

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on March 16, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Councilor W. Worthy, Town Council President.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Cheryl A. Greathouse; Walter M. O. Steere, III; Jonathan E. Burlingame; Stephen W. Arnold, Vice President; William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director (arrived at 7:00 P.M.); Chief Delprete, Gloucester Police; Gary Treml, Director Public Works; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; John Luszcz, Human Services Director; Ken Johnson, Building and Zoning Official (arrived at 7:20 P.M.)

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Town Council Workshop - Input & Formulation of Cannabis Retail Sales Ordinances - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has a draft ordinance to consider and then work together on a document to be considered for a first reading.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this is not a session for public input. Councilor W. Worthy stated that public input will happen when a document is presented for public hearing.

Discussion:

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that Council has a draft of an ordinance to consider and any changes in order to prepare it for a first reading. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, explained that the state law currently allows four licenses in each of the six zones and that under state law the town has the authority to determine location and site conditions. D. Igliazzi explained that the proposed draft includes suggested zoning districts and the site conditions to be met by special use permit. Councilor W. Worthy stated his opinion that retail sales should not be in the Historic District. Councilor W. Steere agreed and stated that there are protective measures in the proposal of distances within the zones that retail sales cannot be located.

D. Igliazzi explained that the proposed ordinance may be changed at various points during the process and this workshop is the starting point. Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that the recommended zones of B2 and Industrial make the most sense to him. D. Igliazzi suggested that Council not make any decisions tonight unless they are absolutely sure of the location. D. Igliazzi reminded the Council that a public hearing will be held where Council may consider the public input and make changes. D. Igliazzi also stated that any proposal would need to go to Planning Board for their input which is required by town Ordinance. J. Fecteau stated that the Town Planner

could make revisions to the shared map with more detailed information if Council feels the need. D. Igliazzi stated that the special use permit conditions are by state law and that the state has their own specific requirements to be met for a cannabis license. D. Igliazzi stated again that location and site conditions are what the Council has the authority to regulate in accord with state law.

Council discussed the distances required in state law from schools and churches.

D. Igliazzi stated that the distances were from the North Smithfield ordinance. D. Igliazzi explained that the ordinance may be changed at the public hearing and that a first reading is simply where the proposed ordinance is read.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that he does not like the idea of restricting to limited locations something the voters have approved. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that he would like to get a first reading done and then make any changes at a public hearing. J. Fecteau suggested K. Scott, Town Planner, make revisions to the map to better show the districts of the town as well as the distances of 500 feet and 1000 feet. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that if these distances are in line with alcohol restrictions that being consistent may be good.

D. Igliazzi stated his opinion that the 1000 foot distance came from the North Smithfield model and not from state law. D. Igliazzi advised that a first reading should be done followed by a public hearing and that he advised the Council not drag this out as time was of the essence.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to schedule a first reading at the next Council meeting of April 6, 2023; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion:

Councilor S. Arnold asked if this proposal focuses on retail sales and not cultivation. J. Fecteau stated that patient cultivation is already allowed under the ordinance. Councilor S. Arnold stated his concern that patient cultivation is different than retail cultivation. J. Fecteau stated that she is uncomfortable sending this proposal to the Planning Board when she is hearing so much uncertainty about the specifics of the proposed ordinance from multiple Councilors. Councilor S. Arnold stated that it seems there are certain locations that seem to be off the table and they shouldn't. Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that broadening the scope will result in a loss of control in the future. D. Igliazzi suggested another workshop for Council. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that the two districts seem appropriate and if the Council would consider changing the distance requirements from schools then it would open up more areas within those zones and any other restrictions could be added or changed at the public hearing. D. Igliazzi, stated that the state law restricts a retail store to 500 feet from a school and the proposed ordinance increases the restriction as to distance and adds more uses. Councilor J. Burlingame suggested changing the school distance to 500 feet and having the first reading.

Councilor J. Burlingame RESCINDED his MOTION

Councilor S. Arnold RESCINDED his second.

D. Iglizzi recommended that the Council have another workshop where the specifics of site conditions are examined and can be determined. Councilor S. Arnold stated he wants to find an appropriate location and is concerned about giving up future control.

Councilor W. Worthy stated another workshop would be good and would like K. Scott to be present. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that the site requirements are too restrictive. D. Iglizzi asked if any Councilors wanted to change the zones in the proposed ordinance and Councilors did not. D. Iglizzi stated that another workshop could be held where the specifics as to the site conditions could be examined .

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to do a second workshop on March 30, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Regular Meeting

V. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item can step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

K. Bonoyer, resident, stated her opinion that the police will have a hard time to enforce a cannabis public use ordinance because it is so mainstream and comes in so many forms.

VI. Public Hearing

- A. Gloucester Code of Ordinances - Proposed Amendment - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Addition: Part 3. General Legislation
Addition of Chapter 154 Cannabis - Use in Public Places
 - 2. Amendment: Part 1. Administrative Legislation, Chapter 1. General Provisions, Article II, Penalties 1-15 Specific Penalties, Addition of:
Cannabis Use in Public Places

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the first reading of this proposed ordinance was held on February 16th and the Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze Observer on March 2, 2023.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to speak, step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that the police will have a difficult time enforcing vaping and consuming of pot so he would not include vaping in the ordinance. Councilor J. Burlingame also stated his opinion that the first offense should be a warning and the second offense be a fine instead of both offenses being a fine. Councilor C. Greathouse stated her opinion that the first offense should be a warning.

Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that use in public places should be somewhat obvious and recognizes that some forms may be difficult to enforce. Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that a warning for a first offense takes a tool away from the police and would not curtail choices. Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that the fines line up with other town offenses.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that law enforcement has discretion and stated his opinion that he does not want to take this tool away from the police. Councilor W. Steere asked Chief Delprete what other communities are doing as to fines. Chief Delprete stated that many are having the first offense be a \$150 fine. Chief Delprete stated that the police will use discretion in this matter just as they do with other matters. Councilor Steere stated that both Smithfield and Burrillville impose \$100 as a first offense and feels that Gloucester should be consistent with surrounding communities.

Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that he agrees with the fine schedule and the draft as a whole. Councilor C. Greathouse stated that the fine should be appropriate to the location. Chief Delprete stated that the police use common sense and discretion everyday but they need tools, such as the fines, to enforce otherwise why bother having an ordinance.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to ADOPT the amendments to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance to: Part 3. General Legislation, Addition of Chapter 154 Cannabis - Use in Public Places and the proposed amendment to Part 1. Administrative Legislation, Chapter 1. General Provisions, Article II, Penalties 1-15 Specific Penalties, Addition of: Cannabis Use in Public Places, as amended. Said Code amendments effective upon passage; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to poll the Council

VOTE:

Councilor J. Burlingame- Nay

Councilor C. Greathouse- ABSTAINED FROM VOTING

Councilor W. Steere- Aye

Councilor S. Arnold - Aye

Councilor W . Worthy-Aye

MOTION PASSED

B. Earth Removal - Discussion and/or Action

1. Applicant: Adler Brothers Construction, Inc.

Location of Business: Putnam Pike, further described as AP 14, Lots 18, 19 & 20

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze Observer on March 2, 2023 and was called for the purpose of considering the renewal of an Earth Removal license. Councilor W. Worthy stated that abutters have been notified by mail.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard regarding the renewal of this earth removal license may step to the microphone and state their name when called.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to GRANT the renewal of an Earth Removal License to Applicant: Adler Brothers Construction, Inc.; Location of Business: Putnam Pike, further described as AP 14, Lots 18, 19, & 20 for a two year period ending March, 2025; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to poll the Council

VOTE:

Councilor J. Burlingame- Aye

Councilor C. Greathouse- Aye

Councilor W. Steere- Aye

Councilor S. Arnold - Aye

Councilor W . Worthy-Aye

MOTION PASSED

VII. Resolution

A. # 2023-04 In Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid

Councilor W. Worthy stated that after being asked to support a resolution by the Exeter/ West

Greenwich School Committee, Council proposed the following resolution which he read as follows:

State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester
Resolution # 2023-04
In Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid
as outlined in R.I.G. L. § 16-7.2-6

WHEREAS, the Town of Glocester is a member of the Foster/Glocester Regional School District along with the Town of Foster; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Glocester recognizes that a regional incentive was promised to local districts when the Regional Districts were formed; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Glocester acknowledges that the regional incentive for local districts was phased out in 2010 when a new school funding formula was passed; and

WHEREAS, that under Title 16 Education, Chapter 7.2 The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act, Section 16-7.2-6 was enacted to offset the loss of the regional incentive ; and

WHEREAS, R.I.G.L. § 16-7.2-6 (e) provides for the state to fund the excess costs associated with transporting students to out of district non public schools by partially reimbursing the higher transportation costs of the Regional Districts ; and

WHEREAS, the Regional School Districts have designed and implemented a number of innovative education programs and services that meet the learning needs of students; and

WHEREAS, these education programs and services provided by the Regional School Districts have produced positive results for students which shows a wise investment of local and state resources; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that students attending the Regional School Districts continue to receive a high quality education and to reduce the burden on regional taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glocester Town Council respectfully requests that Categorical Transportation Funds between the State and the Regional School Districts be fully funded in an amount equal to that intended under R. I. G. L. § 16-7.2-6 (e) to protect the interests of Regional School Districts and to advance the education mission of our schools insuring that all students receive a quality education.

NOW , BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Glocester Town Council supports the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District Committee in this matter of interest to the schools and taxpayers in the Regional School Districts.

Passed as a resolution of the Gloucester Town Council this 16th day of March, 2023.

Councilor William A. Worthy, Jr. President Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if the Regional School Committee has weighed in on this matter. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that he spoke to the Regional Superintendent who supports the resolution and will also prepare a resolution.

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to poll the Council

VOTE:

Councilor J. Burlingame- Aye
Councilor C. Greathouse- Aye
Councilor W. Steere- Aye
Councilor S. Arnold - Aye
Councilor W . Worthy-Aye

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of March 2, 2023
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements - February 2023
- C. Finance Director's Report - February 2023

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of March 2, 2023; APPROVE the ADDITIONS to the 2022 Tax Roll in the amount of \$1,957.61, No ABATEMENTS to the 2022 Tax Roll; and to ACCEPT the Finance Director's Report for February 2023; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
 NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

IX. Unfinished Business

- A. Boards and Commissions
 - 1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Recreation Commission - Terms to Run Concurrent with the Town Council
Position #4 - two year term to expire 12/2024

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair has recommended Marie Penta from the talent bank

listing to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Commission.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPOINT Marie Penta to the Recreation Commission, Position #4, for a term to expire 12/2024; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. ARPA Funds

1. Review and/or changes to allocated funds – Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that A. Muccino, Finance Director, has prepared a list of recommendations for the Council which he read as follows:

To: Honorable Gloucester Town Council, William Worthy, President
From: Adam Muccino, Finance Director
Re: American Rescue Plan Funds - Reallocation
Date: 03/15/2023

The total unallocated balance of American Rescue Plan funding is \$54,127 (\$3,085,615 awarded less \$3,031,488 in Town Council approved allocations). Projects that I would recommend the Council re-examine and perhaps reallocate all or a portion of the previously allocated amount to new priorities/projects, in no particular order, are:

- **Project 9 – \$100k Fiber-Optic Cable** – The Council previously allocated \$100k to this project which would connect the major buildings in Town with fiber optic cable. This would allow different locations in Town to share internet resources, cameras and maintain continuity of service. In speaking with IT Director Matt Floor, this is a project that could be reallocated to another internal project if Council does not see the value or should another project take precedence.

- **Project 14 - \$100k Upgrades to High Hazard/Unsafe Dams** – The Council set aside \$100k for a matching grant program in order to assist entities that manage a dam that has been designated by RIDEM as high hazard as well as unsafe. Even if the infrastructure of a given dam is brand new, that dam may still be considered high hazard because failure of that dam would pose significant threat to people and surrounding property. Neither organization that manages an unsafe/high hazard dam in Town has requested funding under this program.

- **Project 17 – \$190,983 Fire Departments Mobile Repeaters** – The Council has previously allocated \$190,983 to fund the purchase of mobile repeater equipment for the (3) fire departments in Town. The Fire Departments are working with the Police Department in order to address deficiencies in their radio system, which may take precedence over the mobile repeater project. Additionally, the Fire Departments will benefit from Project 8, Police Station Tower, as it is the Fire

Department communication equipment that needs to go up on the tower; DPW and Police communication equipment do not need to be installed on a tower. In other words, DPW and Police communication equipment could be installed on the roof of the police department forsaking the tower and the maintenance that goes along with it altogether.

New priorities and/or projects that the Council might consider allocating funding towards, in no particular order, are:

- **NEW PROJECT – Police Department** – architectural work and engineering site test hole testing at the police station for potential future renovations. **\$7,500**
- **Project 15 – Chepachet Village Marketing Materials** – This project has been in consideration since earlier this year and is essentially a branding initiative for the Chepachet Village. If approved, obviously work can begin on this project. **\$25,000**
- **NEW PROJECT – Police Department** - Mute switches for prisoner detention areas to comply with confidential/privileged phone call requirements. **\$3,063**
- **NEW PROJECT – Police Department** - Additional Hi-REZ PTZ Camera for police station public parking area. **\$9,572**
- **NEW PROJECT – Police Department** – Changes/upgrades to access control at Police Station. **\$4,653**
- **NEW PROJECT – Human Services** – new refrigerator/freezer for Human Services office to increase the capacity of the amount of refrigerated food that can be stored on-site. **\$1,500**
- **NEW PROJECT – Police Department** – (1) front line police vehicle. Approval would offset the amount requested as part of the FY24 Budget Board recommended capital budget. **\$55,000**
- **NEW PROJECT – Senior Center** – Couch recovering or new couches. Approval would offset the amount requested as part of the FY24 Budget Board recommended capital budget. **\$6,000**
- **NEW PROJECT – Senior Center** – Storage shed for the Senior Center. Approval would offset the amount included in the Budget Board recommended FY24 Budget Board recommended capital budget. **\$15,000**
- **NEW PROJECT – Department of Public Works** – the loader used by DPW staff is due to have its tires replaced. Approval would offset the expense included in the Budget Board recommended FY24 operating budget. **\$20,000**
- **NEW PROJECT – Department of Public Works** – Automatic generator for the DPW shop on Chestnut Hill. Approval would directly reduce the amount in the FY24 Budget Board recommended capital budget. **\$15,000**
- **NEW PROJECT – Recreation** – given the presentation to the Town Council the night of the workshop with the Budget Board, the Budget Board saw fit to include an amount in the capital budget for the pickle ball. Approval of this project would offset the amount in the Budget Board recommended FY24 capital budget. **\$2,500**
- **NEW PROJECT – DPW Vehicles** – The Budget Board FY24 recommended capital budget includes a four-wheel drive pick-up truck (**\$60,000**) a four-wheel drive pick-up truck with a plow (**\$80,000**) and a hook truck with a plow and sander (**\$125,000**) for the Department of Public Works. Allocating American Rescue Plan funding to any or all of these trucks would directly reduce FY24 Budget Board recommended capital budget

(End of memo)

Discussion:

Councilor S. Arnold stated that the Council does know the amount of unobligated funds and the amount Council will receive from the Budget Board. Councilor S. Arnold stated that it is not known how much to re-obligate without de-obligating funds and that some items may be appropriate to stay in the next fiscal budget. Councilor W. Steere invited those wishing to speak to come forward.

1. W. Morin, Gloucester Land Trust, asked the Council to hold off on reallocating funds that have been set aside for repairs to the high hazard dam of Hawkins Pond. W. Morin stated that there is a significant amount of work that needs to be done and the Land Trust would like the ARPA funds available if needed. Councilor W. Steere asked if the Land Trust had a final number as to the repairs. W. Morin stated that he did not but there is a starting base from a 2019 study that was done. Councilor J. Burlingame asked the 2019 amount. W. Morin stated it was \$600,000.00. W. Morin stated that the Land Trust has been saving money, that there are private and state grants that can be applied for and used before any money from the town. Councilor W. Steere asked if there was a time frame. W. Morin stated that the Land Trust had recently re-engaged the engineering company that did the 2019 report and would be getting a cost and a scope of work within months.

2. Chief Waterman, Harmony Fire Department asked if the Council wanted to take the \$190,000 funds and re-allocate to things other than emergency communication. Councilor S. Arnold stated that the Council is looking at everything that has been obligated and that the Chief's statement is not accurate. Councilor S. Arnold asked where the fire departments stood financially with the upgrades. Chief Waterman gave a history of the current system and how it was paid for by the three departments over a five year period. Chief Waterman stated that making upgrades to the current system will be a hardship to the taxpayers. Chief Waterman stated that the needs assessment report may be completed in May. Chief Huestis, Chepachet fire Department, stated that the ARPA money would help to get the new system started. Chief Huestis stated that the departments should have a definitive answer from the assessment company which will give them the best plan to move forward and will contact the Council when they do.

3. Chief Delprete stated that three new requests are being made but that these three requests are needed to complete the technological improvements that they started a few years ago with approved ARPA money. Chief Delprete described the three new projects and stated they total \$17,500.00. Councilor S. Arnold asked if the fiber optic cable request was, now, not as high a priority and Chief confirmed. Councilor W. Worthy asked A. Muccino for a total as to the new projects except for the Chepachet Village Project of \$25,000. A. Muccino stated the total was \$404,788.00 and it includes the projects the Chief was referring to previously. Councilor W. Steere asked for the balance of the Council contingency fund. A. Muccino stated it was just over \$6000.00. Councilor W. Steere suggested Council wait till the end of June to make further decisions on some of the smaller projects. Councilor W. Steere suggested giving Land Trust more time before a decision was made but that because it was a matching fund for two dams, at least \$50,000 could be de-obligated. Councilor J. Burlingame suggested that Council give more

time to the fire departments to get their report completed .

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to de-obligate funds from Project # 9, the \$100,000.00 for the fiber optic cable; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to de-obligate \$50,000.00 from Project # 14 - Upgrades to high hazard/unsafe dams; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor W. Steere stated his recommendation to obligate funds to the new police architectural project in the amount of \$7500.00. Chief Delprete stated that the requested funds for the architectural work are the needed so they know if the land is build able or not.

2. Approval of additional allocations- Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to obligate \$7500.00 for the police department project of architectural work; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor J. Burlingame recommended that money be set aside for the refrigerator for human Services.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame for the purchase of a refrigerator for Human Services in an amount up to \$1500.00; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor S. Arnold stated that some of the remaining items have a lot of value and as he does not feel ready to move forward, so he suggested tabling the remaining items.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE Project # 15, Chepachet Village Marketing Materials

; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

Discussion: Councilor S. Arnold stated that this is not a new project.

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor W. Steere states his opinion that the rest of the items be acted upon at the next meeting to give time for the Council to review. Councilor S. Arnold stated that some of these items are built into the budget and as the Council is in the start of the budget process that it may be best to table for future consideration.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to table the remaining projects for future consideration; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor S. Arnold stated he may have spoken to soon and asked the Chief about a few of the items that were just tabled. Chief Delprete stated that some of the new items requested by the police are not in their capitol budget and are needed to complete the projects that have already been started as they were previously approved .

