

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on September 16, 2021:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

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

Member absent: William E. Reichert, Vice President

Also Present: David Igliozzi, Town Solicitor; Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Chief Joseph Delprete; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; and Gary Treml, DPW Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor Forgue stated that this item is for discussion on agenda items and asked anyone wishing to speak to step to the podium and state their name and address.

None

V. D.O.T. (Rep. from D.O.T. to be present) & Town of Gloucester - Future plans for Route 44 curve at approximate location of Absalona Hill Road - Discussion and/or Action

Chief Delprete introduced Steve Pristawa , RIDOT Engineer.

S. Pristawa stated that RIDOT Safety engineers met with Representative Chippendale at the Absalona Hill Road curve to assess the safety at the curve. S. Pristawa stated that safety was a concern due to a motor vehicle accident at the curve involving the guard rail and the potential danger to the nearby yard if the guard rail failed. S. Pristawa stated that RIDOT was looking at several options to mitigate the potential danger. S. Pristawa stated that RIDOT engineers studied how the curve was built and used. S. Pristawa stated that the curve is designed appropriately for the posted speed. S. Pristawa stated the possible pros and cons for adding a left hand turn but recommended holding off on that change. S. Pristawa stated the recommendation from RIDOT is to add delineators on the west bound side to add visibility and to leave the east side as is for the time being. Chief Delprete stated that his department has been monitoring the curve. Chief Delprete stated that there has been one accident and that was due to excessive speed. Chief Delprete stated that the line of sight from Harmony Marketplace is good so the eastbound side looks to be in good shape. Chief Delprete stated that the department has not seen the number of accidents since the redesign of the road a few years ago.

Councilor Worthy asked about a resident who lives at the curve and the difficulty exiting his driveway to make a left turn. Chief Delprete and S. Pristawa both stated that this curve is one where it is difficult, at times, to make a left hand turn. There was conversation about the overall planning involved over the years. Councilor Steere asked if the delineators would take up additional road. S. Pristawa stated that the delineators are placed in the grass at the side of the road to indicate the change in the road due to the curve and would not take up any additional road.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to accept the RI DOT State Engineer's recommendation of installing delineators westbound near Absalona Hill Road; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Councilor Forgue asked the Town Clerk to poll the council

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

MOTION PASSED

VI. Public Hearing - Special Event (Per Gloucester Code of Ordinance Chapter 175) - Discussion and/or Action

Applicant: Hootowl Scramblers  
Proposed Event: Off Road Motor Cycle Event  
Location: AP 4, Lot 50, 0 Putnam Pike  
(Approximate location behind 2392 Putnam Pike)

Councilor Forgue stated that this application represents a change in event location from previous years and that this public hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on September 2, 2021.

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN. Councilor Forgue stated that anyone wishing to speak must step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

1. Edward Bayiates, attending with the McGill family, 2360 Putnam Pike, stated they wanted to strenuously object to this event. Mr. Bayiates stated the stipulations placed by the Town and the law were not followed. E. Bayiates described the issues experienced due to the event in the past and his concern that people would continue to ride at the property after the event and cause issues. Mr. Bayiates stated he had to go through a legal battle over issues with the event. E. Bayiates requested the council not grant the permit.
2. Kenneth Law, 245 Old Snake Hill Road, applicant, stated that the prior speaker may be confusing this event with K. Law's prior motorcycle shop and test track. K. Law stated that no events have occurred at the proposed property in the past. K. Law stated that his club is proposing this site for this year and it is a perfect facility for the event. K. Law stated that the event has been held for many years at other sites. Councilor Forgue asked about the location

which K. Law described. K. Law stated that his club is simply looking for a new location for this year's two day event. Councilor Forgue asked about the number of entrances. K. Law stated there would be two. Councilor Arnold asked about the property and K. Law stated that the event is proposed to be held on property owned by D. Harris.

Chief Delprete stated that this event had been held in the past for many years at the Barnes Concrete property and also at property on Bungy Road. Chief Delprete stated that no problems have occurred at prior events except one or two people getting hurt. Chief Delprete described some of the measures they and the fire department would take to help make the event a safe one. Chief Delprete stated that a parking plan has been submitted; there will be police details on the premises; and that Rescue/EMT will be on site for both days. Councilor Steere inquired as to the times for both days. K. Law stated the times as 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for both days. K. Law clarified the times "as riding" between 9 am and 4 pm for Councilor Forgue.

3. David Harris, 200 Manly Drive, Burrillville stated that he is the property owner of the proposed site. D. Harris stated that this was a one time use of his property and people, besides his family, will not be riding on the property after the event.
4. Janice Lowell, 2402 and 2404 Putnam Pike, stated her support of the event as she has attending many events like this with her son who still rides. J. Lowell stated that she is familiar with D. Harris, the property owner, and he is very respectful. J. Lowell stated that this is a family event.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone else wished to speak before we close the public hearing.

None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT the Special Event license to: Applicant: Hootowl Scramblers MC, Location: AP 4, Lot 50, 0 Putnam Pike (Approximate location behind 2392 Putnam Pike) for an Off Road Motor Cycle Event - Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with the following stipulations:

- 1) The race shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- 2) No alcoholic beverages of any kind shall be consumed or allowed on the premises.
- 3) No overnight camping shall be allowed on the premises other than primitive camping for race participants.
- 4) Anyone selling non-alcoholic beverages or food, that is not pre-packaged, on the premises shall obtain necessary licensing from the Town, with approval from the Rhode Island Department of Health when necessary.

- 5) Adequate portable comfort stations shall be available.
- 6) An ambulance or rescue vehicle, in addition to two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians, shall be available on the premises at the applicant's expense.
- 7) An area on the premises to accommodate the parking of all vehicles of visitors and participants, etc. shall be available, such as to avoid the parking of such vehicles on nearby roads.
- 8) At the Police Chiefs discretion, patrol officers may be assigned to the premises for the 2 day period, at the applicant's expense, to assist in traffic control, the maintenance of good order, and compliance with these conditions.
- 9) Adequate liability insurance coverage, at applicant's expense, of **at least** \$1,000,000 shall be provided with the Town of Gloucester, its functionaries and all abutting property owners included as named insured. Such policies, or certification thereof, shall be submitted to the Town Solicitor for approval. The Town Solicitor may ask for an additional amount of liability insurance cover after review of the Interlocal Trust's recommendation at any time prior to the event.
- 10) The Town of Gloucester and its functionaries shall be included among those individuals and entities released in any release, waiver of liability and indemnity agreements secured by the applicants.
- 11) Applicant shall comply with applicable requirements and rules of the A.M.A., N.E.T.R.A., and insurance carriers.

Seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE:           AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgeue  
                       NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes of September 2, 2021
- B. Additions and Abatements - August 2021
- C. Finance Directors Report - August 2021

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of September 2, 2021; to APPROVE the Additions to the 2020 Tax Roll in the amount of \$62.39; the 2021 Tax Role in the amount of \$39,822.67; the Abatement to the 2019 Supplemental Tax Roll in the amount of \$605.02; to the 2020 Tax Roll in the amount of \$62.39 ; and the 2021 Tax Roll in the amount of \$8,854.31; and to ACCEPT the Finance Directors Report for August 2021; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE:           AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgeue  
                       NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Boards and Commissions

1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Recreation Commission

1. Position # 2- term to expire 1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation the Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #2; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board

1. Alternate - One year term to expire 9/30/2022

Councilor Forgue stated that the Chief has recommended Elizabeth Kowal to fill the Alternate position on the Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board. Councilor Forgue stated that the Clerk's office has received a talent bank application and has verified the applicant is a registered voter.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to APPOINT Elizabeth Kowal to the Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board for the Alternate - One year term to expire 9/30/2022; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

c. Historic District Commission

1. Alternate - Term to expire 11/1/2021

Councilor Forgue stated there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Historic District Commission, Alternate; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

d. Economic Development Commission

1. Ad Hoc Non Voting Member- Term to expire 1/1/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is no recommendation at this time unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Ad Hoc Non Voting Member; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

e. Budget Board

1. Position #7 -Three year term to expire 1/31/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE the appointment to the Budget Board, Position #7; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to move Item E. Resident Request to discuss Town recreation areas- porta johns- Discussion and/or Action to the next agenda item; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

**MOVED TO THIS LOCATION ON AGENDA:**

**E. Resident Request to discuss Town recreation areas- port a johns - Discussion and/or Action**

Resident Albert K. Aubin, of 47 Jackson Schoolhouse Road, gave a summary of his education and background. A. Aubin stated he is concerned with the town beaches of Spring Grove and Marion Irons as to hygiene. A. Aubin gave a brief history of Marion Irons beach and a definition of hygiene. Councilor Forgue asked A. Aubin the specific nature of his concern. A. Aubin stated the main concerns are bathroom facilities at both beaches from mid May through September and that the work days and hours of the lifeguards be adjusted to coincide with the days and times when public is most present. Councilor Forgue stated that the Council could look into these two matters and thanked A. Aubin. Councilor S. Arnold stated these were valid concerns.

**(Back to Regular Agenda Order)**

**B. Historical Cemetery (#031) Repairs- Council to discuss and/or approve proposed options- Discussion and/or Action**

Councilor Forgue asked G. Treml, DPW Director, if he had any updates. G. Treml stated he had received an email on September 13, 2021 from Robert J. Pavia, Jr., P.E., Project Manager at DOT informing G. Treml that he was preparing solicitations to submit to three consultants using the existing state master price agreement to speed up the procurement process. G. Treml stated that Mr. Paiva stated he hoped to submit the bids this week.

No action taken by Council

**C. Parks & Municipal Buildings Maintenance - Discussion and/or Action**

Councilor Forgue stated that A. Muccino, Finance Director was to report on funding. A. Muccino stated that it would be tough to find the money. A. Muccino stated that he spoke with G. Treml, DPW Director, about a plan to bring this matter to the Budget Board to include in the budget process for FY 2023. G. Treml stated that he is still waiting to get quotes back from several companies in order to get an idea as to this cost. Councilor Arnold thanked G. Treml and his department for their good work at the town fields.

No action taken by Council

**D. Resident Request- RE: Melody Hill Country Club Roads - Discussion and/or Action**  
MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to REMOVE Resident request- RE: Melody Hill Country Club Roads - Discussion and/or Action FROM THE TABLE ; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

IX. New Business

A. Bds. and Commissions - Discussion and/or Action

1. Appointment

a. Zoning Board

Alternate # 2- term to expire 11/1/2021

Councilor Forgue stated that the Chair has recommended Chris Clarke to the Alternate #2 position. Councilor Forgue stated that the Clerk's Office has received a talent bank application and the applicant is a registered voter.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPOINT Chris Clark to the Zoning Board, Alternate #2 position ; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Personnel

1. Tax Assessors Office - Vacancy - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that at the last Council meeting the Clerk in the Tax Assessor's Office was promoted to the Tax Assessor's position, leaving a vacancy in the Clerk's position. Councilor Forgue stated that Council needs to authorize the process to fill the position.

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a recommendation from Don Zimmerman, Acting HR Director which he read as follows:

TO: Gloucester Town Council

FROM: Don Zimmerman, Acting Director of Human Resources

RE: Recruitment for Tax Assessor's Office Clerk

DATE: September 16, 2021

At Council's last meeting Council appointed Jessica Parker, a clerk in the Tax Assessor's Office, to the position of Tax Assessor creating a budgeted clerical vacancy in the Assessor's Office. Ms. Parker was originally hired into the Assessor's Office in a Clerk I Classification in the LIUNA bargaining unit, and later promoted to the Senior Clerk classification.

We would like to post the vacancy initially as Clerk I, which has been a procedure followed in the past to fill clerical vacancies in the Town. Please note, however, that the position is budgeted as a Senior Clerk in the 2021-22 budget, and we would like the flexibility to re-post the job at a higher classification (Clerk II or Senior Clerk) if we are unable to attract qualified candidates at the Clerk I classification. Thank you.

(End of memo)

Discussion: Councilor Steere raised the point as to whether this posting must be done internally as there are no current Clerk I employees. Councilor W. Steere stated someone would have to take a pay cut to move to this position and asked if HR can offer an internal clerk a different level. A. Muccino, Finance Director, inquired if the motion could be amended to separate out the internal applications and the external applications. A. Muccino confirmed that the position was budgeted as a Senior Clerk because there was an existing senior clerk in that position at the time of the budget process. J. Fecteau stated that this is a union Clerk I entry level position and prior similar positions have always started as Clerk I. Councilor Forgue stated his opinion that as an entry level Clerk I position then that is what must be posted internally. D. Iglizzi stated that the only position is a Clerk I so that is the one that is put into the process for hiring. Councilor Arnold stated his opinion that he supports the posting of a Clerk I and then follow the proper procedure.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to AUTHORIZE the acting HR Director to begin the process of seeking out a candidate to fill the vacant position, Clerk I, in the Tax Assessors Office and return to Council with a recommendation upon completion of said process; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. American Rescue Act Funds – Update to Council and approval of public input process  
- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a memo from the Town Planner, Finance Director, and Town Clerk outlining a recommendation for beginning the process of seeking American Rescue Act funds for Gloucester which he read as follows:

To: Town Council Members

From: Karen Scott, Town Planner  
Adam Muccino, Finance Director  
Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk

Date: September 8, 2021

Councilor Arnold read the following : Re: American Rescue Act Funds

The American Rescue Act, which was signed into law in March 2021, provides several funding programs to support the public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery. One of these programs is the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which provides emergency funding for eligible local governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. As part of this program, the Town of Gloucester has received \$1,002,560.87 and anticipates receiving an additional \$1,002,560.87 in approximately 12 months, in

funds allocated by County and an additional \$540,246.74 in non-entitlement unit funds for a total of \$2,545,368.48.

There are four primary objectives for this funding:

1. Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control.
2. Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.
3. Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
4. Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic.

The Town may use the funds to:

1. Support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff.
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

All funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spend by December 31, 2026.

Staff is currently collaborating on a list of potential projects with cost estimates that meet the funding objectives and eligibility criteria. We anticipate presenting that list to the Town Council for discussion over the next several weeks.

As part of the allocation of these funds to specific projects, local governments are urged to engage their constituents and communities in developing plans to use these payments and are required to publish information regarding the uses of the funds. To that end, we are seeking approval to post the attached survey on the homepage of the Town's website as way to gather public input and place an ad in the Bargain Buyer to publicize the survey.

We plan to keep the survey active for three (3) weeks and will present the results to the Town Council with the list of potential projects

(End of memo)

Discussion: K. Scott, Town Planner, stated that there are very specific categories as to where the funds may be spent. K. Scott described how the staff and the public would have input as to how and where the money will be spent. K. Scott explained the public survey and the ranking system staff will use. K. Scott stated when results of public and staff input are organized she would return to Council for further discussion.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to AUTHORIZE the Town Planner, Finance Director, & Town Clerk to seek public input, as to potential American Rescue Act funding programs, via a survey to be offered on the Town's website and local advertising to be appropriated from existing advertising accounts; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgeue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

D. Gloucester Code of Ordinance - Proposed Amendments- Discussion and/or Action

1. Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council on: Chapter 221 Parks and Recreation Areas, Section 5. Firearms

Councilor Forgeue stated that this section of the Code could be discussed for a potential amendment going forward.

Councilor Worthy read the Ordinance as follows:

§ 221-5 Firearms. [Amended 9-3-2009, effective 9-3-2009; 2-6-2020, effective 3-18-2020]

The use of any firearms or bows and arrows is prohibited in all recreation areas, excepting Assessors Plat 2, Lot 13, known as "Williams Mills Conservation Area" and Assessors Plat 12, Lots 71A, 92 and 93, known as "Gloucester Veterans Memorial Recreation Area." Hunting will be subject to any rules and regulations adopted by the managing authority.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgeue stated the history of the Williams Mills Conservation Area. Councilor Forgeue stated that in 2020, Council added the exemption for Gloucester Veterans Memorial Recreation Area which would allow hunting on that property. Councilor Forgeue stated that the Council later that year asked the Conservation Commission, as stewards of the property, to not allow hunting. Councilor Forgeue stated that since then the ordinance was never amended to reflect Council's action.

Councilor Forgeue stated that if Council wishes to consider making this amendment then Council can hold a first reading for an ordinance amendment at a future meeting.

Discussion: Councilor Worthy asked the reason for no hunting on this property. Councilor Forgeue stated the no hunting was due to the close proximity of the homes as well as the size and shape. J. Fecteau summarized that when Chief Delprete was proposing a shooting range on this property that she and D. Igliazzi realized that the wording on this ordinance was confusing and that the decision of the prior council had not been codified as intended. Councilor Steere agreed stating the prior Council didn't codify this ordinance to exclude hunting. Councilor Arnold stated that this proposed amendment would properly codify what the prior Council decided.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to hold a first reading for the proposed amendment of Gloucester Code of Ordinance, § 221-5 Firearms at the Town Council meeting of October 7, 2021; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Section 350-4 Compliance with use, dimension and density regulations required, New Section D.

Councilor Forgue stated that the following memo and proposal was prepared by the Town Planner and approved by the Town Solicitor which he read as follows:

To: Town Council Members  
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner  
Date: September 2, 2021  
Re: Municipal Exemption – Zoning Ordinance

At the September 2, 2021 Town Council meeting, staff was asked to draft language creating a municipal exemption in the Zoning Ordinance. The following language is proposed:

Section 350-4 Compliance with use, dimension and density regulations required

Add: **D. Notwithstanding any provision of this ordinance, structures, buildings, and land may be erected and/or used by the Town of Gloucester, or any agency or department thereof, for public or municipal purposes in any zoning district, and said structures, buildings, and lands so erected or used shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance. Prior to exercising the exemption, the Town Council shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Section 350-7 E (8).**

(End of memo)

Councilor Forgue stated that the reading of the proposal constitutes the first reading and, if ready, a Public Hearing date can be set under Item. 3 below.

3. Set Public Hearing Date for consideration of Section 350-4.D (as needed)

Councilor Forgue stated that per the zoning ordinance amendment chapter, this proposal will be forwarded to the Planning Board for an opinion and then a public hearing will be advertised for three consecutive weeks. Councilor Forgue stated the earliest the public hearing could be set would be for the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to SET a Public Hearing Date for the consideration of amending Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Section 350-4., Compliance with use, dimension and density regulations required, for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: Councilor Worthy asked for an example of this proposal. K. Scott gave an example that the town would be exempt from getting a decision from the zoning board for a proposed use that was not allowed by zoning but instead would hold a public hearing to inform the public of the proposed use before voting on the use. Councilor Steere stated the importance for the public to have input and Councilor Forgue agreed. K. Scott further explained that the town's exercise of the proposal remains with the council but subject to a public hearing. J. Fecteau clarified for a resident in attendance that as to Gloucester Code of Ordinance proposal of 221-5 that it would be a first reading similar to what was just read here and then a public hearing date would be set at a later date.

VOTE:           AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue  
                  NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

X.     Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has two letters in correspondence:

1. Councilor Forgue stated that Council received correspondence from R.I. Housing with information regarding current Low & Moderate Income Housing numbers statewide by each community. Councilor Forgue stated that this correspondence was forwarded to the Town Planner for information purposes.

2. Councilor Forgue stated that Council received correspondence from the Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care. Councilor Forgue stated that they are asking communities to contact Governor McKee and ask for vaccination exemptions for certain health care providers in light of recent order #216-RICR-20-15-8 from the Dept. of Health. Councilor Forgue stated that per their correspondence, this emergency state regulation, enacted on August 17, 2021, requires all licensed healthcare workers and providers be vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 1, 2021.

XI.    Department Head Reports/Discussion

1. A. Muccino, Finance Director, explained the Town is waiting to enter into a successor agreement with FM Global and questioned D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, as to when the town can contact FM Global directly. A. Muccino stated that in accord with the tax stabilization program, a three way agreement between FM Global, RI Commerce and the Town of Gloucester was reached in 2003 and Commerce and FM Global are in the process of negotiating a new land lease. D. Igliazzi stated a letter could be sent directly to FM Global. Councilor Forgue suggested A. Muccino send a letter to FM Global inquiring as to the status of the process.

2. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the LED lights that the town obtained from the Regional School District are not able to be used by the Town. A. Muccino stated that the lights are up for bid on municibid and he is hoping to sell them but would look to donate the lights if they don't sell. A. Muccino stated that the lights are currently being stored at the town garage. A. Muccino stated he would keep the Town Council informed.

3. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the correspondence from RI Housing contained an error as to where the town is in terms of low to moderate income housing that was discovered by K. Scott. J. Fecteau stated that Ms. Scott has notified RI Housing and a corrected letter is coming from RI Housing.

XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor Worthy stated that he spoke to R. Shields, Recreation Director, about the lifeguards potentially starting earlier in the season next year. Councilor Forgue suggested that A. Aubin contact Councilor Worthy as the liaison for the Recreation Commission. A. Aubin gave his opinion as to the number of lifeguards and their possible schedule for next year.

XIII. Open Forum

Councilor Forgue stated that anyone wishing to speak needs to step up to podium and state their name.

1. Councilor Steere thanked everyone who participated in the 9-11 ceremony. Councilor Forgue commented on the event and stated a great job was done by all to hold the event.

2. Councilor Arnold commended Judy (Colaluca) in her efforts regarding the town lakes and stated he would help in any way he can because the entire community benefits. J. Colaluca stated that she hopes to bring a petition to the Council to bring to the Legislature which she hopes the Council members may sign in support. J. Fecteau stated that if J. Colaluca gets information to her that she could draft a resolution which the Council may consider and sign to be forwarded to the General Legislature.

XIV. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ADJOURN at 9:09 PM ; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Forgue

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED