

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on June 3, 2021:

Councilor Forgue stated that pursuant to current R.I. Executive Orders this meeting is being teleconferenced via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:31 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Julian (Jay) Forgue, President; Walter M.O. Steere III; and Stephen Arnold

Memebers absent: William E. Reichert, Vice President and William Worthy, Jr.

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Joseph Delprete, Chief of Police; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Ken Johnson, Bldg/Zoning Official; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; Gary Trembl, Director of Public Works, Robert Shields, Recreation Director; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; and Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilor Arnold reminded the Council that there may be some people joining this meeting by telephone or without video capability, 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 and the public hearing would be able to do so at such time as it is open to the public.

None

V. Resolution - # 2021-04 Ponaganset Girls Basketball Varsity State Championship Team & Individual Team member Citations

Councilor Forgue stated that the Council would like to recognize the Ponaganset Girls Varsity Basketball Team with the following resolution which Councilor Arnold read as follows:

**State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester**

RESOLUTION 2021 - 04

R.I. Division II Basketball Championship Ponaganset Girls Basketball Team

WHEREAS: The Ponaganset Girls Basketball Team completed a successful season with a record of 12-1, earning the #1 seed in the Division II State rankings; and

WHEREAS: The Chieftain Girls Basketball Team continued their regular season success in the State playoffs capping their season with a thrilling 49-48 triple overtime victory over Classical High School; and, claiming the school's first basketball title in twenty years; and

WHEREAS: this accomplishment was the result of dedication and extremely hard work during a time, in the last year, when we all faced extraordinary challenges; and

WHEREAS: The team spirit and comradery demonstrated by this group of young women and their coaches, throughout the season, has proven to be an outstanding inspiration to other students and a source of pride for Glocester and northern Rhode Island; and

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Town Council and the Town Clerk, express their sincerest congratulations to Chieftains:

Julia Castelli, Campbell Boyden, Liana Nerbonne, McKenzie Field, Ashley Stewart,
Jessica Hassell, Samantha McFee, Jaina Yekelchik, Geneveve Provencial,
Elayna Remick, Deanna Cook, Mackenzie Mitchell

Under the leadership of Coach Gary Martinelli and Assistant Coaches David Sevegny, Jim Field,
Jacob Jones, Shelby Kosiver, Francesca Corcinetti

for the Team's achievement in becoming the:

2021 Rhode Island Division II Girls Basketball Champions

Julian P. Forgue, President
On Behalf of the Glocester Town Council

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Dated this 3rd day of June 2021

Seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: Councilor Steere offered his congratulations to the team and coaches stating that they are an inspiration. Councilor W. Steere stated they showed perseverance especially in the final game and, thanked, the team for being ambassadors of the towns of Foster and Gloucester.

Councilor Forgue agreed.

G. Martinelli, Coach, thanked the Council and stated that it is a great group of young ladies including 7 seniors who came in everyday and enjoyed one another's company. Coach Martinelli also thanked the coaches and school administration. Coach Martinelli stated he gives it up all to the kids and included the junior varsity team as well.

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

Councilor Forgue stated that the Council has an individual Citation for each team member that we will send to the school.

Councilor Forgue thanked the team for their hard work and dedication, and stated good job!

VI. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of May 6, 2021 and May 20, 2021
- B. Tax Assessor - Additions and Abatements April 2021
- C. Finance Director's Report - April 2021

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of May 6th and TABLE the minutes of May 20th, 2021; to APPROVE the ADDITION to the 2020 Tax Roll in the amount of \$109.32; the ABATEMENT to the 2020 Tax Roll in the amount of \$232.75 and to ACCEPT the Finance Directors report for April 2021; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Boards and Commissions

1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Parade Committee
 1. Alternate position # 1
 2. Alternate position # 2
 3. Positions #7,8,and 9

Councilor Forgue stated that the Chair is still seeking volunteers

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the appointments to the Parade Committee; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: K. Sorenson , Acting Parade Chair, stated that no volunteers have joined the committee but she has lots of volunteers to help on the day of the parade and the day of the fireworks.

Councilor Steere requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

- b. Tax Assessor's Board of Assessment Review
 1. Position # 3 term to expire 12/31/2024

Councilor Forgue asked A. Muccino, Finance Director, if he had any recommendations and if not we can table to next meeting. A. Muccino asked Council to table as he did not have any recommendations.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Tax Assessor's Board of Assessment Review; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

- c. Historic District Commission-
 - 1. Position # 1 - Term to expire 11/1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that this item is on the agenda in error. Councilor Forgue stated that the Chair asked if it could be continued to July 1.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the appointment to Position #1 on the Historic District Commission to July 1, 2021; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

- d. Conservation Commission
 - 1. Position #1 Three year term to expire 1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is no recommendation from Chair and we could table to the next meeting. R. Najecki, Conservation member confirmed the request to table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Conservation Commission; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

- B. Authorization for Signature - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Contract Agreement for Information Technology Products & Services (Land Evidence recording, indexing, and book maintenance)
Avenu Enterprise Solutions, LLC & Town of Gloucester

Councilor Forgue stated the Clerk is requesting Council table this item while she and the solicitor work on new terms.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the AUTHORIZATION of the contract between the Town of Glocester and Avenu Enterprise Solutions, LLC; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A. Covid-19 Updates/Discussions/Actions

1. EMA Update - Discussion and/or Action
2. Emergency Declaration Status, Extension, and/or Amendments

(Currently in place until **June 3, 2021**) - Discussion and/or Action

G. Mosca, EMA Director, stated that the last COVID clinic will be held this Saturday, June 5th for second shots but that he put it out on the website that vaccines are available for first shots if the people sign up on the Glocester website. G. Mosca stated that hurricane season begins this week so people should get prepared. G. Mosca stated that he spoke to FEMA and the RI EMA and that if the town decides not to continue the emergency order that it will not interfere with the ability of the town to seek reimbursement. G. Mosca does not see the need for the emergency order but that is up to the Council to decide. G. Mosca stated that he would like to thank all of the fantastic volunteers.

Councilor Forgue thanked G. Mosca for his hard work and stated the clinic was a top shelf operation and to pass on his thanks to the volunteers.

Council members and Attorney Igliazzi discussed whether to let the order lapse or acknowledge the lapse by a motion.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to let lapse the current Emergency Declaration status that it is scheduled to expire at the end of today, June 3, 2021, at the direction of the EMA Director; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

B. Economic Development Commission

1. Authorization for Signature - Discussion and/or Action

Contract for EDC Website: Midfield Technologies & Town of Gloucester

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received the contract between Midfield and the Town for the EDC website.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the contract between Midfield Technologies & the Town of Gloucester; terms: for setup \$1525; monthly maintenance fee of \$30; and any work done outside the scope of work to be billed at \$125 per hour; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: Councilor Arnold asked if the EDC would have anything new to show the Council. A. Sarje, EDC Chair, stated that she hopes to have something to show at the next meeting. A. Sarje had a question as to the terms of the contract as stated in the motion regarding the hosting fee.

Councilor Arnold retracted his motion and Councilor Steere retracted his second.

After discussion between Council members, J. Fecteau and A. Sarje, it was determined that the hosting fee does not impact the signing of the contract.

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Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

C. Winsor Field Recreation Facilities - Discussion and or action

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated that he was contacted by residents regarding the conditions at Winsor Park. Councilor Steere stated that he visited the park and it does need lots of work. Councilor Forgue read an email from several neighbors:

This email is regarding the deterioration of Byron Winsor Park in Harmony. We realize not everyone uses the park but we feel most residents will be interested in seeing it protected as one of only 2 parks

in Gloucester. We should be able to be proud of our town parks and this one has become an embarrassment and a disgrace to the town. Byron Winsor Park has become a lot busier over the last few months and the summer hasn't even begun yet. Vehicles FLY in and out of Winsor Park Rd. where children & adults are walking and riding bikes and since we try to walk on it daily, we see firsthand how dangerous it's become. The vandalism has also worsened and it's more than the trash and beer cans thrown around which is bad enough. Last weekend the whole top layer of the concrete wall next to the swing set was shoved off and the police had to be called. The town DPW has since fixed it. Tennis, basketball nets and swings have also been torn and destroyed. The town police do come in to patrol it but a lot of vandalism seems to be happening late at night when some of the neighbors on Saw Mill Rd have noticed "increased noise and activity including what sounds like shooting". At one time, the old gates that are still there but now unusable, were closed at night and opened in the morning by the police and this was a good preventative.

Walter Steere of the town council met with us at the park on 5/23/21. He observed the problem of speeding vehicles and took pictures of all the vandalism, including torn tennis nets that people were actually trying to play on that day. At that point he told us he would be putting on the 6/3/21 agenda.

We feel the following are needed:

- * speed bumps to be reinstalled as they were there years ago***
- * the parking lot to be completed***
- * swings, basketball nets & tennis nets repaired***
- * surveillance cameras installed everywhere with signs stating this.***
- *trash to be picked up on a regular basis***

Thank you,

Steve & Kathy Winsor

375 Snake Hill Rd, N. Scituate

Michael Shaw

22 Hazelwood Rd, N. Scituate

Nancy & Jim O'Reilly

1494 Snake Hill Rd, N. Scituate

Mary & Steve Sette

176 Snake Hill Rd, N. Scituate

Jane McDonough

346 Snake Hill Rd. , N. Scituate

Mark & Samantha Stambach

11 Winsor Park Rd, N. Scituate

David & Lori Tesseris

P.O Box 145 Harmony

Beth & Carl Bomar
17 Powers Lane, N. Scituate

Kathy Roberts
159 Evans Rd, Chepachet

Debra & David Brady
32 Maplewood Dr, N. Scituate

Christine & Michael Luchun
1251 Snake Hill Rd, N. Scituate

Bob & Maureen Lefebvre
27 Granby St, Chepachet

Debbie & Wayne Hirst
24 Francis Rd, Harmony

Mikayla Sette
34 Chopmist Hill Rd, Chepachet
(end of memo)

S. Winsor, resident, stated his concern as to park safety and speed bumps which reiterated the email read by Councilor Forgue.

M. Settee , resident, stated that the two biggest draws when her family moved to Gloucester to this area were the Marions Irons Beach and Winsor Park. M. Sette stated that she spent a lot of time walking in the park and it is in poor condition and she would like to see it fixed.

Councilor Forgue stated he is a neighbor and it is a nice little park.

V. Valentine, 225 Saw Mill Road, echoed the sentiments put forth by S. Winsor and M. Settee and said that noise is also a problem. V. Valentine stated that perhaps a police presence or shutting the gate at a set time would help. V. Valentine stated that Winsor Park and Marion Irons Beach were part of the reasons that she and her husband purchased their home in town.

M. Stambach, 11 Winsor Park Road, sees all the action and his biggest concern is the safety aspect and how it poses a liability risk due to the speeding vehicles. M. Stambach stated that there are safety hazards of rotting timbers and such.

N. O'Reilly, Snake Hill Road, walks in the park almost every day and there have been many times where she has been almost hit by cars because of the speeding vehicles. N. O'Reilly stated that speed bumps would help improve safety and cameras would help.

Councilor Forgue asked the DPW Director for some input.

G. Trembl stated that the department has repaired some of the swings, has ordered three more swings; repaired the wall and fixed the field. G. Trembl stated that they plan to move some of the equipment from GMP when it is renovated to Winsor.

Councilor Arnold stated that he is in Winsor Park frequently and that the DPW working hard to make improvements started last spring. Councilor Arnold likes the idea of speed bumps and would like to know the cost and stated that this topic is worth looking into.

Councilor Steere stated that he spent a lot of time there when he was growing up and it was a great facility. Councilor Steere stated that he was shocked at the condition of the park and Council needs to take a hard look at the park. Councilor Steere stated that the speed bumps and gate were put there originally for a reason and would like a plan to be discussed and put in place.

G. Trembl stated that the department could put speed bumps in place and grade the parking lot. J. Fecteau suggested that the Town Planner could look for grants, perhaps a DEM Recreation Grant.

Councilor Forgue asked the neighbors for their top two suggestions. S. Winsor stated that the gate and speed bumps. Councilor Forgue stated that perhaps he, G. Trembl and Chief Delprete could meet at the park and report back to the Council. G. Trembl stated that he could put in speed bumps and fix the gate but locking and unlocking would be the job of the police. Councilor Steere stated that funds are available in the Council Contingency fund so maybe a list could be made and sue of that fund considered. . Councilor Steere stated he knows someone who might have posts that could be donated.

R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that he purchased basketball nets. R. Shields stated he looked at replacing the tennis nets which would cost about \$800 and that he currently has those funds in his budget. R. Shields stated that the camera installed at the Pavilion worked very well to deter vandalism so perhaps that might be a solution instead of manpower to open and shut the gate. K. Sorenson verified that there is power at Winsor Park as she pays the bill for the town. Councilor Forgue stated that he will take inventory, get prices and bring the report back to the Council at the next meeting.

D. Boards and Commissions - Discussion and/or Action

1. Resignation

a. Planning Board Position #4- term to expire 3/2022

Councilor Forgue stated that the Clerk was informed by member Doug Folcarelli and the Chair of the Planning Board that he wishes to resign from the Planning Board, effective immediately.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Doug Folcarelli from the Planning Board, Position #4; effective May 24th, 2021; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: Councilor Steere thanked D. Folcarelli for his 11 years of service. Councilor Forgue also offered his thanks.

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere - Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

b. Recreation Commission -Position # 2- term to expire 1/2023
Councilor Forgue stated that the Chair, Jamie LaRose, has submitted her resignation from the Recreation Commission.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Jamie LaRose from the Recreation Commission, position #2, effective June 3, 2021; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: Councilor Arnold offered his thanks and stated that it was an honor to serve with J. Larose and he appreciated her time. Councilor Steere thanks J. Larose for all her time.

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments

a. Planning Board Position #4- term to expire 3/2022

Councilor Forgue stated that the Chair has asked that Council table this appointment while talent bank applications are reviewed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Planning Board, Position #4, for a term to expire 3/2022; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

b. Recreation Commission Position # 2- term to expire 1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that the outgoing Chair has not recommended a replacement, so unless a Councilor has a recommendation this item can be tabled.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #2, for a term to expire 1/2023; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

E. Land Trust - Town Council Approval of Policies - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that the Land Trust Chair has forwarded policies the Land Trust Trustees have voted on and now, per their enabling legislation, they are submitting for Council approval.

Councilor Forgue asked if Chair Steve St. Pierre or someone else from the Land Trust is present so they can give Council an over view of each policy. Councilor Forgue stated that the policies have been given to Council.

1. Trail Adoption Policy

Discussion: R. Najecki, Land Trust, gave a brief overview of the policy and then stated that the trail policy is used in many other communities as a means to get the public to maintain trails with hand tools.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPROVE the Land Trust Trail Adoption Policy, adopted by a vote of the Land Trust on May 11, 2021; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

2. Internal Purchasing Policy

Discussion: R. Najecki, Land Trust, gave a brief overview of the purchasing policy and stated the purchasing policy mirrors the town purchasing policies.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPROVE the Land Trust Internal Purchasing Policy, adopted by a vote of the Land Trust on May 11, 2021; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

3. Responsibilities of Property Managers; Project Managers; & Equipment Managers

Discussion: R. Najecki, Land Trust, gave a brief overview of the policy stated that this policy is a clarification of a prior Land Trust policy which was redundant and confusing.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPROVE the Responsibilities of Property Managers; Project Managers & Equipment Managers Policy adopted by a vote of the Land Trust on May 11, 2021; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

F. Authorization for Signature

1. Reimbursement request for RIDEM Recreation Development Grant for expenses to date - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a memo from the Town Planner which he read as follows:

To: Town Council Members
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner
Date: May 27, 2021
Re: RIDEM Recreation Development Grant, Reimbursement Request #1

I have completed the necessary paperwork to request Reimbursement #1 in the amount of **\$14,212.50** for the Town of Gloucester's Recreation Development Grant.

To date the Town has begun the required surveying and conceptual planning in preparation for project construction. This reimbursement request closes the contracts that are attached for surveying by In-Site Engineering Services LLC and conceptual planning by Beta Group Inc.

Signature from the Town Council President is required on this request.

We are now moving forward with our next step, preliminary engineering and bid specification preparation.
(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the RIDEM Recreation Development Grant Reimbursement #1 for the Town of Gloucester's Recreation Development Grant for Gloucester Memorial Park; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

2. Support letter for Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council Grant Application - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received correspondence from the Town Planner which he

read as follows:

To: Town Council Members
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner
Date: May 27,2021
Re: Support Letter for Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council Grant Applications

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC} is applying to the Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Pilot Watershed Initiative for 5 year support to work toward the following ultimate goals:

1. Improved Water Quality- Moving Toward Meeting Swimmable/Fishable Standards in Woonasquatucket and Providence Rivers (within next 5 Years)
2. Developing our Climate Resilience Plan that is Fully Inclusive of ALL Community Input with Priority Placed on Frontline Voices
3. Exploring Sustainable Funding Mechanisms with all watershed MS4s for Stormwater Management & Maintenance of both Green & Gray Systems

The application requires that WRWC include letters from all participating watershed communities. The Town of Gloucester has worked with WRWC for many years on projects such as the Cutler Brook Buffer Restoration and the Woony River Ride.

As a partner on WRWC's SNEP Pilot Watershed Initiative proposal, Gloucester will continue to participate with WRWC on the flood resilience project. This will require no funding from the Town and will not obligate the Town to any specific projects or programs. Minimal staff time from the Town Planner is anticipated.

Signature from the Town Council President is required on this request.
(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign a letter of support to Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council to support their 2021 SNEP initiative; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

G. Creation of: Network Infrastructure Technical Review Committee -
Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that the Clerk is asking, on behalf of the IT Director, to create a technical review committee made up of several department heads to consider major technical improvements or changes and report back to Council for final approval.

Councilor Forgue stated that the recommendation to the Network Infrastructure Technical Review Committee could be volunteers: Jean Fecteau; Adam Muccino; Chief DelPrete; and Matt Floor, IT Director.

Discussion: Councilor Arnold stated that he thinks this is a great idea and opportunity to get more efficiency in the town hall.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to ACCEPT the recommendation from the IT Director and AUTHORIZE the formation of a Network Infrastructure Technical Review Committee consisting of contributing department heads; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye
Councilor Steere -Aye
Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED

IX. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a Certificate of Appreciation from RIDOT in regards to the towns' Dept. of Public Works. Councilor Forgue stated the certificate acknowledges 2021 Public Works Awareness & Appreciation Week, May 16- 22nd.

No action taken by Council

2. Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received two resolutions from the North Smithfield School Committee; one entitled "Expressing Support for a Moratorium on the Expansion of Charter Schools" and one entitled "Resolution on Gun Free Schools" for Council's information.

No action taken by Council

3. Councilor Forgue stated that he received an email from M. Chippendale regarding the curve at Absalona Hill Road:

Below is the email that I sent at the tail end of last year regarding the improvement options that RI DOT offered us regarding the tough curve/hill at Absalona Hill. Again, this is an issue that I believe is best handled by the Public Safety professionals in town and not by some politician in Foster. Once you have the opportunity to review the options offered, you can either work directly with me and I will be your liaison with DOT, or you can use Gary Treml, or go straight to RI DOT.

(end of memo)

Councilor Steere requested a copy of the email. Councilor Forgue stated he would send to Council.

4. Councilor Forgue stated that he received a correspondence from M. Chippendale regarding a historical cemetery in town that is experiencing a lot of erosion. Councilor Forgue stated that M. Chippendale referred to RI DOT has ideas about fixing this issue.

X. Department Head Reports/Discussion

1. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he wanted to bring it to Council's attention that the last payment in lieu of taxes is scheduled to be received from FM Global in August. A. Muccino stated he was willing to help in any way possible. J. Fecteau stated that Attorney Bernstein has handled the negotiations in the past and will be contacting Solicitor Igliazzi to start negotiations.
2. Chief Delprete stated he is ready to meet at any time as to Winsor Park. Councilor Forgue, G. Treml and Chief Delprete agreed to meet at Winsor Park at 9:00 am on Friday June 4, 2021 to view the park.
3. M. Bouvier, Senior Center Director, stated re-opening is going very well and the seniors are very happy to be back.

XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

None

XII. Open Forum

1. Councilor Steere thanked all participants in the Memorial Day Parade and stated the need to remember all fallen heroes.
2. Councilor Forgue asked when chamber meetings could begin. J. Fecteau stated that M. Floor, IT Director, set up chambers with an inexpensive solution that works but she was waiting to see what the Governor does with his current Executive Order. A discussion ensued between Council members, Attorney Igliazzi, and G. Mosca as to the issues facing the town if meetings are in public. The Clerk stated currently anyone currently entering the building who is not fully vaccinated must wear a mask and be three feet apart, so seating space could be an issue. G. Mosca stated that, in his opinion, until more restrictions are relaxed holding a public meeting could be problematic. Atty. Igliazzi stated the town cannot turn people away. Attorney

Iglioizzi stated, that since there is one meeting (June 17th) before the Governor's Order of June 25th, 2021 expires, the Council should continue with the zoom meeting at least for the month of June, 2021.

No action taken by Council

XIII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to ADJOURN at 9:02 p.m. ; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue requested the Clerk poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye

Councilor Steere -Aye

Councilor Forgue-Aye

MOTION PASSED