 2017.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Rhode Island Foundation Acceptance for Grant #20161351, Grant amount of \$7,450 to be used for the Leja Baseball Field Restoration Project; seconded by Councilor Burlingame

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

D. Gloucester Senior Center: Burrillville Donation of Funds - Discussion and/or action

Councilor Burlingame stated that the Senior Center receives an annual donation of \$6,000 from the town of Burrillville. Councilor Burlingame stated that he feels that the Council should be kept informed by the Board of Directors regarding how these funds are spent. Councilor Burlingame also asked if all monies collected for activities is turned in to the Finance Office. Councilor Burlingame expressed his opinion that the Board must take the appropriate steps to reduce their costs, particularly with their printing and copying supplies. As liaison, Councilor Burlingame stated that he will speak to the Board.

Councilor Sette suggested that the Council acknowledge the donation from Burrillville.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to send a letter of thanks to the Town of Burrillville for their donation of \$6,000; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

E. Planner Position - Action(s) needed to fill position - Discussion and/or action
Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that the ad for the Planner position was published in the Providence Journal and as part of the advertisement, it goes into several online employment sites. D. Brennan stated that due to an error by the newspaper they will run the ad again on Sunday.

F. Adoption of Budget FY 2016/17 and/or Set Special Meeting Date to adopt -
Discussion and/or action

No Action.

X. Boards & Commissions

A. Resignations

1. Parade Committee- Discussion and/or action
 - a. Two Alternate Positions #1 & #2

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received the resignation of two Alternate members of the Parade Committee.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Julie White & Kyle White from the Parade Committee, Alternates #1 & #2; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

2. Zoning Board - Discussion and/or action
 - a. One five year term to expire 11/2020

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council has received the resignation of Christine Bigwood from the Zoning Board of Review.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Christine Bigwood from the Zoning Board of Review, one five year term to expire 11/2020; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

B. Appointments

1. Parade Committee- Discussion and/or action
 - a. Two Alternate Positions #1 & #2

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to APPOINT Kathy Rickert-Houghton as Alternate #1 and Jim Houghton as Alternate #2 to the Parade Committee; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

2. Zoning Board - Discussion and/or action
 - a. Request by Chair to move Alt. Members up.
(To fill: One five year term to expire 11/2020 & Alt. Position #1)

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Chair of the Zoning Board has made a recommendation to accept the resignation, move Ed Crawley up from Alt. 1 to a regular voting member and Tracey Donnelly would then move up to Alt #1.

MOTION was made by Councilor Sette to MOVE Ed Crawley from Alt. #1 position on the Zoning Board to a voting member for the remainder of a five year term to expire 11/2020; and to MOVE Alt. #2 Tracey Donnelly to the Alt. #1 position; seconded by Councilor G. Steere.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

- b. New member, Alt. #2 position

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Chair has recommended Joseph Trunzo to the Alt. #2 position.

MOTION was made by Councilor G. Steere to APPOINT Joseph Trunzo to the Alternate #2 position on the Zoning Board of Review for a one year term to expire 1/7/2017; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED

XI. Council Correspondence/Discussion

- A. Councilor W. Steere stated that a letter of concern was received from a resident with regard to the power plant.

- B. Councilor W. Steere stated that an invitation was received from the RI Heritage Hall of Fame to the induction of Dr. Robert Billington. There was Council consensus to prepare a Resolution of congratulations.

XII. Department Head Report/Discussion

- A. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, noted that the Primary Election is next Tuesday, with all voting taking place at the Senior Center. J. Fecteau stated that she has advertised this in several publications as well as a Code Red notification.

- B. Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official, spoke regarding the chatter strips on Snake Hill Road. K. Johnson stated that DOT will begin removing the strips from the shoulder of the road on Monday, April 25th and noted that the project will take approximately five (5) days to complete. K. Johnson stated that due to safety concerns, the State is reluctant to remove the center chatter strips. K. Johnson stated if the Council is adamant about removing the center strips, the project may be delayed until next year. K. Johnson pointed out that by removing the shoulder chatter strips, it would make the road safer for bicycles and pedestrians. There was Council consensus to move forward with the removal of the chatter strips on the side. K. Johnson stated that he will contact DOT tomorrow.

XIII. Bds. and Commissions/ Discussion

- A. Mike Ahnrud, chair of the Conservation Commission, spoke regarding the Commission's Annual Report.

- B. Linda Nichols, chair of the Community Resource and Wastewater Advisory Commission, asked the Town Council to put on next month's agenda discussion regarding solar. L. Nichols stated that Amica Insurance Co. has created a map worth \$300 and donated it to the Town. L. Nichols stated that the Commission has had developers come before them with proposals.

Councilor Burlingame asked L. Nichols to identify specific areas where the Commission would like to see solar projects before any discussion takes place with the Council.

L. Nichols stated that an educational solar fair will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday and invited the Council members to attend. The Council thanked L. Nichols and the Commission for their hard work.

XIV. Open Forum

A. Lauren Niedel-Gresh read an email she had sent to the Town Clerk, (a portion of which requests the following: first, urging the Council members to attend a meeting on April 13th, in Burrillville, concerning the proposed power plant and secondly that the “Glocester Town Council request a meeting with Invenergy to thoroughly explain the impact this will have on Glocester. I would like this meeting to be held at Ponaganset High School within 30 days of the next Town Council Meeting. Therefore I am asking this question goes to the Town Council and can be voted on at the meeting on April 21st.”

L. Niedel-Gresh expressed her displeasure that the Glocester Town Council has done nothing to oppose the project.

Councilor Reichert asked L. Niedel-Gresh to explain the impact to Glocester. Discussion followed on trucks. Councilor Reichert stated, for everyone’s information, the rumor now being spread about #6 bunker oil being used at the power plant is absolutely not true, as it is not possible.

Councilor Reichert stated he has not researched the plant being proposed.

Ms. Niedel-Gresh stated this Resolution is not what she asked for.

Councilor W. Steere answered the Resolution was supporting Senator Fogarty and Rep. Keable’s correspondence which states the minimal impact to Glocester of traffic and possible pollution. Councilor W. Steere stated that these are state roads that the town has no control over. Councilor W. Steere stated if the Governor wants this to happen it will as the Legislation does not vote on it.

Ms. Niedel-Gresh stated the Council should not have put this item on the agenda if they were not going to allow conversation. Ms. Niedel-Gresh stated the Council should have contacted here and explained where the Council was in the process.

Councilor W. Steere stated we did not shut people out as it was not a public hearing.

Councilor Sette stated this was suppose to be an item for discussion, someone else asked for a resolution in support of Senator Fogarty and Rep. Keable’s letter, and that is how the resolution got on the agenda. Councilor Sette stated that is the reason for removing this from the table, because this Council has not discussed this issue. Councilor Sette stated the majority of people here are from Burrillville. Councilor Sette stated if there were a Glocester issue why are only Burrillville residents present. Councilor Sette asked why the other neighboring towns are not addressing these issues and pointed out the only place he sees signs is in Glocester. Councilor Sette stated the Foster Council has already refused to do a resolution. Councilor Sette stated, he has read, that the “host” community has been negotiating with the energy company on a tax agreement. Councilor Sette

stated this issue is bigger than the town of Gloucester and gave the example that the road system is part of a federal road system. Councilor Sette stated the federal government put funds into those roads and they are the only ones that can restrict use. Councilor Sette stated, more importantly, we need to become informed so we would need someone with some balance so we could have made an informed decision. Councilor Sette stated that it needs not to be a circus.

Ms. Nidel-Gresh stated that we live in a region and that needs to be recognized. Ms. Nidel-Gresh stated her point is that it should have been brought to her attention that Council needed to go from point A to point B and get one point on the agenda for discussion and not table this item.

Councilor Burlingame stated this item was not tabled it was removed from the table.

Ms. Nidel-Gresh asked when it would be put back on the agenda.

Councilor Burlingame stated that is unknown.

Councilor Reichert stated to Ms. Nidel-Gresh that as she is passionate against this power plant there are many people that are in favor of and passionate about this power plant. Councilor Reichert stated tax stabilization was welcomed by many in Burrillville as well as payments that will be made to those affected.

Ms. Nidel-Gresh asked Councilor Reichert if he attended the public meeting in Burrillville to hear what is being proposed. Councilor Reichert stated he did not and he does not know the details of the proposal.

Councilor G. Steere stated he went to that meeting. Councilor G. Steere stated he wasted two and a half hours of his time as it was poorly run. Councilor G. Steere stated he could not get in because there were many statewide people there as well as out of state people taking up the space of the local residents. Councilor G. Steere stated he will not attend another one of those hearings because it was a circus. Councilor G. Steere stated he can go to Barnum and Bailey if he wants a circus.

Ms. Nidel-Gresh stated that was her point, she wanted to start a discussion, she never asked for a resolution. Councilor Burlingame stated, given that, the action taken tonight was appropriate. It is inappropriate at this time because it wasn't addressing the concerns and wouldn't have provided any information.

Ms. Nidel-Gresh stated she was specific with email she sent, she was not looking for a resolution she was looking for involvement of the council to address her concerns as well as many other citizens.

- B. Paul Roselli, Burrillville resident and member of the Burrillville Land Trust, also spoke regarding the proposed power plant and recommended the website clearriverenergycenter.org as a source of more information.

- C. David LaPlante, Gloucester resident, stated that there are two sides to every story and not everybody is against the power plant. D. LaPlante expressed his opinion that the Gloucester Town Council should not get involved in a Burrillville issue.
- D. Norm Desjarlais of Burrillville, stated his opinion that it is a Gloucester issue because, if they can build a power plant in Burrillville, they could also build one in Gloucester. N. Desjarlais gave the Council members materials and urged them to become informed.

XV. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to ADJOURN at 9:49 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

VOTE: AYES: W. Steere, G. Steere, Reichert, Burlingame and Sette.
 NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED