

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on June 7, 2018:

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: George O. (Buster) Steere, Jr., President; Walter M. O. Steere, III; William E. Reichert and Patricia Henry.

Member Absent: Edward C. Burlingame, Vice-President

Also present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Tim Kane, Town Solicitor; Susan Harris, Deputy Town Clerk; Diane Brennan, Finance Director; Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official; Jane Steere, Tax Collector; Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director; and Bob Shields, Recreation Director.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

None.

V. Public Hearing - Gloucester Licensing Board

Councilor G. Steere stated the following: Mr. Dan Ribeiro currently holds a state winery license, town Entertainment License, & a town 2018 Special Event approval. Mr. Ribeiro has acknowledged that the town licenses for that location will lapse when the new liquor & entertainment licenses are issued. Gina Fligg, who currently holds the license for Philanthropy Tea & Coffee, has acknowledged that her licence will lapse when Mr. Smiley's victualing license is issued. Letters are on file.

A. (New) Victualing License - Discussion and/or action

Applicant: Purple Cat Tavern Inc.

Daniel Smiley

d/b/a: The Purple Cat!

Location of Business: 11 Money Hill Road

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on May 17th, May 24th, and May 31st, 2018.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Open.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked what the hours of this establishment would be. The attorney for the applicant, (name inaudible) replied that they will be open at 10 o'clock in the morning until 10:00 in the evening, unless there is a special event going on over the weekend then

perhaps an hour later. Councilor Henry questioned Monday through Sunday, so for seven (7) days a week the hours will be 10 to 10. The attorney corrected himself, stating 11 to 10:00 p.m., and on weekends possibly until 12 o'clock, again, depending on what special events are going on. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Council would be able to determine that.

Councilor G. Steere asked if they are only looking at midnight for special events, or every weekend. The attorney replied just special events. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that these licenses come with a window of hours, adding that it is State Law.

Councilor G. Steere asked if anyone else wished to be heard. Hearing none, Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to GRANT a Victualing License for Applicant: Purple Cat Tavern Inc., Daniel Smiley, d/b/a: The Purple Cat ! ; Location: 11 Money Hill Road; contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; and 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid to November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- B. (New) Class BV Liquor License - Discussion and/or action
Applicant: Purple Cat Tavern Inc.
Daniel Smiley
d/b/a: The Purple Cat!
Location of Business: 11 Money Hill Road

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal on May 16th, and May 23rd, 2018.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Open and asked if anybody in the audience would like to speak regarding this application.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if this is a genuinely new BV license or one from a previous establishment. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, replied that it is an existing license that was not taken, adding that the only way we would have a new license is if the Council, itself, added a new one to the list.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to GRANT Class BV Liquor License to Applicant: Purple Cat Tavern Inc.; Daniel Smiley, d/b/a: The Purple Cat!; Location: 11 Money Hill Road contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 8) current copy of menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the **interior of the premise only** and is valid to November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

- C. (New) Entertainment License - Discussion and/or action
Applicant: Purple Cat Tavern Inc.
Daniel Smiley
d/b/a: The Purple Cat!
Location of Business: 11 Money Hill Road

Councilor G. Steere stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze Observer on May 17th, 2018.

Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Open and asked if anyone from the public or the Town Council would like to speak.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that there have been misunderstandings in the past with regard to the need for extra parking at larger events. Councilor W. Steere stated that Public Safety should be made aware of this situation. Councilor G. Steere stated that it is normal to check with the Chief of Police before any event takes place.

Councilor G. Steere again asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Hearing none, Councilor G. Steere DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to GRANT an Entertainment License for Applicant: Purple Cat Tavern Inc.; Daniel Smiley, d/b/a: The Purple Cat!; Location: 11 Money Hill Road,

contingent upon: 1) Payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; this license is valid to November 30, 2018 and is subject to the following stipulations:

1. That all entertainment be confined to the inside of the building,
2. That all windows on the premises are kept closed, but not permanently, and that doors are only opened for normal ingress and egress from the premises.
3. That all live entertainment cease at 1:00 a.m.
4. When there is live entertainment, the Town Council, at its discretion, may assign a supplemental police officer or officers at such time and in such a place as the Town Council deems appropriate and the license holder shall reimburse the Town of Gloucester for the expense of such police officer(s):
5. Any other reasonable conditions and restrictions as the Town Council may require.

seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

VI. Consent Items - Discussion and/or action

A. Approval of Minutes of Town Council Meeting of May 17, 2018

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to APPROVE the Town Council meeting minutes of May 17, 2018; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Correction to Minutes of Town Council meeting of May 3, 2018

Councilor G. Steere stated that in the minutes of May 3rd, the minutes state "E. Dauphinais stated that she didn't know that answer but that she had spoken with Councilor G. Steere today, who had told her that the town offered Mr. Mainville \$30,000", after a review it was found that the correct statement made was "E. Dauphinais stated that she met with Councilor G. Steere today and he told her that Mr. Mainville had asked for \$30,000."

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to CORRECT the Town Council meeting minutes of May 3rd, 2018 as stated; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Funding and implementation of salary analysis study - Discussion and/or action (tabled twice until full council)

Councilor W. Steere stated that we are running out of time and this is the second or third time out of three meetings where we have not had a full Council.

Councilor G. Steere stated that there is something going on Monday with regard to some of the non-union employees and we would have time to have it on for our next meeting, which would be after the event on Monday. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that we should do it either way, but since we do not have a full Council, we could move it to the next meeting.

Councilor W. Steere stated that a full Council is not needed to discuss a funding source. Councilor W. Steere stated that the cost is \$5,000, and the Council currently has enough in their Contingency Fund to cover it. Councilor W. Steere pointed out that there is also money left in the salary increase line item which could be used for this study. Councilor W. Steere stated that we could break it up and do one part of the project prior to July 1st, and we have budgeted \$5,000 for the next part. Councilor W. Steere asked if this is for all department heads. Councilor G. Steere replied in the affirmative, department heads and managers. Councilor W. Steere stated that we probably should not do it for those who have already received increases, only those positions that did not get measured. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council already decided to include the positions in the one that was passed for the following year. Regarding the funding, Councilor G. Steere stated that this is not a salary increase, it is something totally different. Councilor W. Steere stated that it will determine salary increases.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE Funding and implementation of salary analysis study, Discussion and/or action, until the next Town Council meeting of June 21, 2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion:

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

MOTION PASSED

- B. Boards & Commissions
1. Historic District Commission
 - a. Appointment- Discussion and/or action

1. One alternate - one year term to expire 11/2018

Councilor G. Steere stated that there is no recommendation at this time.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to TABLE the appointment to the Historic District Commission for an alternate term; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Charlie Wilson, chair of the Historic District Commission, stated that he has invited a candidate to their next meeting to see if he is a good fit, and will have a recommendation for the Council in July. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked if the candidate has filled out a Talent Bank application for Council to view. C. Wilson replied in the affirmative.

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Gloucester Housing Authority
 - a. Appointment - Discussion and/or action
 1. One five year term to expire 7/2022

Councilor G. Steere stated that there is no recommendation yet for this position.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to TABLE the appointment to the Gloucester Housing Authority for a five year term; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

- A. Gloucester Code of Ordinance
 1. Adoption - Emergency Ordinance Pursuant to Gloucester Town Charter, Section C-4-10(5) - Discussion and/or action
 - a. Part I, Administrative Legislation; Chapter 1, Article IV. Emergency Ordinances; Section 1-30. Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation Moratorium Ordinance

Councilor G. Steere read the following:

Pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, Section C4-10(5):

In an emergency affecting the public peace, health, safety, comfort and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town and for protection of persons and property, the Council, by an affirmative vote of three members, may adopt on the day of its introduction, without previous filing with the Town Clerk, an Ordinance containing a declaration of emergency which shall take effect upon its passage. The

nature of the emergency shall be specifically stated in the Ordinance and such declaration shall be conclusive as to the existence of such emergency. Such emergency Ordinances(s) shall be temporary and for the period of the emergency only and may authorize Departments, Offices and Agencies of the Town Government to act outside and beyond the usual requirement of Ordinances, Resolutions, Rules and Regulations.

Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, explained that he requested this because right now, there is a lot of interest in solar in the town of Gloucester and the Planning Board has scheduled a workshop to take another look at our solar ordinance. T. Kane noted that under the Charter, the Council has the ability to pass a moratorium which would give the Planning Board and the Town Council six (6) months to study and possibly change the ordinance. T. Kane stated that in the meantime, there is a vested rights provision regarding three (3) applications that have started the process and have appeared before the Planning Board. T. Kane explained that the vesting provision would “grandfather” those applications in, but it doesn’t mean they would be approved or not approved; they would have to follow the full process of three (3) stages of approval from the Planning Board and a Special Use Permit from the Zoning Board.

Councilor G. Steere stated that he attends most of the Planning Board meetings and he agrees with this moratorium. Councilor G. Steere noted that this is for six (6) months, but the Council actually needs it back from the Planning Board no later than five (5) months to allow for the Public Hearing process.

Councilor W. Steere agreed that this is important because this will impact the town for many years so the Planning Board should take the time to do their due diligence. Councilor G. Steere commented that they are being bombarded with applications and some of them do not take the neighbors into account. Councilor G. Steere stated that it is time to look at ordinance.

Councilor Henry commented that two (2) things are happening; there is a spiking trend which will level off in time, and we are clear-cutting and taking away pure green and replacing it with solar green. Councilor Henry stated that we are known for our land and our trees and they are quickly disappearing. Councilor Henry stated that she applauds the Planning Board for looking at it further.

Councilor G. Steere asked T. Kane if we have to read the moratorium. T. Kane replied in the negative, stating that it is available for review and it has been explained.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AMEND the Gloucester Code of Ordinance with the ADOPTION of Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 1, Article IV. Emergency Ordinances, Section 1-30. Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation Moratorium Ordinance; effective upon passage pursuant to Gloucester Town Charter, Section C4-10(5) Emergency Ordinances; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Personnel

1. Public Safety - Police Department

- a. Promotion of Officer to the position of Sergeant - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere read the following request from the Chief of Police:

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police
Date: May 30, 2018
Subj: Sergeant Promotion

Dear Council Members:

I would respectfully request the Town Council to authorize the promotion of Officer Jeffrey Jenison to the rank of Sergeant on the Gloucester Police Department.

This promotion will become effective Friday June 1, 2018.

(End of memo)

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to AUTHORIZE the promotion of Officer Jeffrey Jenison to the rank of Sergeant effective June 1, 2018; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor Henry questioned why the Council is getting asked if the promotion is already in effect. T. Kane replied that it is not uncommon and the Council is basically ratifying it.

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Appt. to Police Academy & One year probationary position - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere read the following request from the Chief of Police:

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police
Date: May 30, 2018
Subj: Police Officer Recruit Appointment

Dear Council Members:

I would respectfully request to appoint Andrew Uriati, of Gloucester to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy commencing on Monday July 23, 2018.

His Rhode Municipal Training Academy salary will be \$750.00 per week until December 21, 2018. After successful completion of the Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy in December 2018, he will be granted a one year probationary police officer position with the Gloucester Police Department at a salary of \$54,620.74. This position further provides a full benefit package.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph DelPrete, Chief

(end of memo)

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to appoint Andrew Uriati to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy commencing on Monday July 23, 2018 at the salary of \$750.00 per week until December 21, 2018. After successful completion of the Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy in December 2018, Andrew Uriati will be granted a one year probationary police officer position with the Gloucester Police Department at a salary of \$54,620.74. This position further provides a full benefit package; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Recreation

a. Appointments to 2018 Summer positions - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Recreation Director has submitted a list of recommendations for summer recreation appointments.

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPOINT:

Arts & Crafts Instructors

Danielle Charron at the hourly rate of \$10.10

Lisa SantaMaria at the hourly rate of \$11.50

Tennis Instructor

Richard Lawrence at the hourly rate of \$21.00

Tennis Aides

Caitlin Coleman at the hourly rate of \$10.10

Anna Gates at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Jacob Lawrence at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Ellysa Tancrede at the hourly rate of \$10.10

Water Safety Instructor

Madison Akkaoui at the hourly rate of \$15.50
Claire Drexler at the hourly rate of \$15.50

Water Safety Aides/l.i.t

Mae Belleavoine at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Hunter Cassidy at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Ben Cerullo at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Chayce DeMarco at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Eve Nadeau at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Ian Parker at the hourly rate of \$10.10

Lifeguards

Jill Cerullo at the hourly rate of \$12.50
Emily Coburn at the hourly rate of \$12.50
Lucy Contrino at the hourly rate of \$12.50
Allie Drexler at the hourly rate of \$11.50 *Contingent on passing the lifeguard training 6/8*
Seth Drexler at the hourly rate of \$11.50 *Contingent on passing the lifeguard training 6/8*
Raymond Goff at the hourly rate of \$11.50 *Contingent on passing the lifeguard training 6/8*

Parking Attendants

Dylan Carpenter at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Anthony Carter at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Carlo Gareau at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Cameron Masiello at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Taylor Williams at the hourly rate of \$10.10

Parking Attendant Subs

Parks & Grounds

Matt Beal at the hourly rate of \$10.10
Matt Wood at the hourly rate of \$11.00

All appointments effective June 20, 2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if these were the only applicants for these positions. Bob Shields, Recreation Director, replied that these are the applications which were received within the time period that was set. B. Shields stated that others were received after the deadline and will be placed on hold in the event that subs or replacements are needed. Councilor W. Steere asked if we had more than five (5) applications received for Parking Attendant within the time period, adding

that we usually have a lottery for this position. B. Shields replied that these were the only applications received. Councilor W. Steere suggested having a lottery for the applications that were received late.

Councilor W. Steere asked if all of the applicants are town residents. B. Shields replied that the only exception is parking attendant Dylan Carpenter, who is a resident of Foster. Councilor W. Steere asked if the late applications were Gloucester residents. B. Shields replied in the affirmative. Councilor W. Steere stated that he would like to see Gloucester residents get “first dibs” on these positions. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has always tried to give Gloucester residents first shot. Regarding the five (5) parking attendants, Councilor G. Steere asked if they will all be used or is this just the order in which they will be called. B. Shields stated that the names are alphabetized, but D. Carpenter was the first one, out of everybody, to apply. B. Shields stated that he will try to evenly distribute the hours among the five (5) attendants so that everybody has the opportunity to work. Councilor W. Steere stated that there may be an objection from parents of Gloucester applicants that their child did not get an opportunity. Councilor W. Steere commented that it is not like lifeguard, which is a difficult position to fill. Councilor G. Steere stated that they were late, but perhaps we should put the Gloucester applicants on an alternate list before the out of town applicant.

Councilor Henry stated her opinion that we should reward students who apply on time and she noted that in a way, Foster and Gloucester are one community and these students all go to high school together. Councilor Henry stated that if this young man was the first applicant, he should be rewarded for that instead of a student who did not follow the process. Councilor Reichert stated trying to tell that to an angry parent. Councilor Henry stated that she would. Councilor W. Steere stated that Ponaganset and Gloucester are two different things and our precedent has always been to hire town residents first. Councilor G. Steere agreed that we should be geared toward Gloucester kids first, but stated that of the ones that applied on time, we have one from Foster, Dylan Carpenter. Councilor G. Steere stated that we need five (5) parking attendants and the time will be split up evenly. Councilor G. Steere stated that the ones that applied late should be placed on an alternate list, with the Gloucester ones first before the out of town ones.

Councilor Henry stated that one of the issues with our youth today is that the rules don't apply and we are always making exceptions. Councilor Henry stated that this is a bad message because in the real world, when you miss a deadline, it is closed. Councilor W. Steere asked when was the opening and closing date for applications. B. Shields replied that the period went from the end of March to the end of April. Councilor W. Steere stated that it is nothing against Mr. Carpenter personally. B. Shields noted that Mr. Carpenter's family has ties to Gloucester, his mother being from Gloucester originally.

Councilor G. Steere stated that we have a motion and a second to approve the list as presented.

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

MOTION PASSED

Councilor G. Steere stated that in the past the Council has always held a lottery for alternates and asked B. Shields how many applications are from Gloucester. B. Shields replied that the majority are from Gloucester, with one or two from Burrillville. Councilor G. Steere asked B. Shields to bring the names forward at the next meeting and a lottery will be conducted, with Gloucester residents first followed by the out of town ones.

Councilor Henry commended B. Shields regarding the advertisement.

3. Town Clerk's Office
 - a. Request for employee carry-over of 2017-2018 Vacation allocation - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Clerk has submitted the following request:

June 5, 2018

TO: Town Council
FROM: J. Fecteau, Clerk
RE: Carry over of vacation time

In reviewing the schedule of future days off, I have had to make a determination that certain days requested by staff in the coming month could not be granted.

We then determined Sue Harris, Deputy, has days to use before June 30th in order to not "lose" the earned time. We have tried to reschedule accordingly but I find there is limited time I can allow in June and still have our office covered by the appropriate staff.

We have the Declaration of Candidate period coming up in June, as well as, the licensing of all vendors for 4th of July multiple celebrations. We are busy preparing for these events now but must have a full staff, particularly the last week of June.

I am, therefore, asking Council to consider allowing that employee to "carry over" vacation time to the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The employee would stand to lose 10.70 hours if all vacation time is not granted, as requested, for June. However, if there is an event in our office that necessitates me canceling any other planned time off in June, I would be forcing that employee to lose their vacation time.

Therefore, I am requesting the carry over of up to 25.70 hours for Susan Harris. This would allow me to call that employee back from vacation for two additional days, **if needed**. Of course, all that would be carried over would be actual time not used up to that amount.

(End of memo)

Discussion: None.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to AUTHORIZE Susan Harris, Deputy Town Clerk, to carry over un-used vacation time as of June 30th, 2018 to the 2018/2019 fiscal year for up to 25.70 hours; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

4. Job Description - Human Resources position - Discussion and/or action

Tim Kane, Town Solicitor, stated that he worked with Jeff Kasle, employment/labor attorney, on this matter and has forwarded the document to the Council for their review. T. Kane outlined the possible duties for a Human Resources Director as follows: serve as a liaison between department heads and the Town Council; advertising for vacancies; screening and background checks; maintaining employee records; and deal with complaints of harassment and things of that nature.

Councilor Henry suggested that this be tabled until a full Council is present, and we should be ready at the next meeting to do something.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to TABLE the discussion and/or action regarding Job Description - Human Resources position until the next Town Council meeting on June 21, 2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: none

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

MOTION PASSED

C. Pavilion Crosswalk - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that Karen Scott, Town Planner, has asked for this discussion on behalf of the Police & Chepachet Fire Chief.

Discussion: Karen Scott, Town Planner, stated that it was mentioned that with all the crowds going to the Pavilion, it may be necessary to install a crosswalk. K. Scott noted that there are Police details at most of the events at the Pavilion. K. Scott stated that DOT would consider a crosswalk, but the downside would be that there would be a lot of signage and some of the on-street parking would be lost.

Councilor Henry stated that this was brought up before by the Chepachet Grange. Councilor Henry stated that it makes sense, but she is concerned that it is not a safe place for a crosswalk because people come around the curve pretty fast. Councilor W. Steere commented that people do not even

stop at the crosswalk in front of Town Hall, even though it is State Law. Councilor W. Steere noted that there is parking on the west side of the street, as well as parking at the Church and Town Hall. Councilor W. Steere stated that we could forward a request to the State Safety Commission, but he would hate to lose four (4) parking spots.

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Grange had brought forward the suggestion after the Scarecrow Festival, but the Chief of Police felt that it was an unlikely spot for a crosswalk. Councilor W. Steere pointed out that Special Events will probably have a Police detail. Councilor G. Steere stated that we could ask our Safety Commission for an opinion before we go to the State.

Councilor Henry stated that she is not opposed to it, but is concerned about people thinking they are safe in the crosswalk. Councilor W. Steere stated that he is not in favor of having it there because there is no parking on the other side of the street. Councilor G. Steere noted that it would add a lot of signage.

Councilor W. Steere stated that if we get the State involved, they will probably want to do it, but he feels that there is not a need for it.

Bob Shields, Recreation Director, stated that he has discussed it with Karen Scott and the Chief and it does not seem like the Chief wants to pursue the matter. Councilor G. Steere stated that his recollection of the previous discussion was that the Chief was not in favor of it. Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council will take no action at this time but will check with the Chief.

D. Town Hall signage

1. Sign Proposal - Discussion and/or action
2. Authorization of funds (if needed) - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has received a price of \$1,875 for a new sign to replace the existing sign at the Town Hall. Councilor W. Steere asked Diane Brennan, Finance Director, how much is in the Council Contingency Fund. The Town Clerk replied there is currently \$8,260. Councilor Henry asked if Public Works also has money for signage. Bob Shields, Recreation Director, stated that there are funds in the Recreation Department budget that could be contributed toward the sign. Councilor W. Steere asked D. Brennan if money could be moved from the Recreation account for the sign. D. Brennan replied but was inaudible on the recording. Councilor W. Steere stated that it would be easier to take it from Council Contingency. Councilor G. Steere agreed. Councilor G. Steere stated that the quote was good through May 16th, but he is sure that it would be extended. Charlie Wilson, chair of the Historic District Commission, concurred.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPROVE the sign in front of Town Hall designed by Dion Signs at a price of \$1,875, to be funded from the Town Council Contingency Fund 2017-2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding in which direction the sign should be placed. There was further discussion regarding incorporating the street address on the sign, which would increase the cost.

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

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to APPROVE the purchase of a new Town Hall sign from Dion Signs for the amount not to exceed \$2,000, from the Town Council Contingency Fund, and to the sign will be the addition of the street number which will hang separately at the bottom of the sign; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked what will happen to the current sign. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that it was donated by Rose LaVoie, and she would like to find a way to continue to use it.

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

MOTION PASSED

E. Pilot Agreement (Amendment) - F. M. Global - Discussion and/or action
Councilor G. Steere stated that he asked for this because F.M. Global is putting up another building and an amendment to their Pilot Agreement with the Town will be needed. Councilor G. Steere stated that the last amendment, the 2nd amendment, was in 2013. Councilor W. Steere stated that we want to be sure the Council is included in that discussion from the start of negotiations. Councilor G. Steere stated Solicitor Bernstein, Councilor Sette and the Tax Assessor negotiated that amendment. Councilor W. Steere stated the Council wasn't involved until the end of the talks and he would like to see Council involved from the start. Councilor G. Steere stated that we have time, but the Council should discuss appointing a negotiating team for this amendment. Councilor Reichert offered to serve in this capacity, stating that he did the first amendment to the agreement. Councilor G. Steere stated that he will be an alternate.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to APPOINT Councilor Reichert, Town Solicitor Kane and the Tax Assessor to a negotiating team with regard to amending the FM Global Pilot Agreement, with Councilor G. Steere as an Alternate; seconded by Councilor Henry.

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

F. Ratification of Grant Agreement:

1. Gloucester Senior Center: Amendment #2, to Grant Agreement between R.I. Dept. of Human Services, Div. of Elderly Affairs & Town of Gloucester, for grant period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 - Discussion and/or action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Senior Center Director had to seek a consensus earlier this month to meet a deadline for an amendment to a previous grant given to the Gloucester Senior Center by the R.I. Dept. Of Human Services, Div. of Elderly Affairs. Councilor G. Steere stated the amendment was to receive additional funds in the amount of \$ 4213.00 in funds for the Center. Councilor G. Steere stated the amendment was time sensitive therefore the consensus was needed. Councilor G. Steere stated the Director plans to use the funds as follows:

\$1,910 towards the purchase of a new Bingo machine

\$2,303 towards the cost of the “My Senior Center” System (installed earlier this year)

Discussion: Councilor Henry asked for clarification regarding the amount of the grant. Councilor G. Steere explained that this is the second amendment to the grant, stating that we received a grant and then it was increased. Councilor G. Steere stated that they are now offering to increase it again.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to RATIFY the agreement entitled: “Amendment #2, to Agreement between State of Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Division of Elderly Affairs and Town of Gloucester” dated May 25, 2018 for the grant performance period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: Councilor G. Steere stated that we should thank Charlie Fogarty because this is coming from his department. Councilor G. Steere further stated that C. Fogarty is retiring at the end of the Fiscal Year.

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

MOTION PASSED

IX. Town Council Correspondence /Discussion

- A. Councilor G. Steere stated that a letter was received from FEMA Division of Homeland Security regarding a risk management study of rivers and water bodies. Councilor G. Steere stated that the letter indicated that if we were listed on Table 1, we would have to contact them, but we are not, therefore no action is needed.
- B. Councilor G. Steere stated that a letter was received from Burrillville asking for our support of a Resolution in support of Senate Bill 2018 - S2905 and House Bill 2018 - H8120A pertaining to the Energy Facility Siting Act. Councilor Henry stated that we should support it because the current Governor appointed a siting board in this case and did not want the opinion of the Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board, etc. Councilor G. Steere agreed and stated that it would protect any city or town where there was a power plant proposed. There was Council consensus to place this on the next agenda.

- C. Councilor G. Steere stated that a response was received from DOT regarding questions we had regarding the roundabout landscaping and some of the bricks settling on one of the islands. Councilor W. Steere asked who is responsible for replacing the short lights if they get destroyed. Councilor G. Steere stated that we could ask, but he is afraid the answer will be that the Town is responsible, similar to the street lights.
 - D. Councilor W. Steere stated that a letter was received from the Trust regarding semi-annual self-inspection of the Skate Park. Councilor W. Steere stated that the letter should be forwarded to Bob Shields, Recreation Director, and Gary Trembl, Director of Public Works.
 - E. Councilor W. Steere thanked everyone who was involved in the Memorial Day Parade, stating that was one of the biggest crowds we have had in a long time.
- X. Department Head Reports/Discussion
- A. Diane Brennan, Finance Director, stated that a Bryant University student, who is a Gloucester resident, has volunteered his time to serve as an intern to learn municipal accounting. D. Brennan stated that the student would volunteer 10 hours per week over the summer and noted that it would be a non-paying position. After discussion concerning possible liability, there was Council consensus to call or email our insurance carrier to ask if he would be covered.
 - B. Councilor W. Steere asked Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official, about the Kent Property, stating that somebody cut the grass only around the house but the rest of the property is in disarray. K. Johnson stated that they have been told about it but he will contact them again. Councilor Henry stated that she has been in contact with the owner, Wells Fargo, who is still trying to find clear title to market that property.
- Councilor W. Steere stated that he has received calls about a property on Route 101 where a tow truck business is being run. K. Johnson stated that the owner of the business is in Florida and he parks the tow trucks there, but nothing is brought back to the property. K. Johnson stated that he has been asked not to park the truck out in front of the property, only in the back. K. Johnson stated that a neighbor, Stacy Swift, called his office in December, 2017 to complain that the owner of the property also buys and sells inventories on the property. K. Johnson stated that he spoke with the owner who told him he has been doing this for 20 years and has never had any issues. K. Johnson suggested that he speak to his neighbor to see if he could satisfy his neighbor's complaint. K. Johnson stated that he hasn't heard anything in six (6) months so he assumes that they worked it out.
- Councilor W. Steere stated that the property is in an A-4 zone. K. Johnson agreed and stated that commercial activity is not allowed in an A-4 zone. K. Johnson stated

that when he receives a complaint, he reaches out to the owner of the property first, and they try to work with the neighbor to try to comply. K. Johnson reiterated that he has not received any further complaints, so he was under the impression that the equipment had been moved. Councilor W. Steere stated that it is not incumbent upon the neighbor to talk to them; it is a zoning violation. K. Johnson commented that in Gloucester we are infamous for this type of behavior and it is a problem. K. Johnson stated that if he starts enforcing on every single property that this comes up on, there will be many angry people in town. K. Johnson further stated that if the Council wants to go “letter to the law”, he can’t do it on one and not the other, and it will open up a “can of worms”.

Councilor W. Steere asked if K. Johnson had received a response to his letter. K. Johnson replied that the owner stated that he would move his equipment to the storage shed in the back, but to the letter to the law, he should not be doing any of that activity. K. Johnson commented that this is a working class community and many people work from their homes. K. Johnson stated that one problem is that somebody will have a business, then their sons take over and want to expand the business. K. Johnson stated that he is trying to address it in a civil way without getting legal involved, but there are a few who are obstinate and won’t play by the rules. K. Johnson stated that he will pay a visit to the property owner and speak to him about this again.

Councilor W. Steere spoke regarding the zoning violation on Route 44 with Adler. Councilor W. Steere asked if they have indicated when they will have that material out of there. K. Johnson replied that the material is topsoil that was brought from F.M. Global and Adler is in the process of bringing some of it back and it should all be removed by the middle of the summer. Councilor W. Steere noted that the property is not zoned for that type of use. K. Johnson stated that Adler owns the property and it is rated Commercial. Councilor W. Steere stated that it is zoned B-2 because that is where the restaurant was. K. Johnson stated that B-2 is Business/Commercial. Councilor W. Steere replied that you cannot process material there from off-site. Councilor G. Steere stated that they could not transport the material to the back of the property without tearing up the road, but they are going to move it as soon as they can. Councilor G. Steere stated they tried to move some of it but it was too wet. Councilor W. Steere stated that it is not our problem; it is a zoning violation. Councilor G. Steere disagreed and stated that it is not a zoning violation. K. Johnson stated that he has spoken to the Adlers and they stated they will get it out of there as soon as they can. Councilor G. Steere stated it is a pile of dirt and advised Councilor W. Steere to “get over it”. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Zoning Matrix does not allow processing of material in this zone. K. Johnson stated that he will check the matrix to see if material can be stored in a B-2 zone. Councilor W. Steere asked if it can be processed, because that is what they are doing. K. Johnson stated he was told they would remove the material the same

day it is processed. K. Johnson stated that he will speak to them again tomorrow and have an answer for the Council at the next meeting. Councilor W. Steere stated he knows K. Johnson is on top of things and thanked him.

- C. Councilor W. Steere asked Bob Shields, Recreation Director, if he has attended any of the Parade Committee concerts at the Pavilion. B. Shields replied that they had a really good turnout last week and there have not been any traffic issues. B. Shields stated that the Recreation Department concerts will begin on June 20th at the Chepachet Union Church.

XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/Discussion

None.

XII. Open Forum

Rob Greyfox, business owner, addressed the Council with a proposal for music events in town. Mr. Greyfox explained his concepts and is looking for permission to use the pavilion for his events. Mr. Greyfox explained a misunderstanding he had with the Parade Committee regarding the number of events he wanted to hold. Mr. Greyfox asked if his proposal could be considered by the Town. Councilor W. Steere stated he would first want a report from the Parade Committee as to why they voted not to continue to work with him and further, that these requests should start with the Recreation Director. Councilor G. Steere stated he was under the impression that these events were to benefit the Parade Committee only and that he would also like to speak with the Parade Committee. Mr. Greyfox stated he had no inclination that he was doing this for the Parade Committee. Council agreed they would have to get more information after discussion about the proposal.

XIII. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to:

- A. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) Pending & Potential Litigation - Discussion and/or action
 - 1. Town of Glocester v. Gregoire/Hopkins PC

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Convene to Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) Pending & Potential Litigation - Discussion and/or action, Town of Glocester v. Gregoire/Hopkins PC; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

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

MOTION PASSED

XIV. Reconvene Open Session

Disclosure of votes take in Executive Session

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Reconvene Open Session and to disclose that two (2) votes were taken in Executive Session.

Councilor G. Steere stated for the record that the Town Council voted to appoint the firm of Inman and Tourgee, LLC as Special Counsel with regard to the Town of Gloucester v. Gregoire/Hopkins.

Seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Discussion: None.

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

Discussion: None.

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

MOTION PASSED

XV. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 9:43 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

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

MOTION PASSED