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to RECONSIDER tabling the rest of these ARPA requests; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to set aside \$3063.00 for mute switches; \$9572.00 for cameras requested and \$4653.00 for upgrades to the access control for a total amount of \$17,288.00; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the remaining items; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Councilor W. Worthy stated he would like to make a motion about Recreation.

Councilor S. Arnold WITHDREW his MOTION.

Councilor J. Burlingame WITHDREW his SECOND.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Worthy for Recreation to approve the pickle ball budget in an amount not to exceed \$2500.00 to line the courts; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if the money would be part of the Recreation Department and that Recreation would be doing the lining of the courts. Councilor W. Worthy confirmed Recreation would handle. G. Treml, DPW Director, asked for confirmation that Recreation would do all the work and DPW would not be involved. Councilor W. Worthy stated Recreation would handle.

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the rest of the requests; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Review of Community Solar Program with Power Options- Discussion and/or

Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that A. Muccino, Finance Director, was to work with the representative from Power Options to bring a preliminary contract for council review.

A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he has received a draft contract from R. Moran, representative of Power Options, and has shared that draft contract with the Town Solicitor for review. A. Muccino stated the plan is for a proposal to be ready for Council to review at the next meeting. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that he spoke with the Superintendent at the high school and she told him that the Region saved about \$100,000. Councilor S. Arnold asked the Region's discounted rate which Councilor J. Burlingame stated he did not know.

Councilor S. Arnold asked if there would still be capacity left for the town if the matter is tabled till the next meeting which is three weeks away. A. Muccino stated that he asked Power Options to reserve the balance of supply available.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE the review of the community solar program with Power Options to the April 6 meeting; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse, W. Steere, S. Arnold, W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

X. New Business

A. Gloucester Town Budget 2023-2024

1. Accept 2023-2024 Budget for Public Hearing- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that tonight, Council needs to acknowledge receipt of the Budget Board's proposed budget for 2023/24 and accept that budget for our public hearing. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the budget can be changed by Council, at the public hearing of April 18th, before being adopted for the referendum.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to ACCEPT, for Public Hearing, the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 working budget from the Budget Board; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: A. Muccino stated he had copies of the budget and the audit for each Councilor.

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse, W. Steere, S. Arnold, W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere thanked everyone who worked on the budget as it is a big job and takes a lot of hours.

B. Authorization of Bid Extension: RFP 2016-02 Fireworks - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Finance Director requested this item be tabled.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the Authorization of Bid Extension RFP #2016-02 Fireworks to April 6, 2023; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Personnel

1. Police Department Promotion - Senior Patrol Officer to Sergeant Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a request from the Chief which he read as follows:

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police
Date: March 13, 2023
Subj: Sergeant Promotion

Dear Council Members:

I would respectfully request that the Town Council authorize and consent to the promotion of Senior Patrol Officer Colin Esposito to the rank of Sergeant on the Gloucester Police Department.

This Sergeant promotion will assist in filling supervisory shift vacancies left by Officer Donald Sousa in September 2022. Officer Esposito has the experience and leadership traits to be an effective supervisor in this position.

This promotional assignment will further be in accordance with the current IBPO 638 collective bargaining agreement and become effective on Sunday March 19, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph DelPrete
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the promotion of Senior Patrol Officer Colin Esposito to the rank of Sergeant on the Gloucester Police Department in accordance with the current IBPO 638 Collective Bargaining Agreement and effective March 19, 2023; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

D. Leja Field at Gloucester Memorial Park

1. Request to Rededicate Leja Field - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a request from Gloucester Little League requesting approval to hold a rededication event at GMP and permission to install a memorial stone at GMP in the area of Leja Field.

Discussion: A. Wachter, Gloucester Little League spokesperson, stated the reasons that the League would like to re dedicate the field in honor of Eric Leja who died tragically in a car accident 20 years ago. A. Wachter stated she has reached out to Eric's parents and they are excited about this event and would participate. A. Wachter is looking for approval to hold the event and to place the memorial stone. A. Wachter stated that there is a local person who will assist with the stone and plaque . Councilor W. Steere asked about the siting of the monument. A. Wachter stated there is space along the field entrance path for the monument. Councilor S. Arnold applauded the idea and stated it was special for the family. Councilor W. Steere asked about the plans for that day and the liability regarding the person placing the stone.

A. Wachter stated that there may be a game between town players. A. Wachter stated that she would ask the individual who is helping with the monument to get liability insurance. A. Wachter stated it would be similar to opening day except no parade and may include food trucks or music. J. Fecteau suggested that the Recreation Director be included in any motion because he has done those types of events. Councilor S. Arnold stated that this event is a great idea but constant communication is needed in case any permits are required. Councilor W. Worthy asked for the date and recommended A. Wachter contact the Recreation Director and come back to Council with more specific details. A. Wachter stated that it may be held the first week of May but no date has been set. Councilor W. Steere suggested that R. Shields be contacted and informed of this potential event.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to AUTHORIZE the Gloucester Little League to hold an event to rededicate Leja Field. The date and plans for the event to be approved by the Recreation Director, and any special licenses per usual; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere for permission to set a monument at Leja Field with direction from Department of Public Works; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Dugout plans/supplies - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: G. Trembl, Director of Public Works, described the details to build two dugouts at Leja Field including the design and estimation as to supplies and cost (approximately \$ 7000 for both). G. Trembl stated that the area is wet and that his department will make it happen when they are told it is needed.

Councilor S. Arnold stated that the athletic director of the school should be notified as those teams also play there.

No action taken by Council

E. Special Event License - Discussion and/or Action

1. Applicant: Hans Neff (Future Aces by Hans)

Event: Rabbit Run - Sprint Enduro, April 8, 2023

Location: 104 Bungy Road

a. Consideration of Waiver of Public Hearing/ or Set Public Hearing
Date - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has received an application for a special event. Councilor W. Worthy stated that, per the special event ordinance, Council can waive the first reading if they believe there is no change to a reoccurring event.

Discussion:

J. Fecteau gave a history of the event explaining that it has been held since 2002 at several locations in town. J. Fecteau stated that a public hearing was held each time the location changed as is required by town Ordinance. J. Fecteau stated that this proposed event is at a new location from last year and is being run by a new person so Council needs to decide if the changes are sufficient enough to require a public hearing.

H. Neff, applicant and Connecticut resident, stated that he has been involved in events like this for many years and even helped at the prior ones held in Gloucester. H. Neff stated that he did not know of the requirements for holding an event like this . H. Neff stated it is planned for April 8, 2023. Councilor W. Worthy asked about the parking. H. Neff stated that there is parking in a large field. H. Neff described the event as single riders being timed over a course in a staggered start and that the event would run from 9 am to 5 pm. Councilor W. Worthy asked if H. Neff had contacted any of the prior people who had run events like this in town. H. Neff stated that many of the people helping that day were from Hoot Owl , which has sponsored prior events in town. Councilor S. Arnold stated that this sounds like a cool event and that H. Neff seems to have experience. Councilor S. Arnold stated that there is no precedent to waive the public hearing when there is a

new location and a new director. Councilor S. Arnold asked about coordination with the police and fire departments.

Chief Huestis, Chepachet Fire Department, stated that the Board does not want their EMT personnel used at the event as it would take away from aiding the town residents and he recommends that H. Neff hire private EMT's . H. Neff stated he would contact private EMT's .

Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that it seems a public hearing is needed to answer all of the questions being asked tonight. Councilor W. Worthy stated that EMT's and abutters were concerns. Councilor S. Arnold stated parking and communication with police and fire are also a concern. J. Fecteau stated there is time to advertise the event if a public hearing is held on March 30th but that the applicant needs to come to her office and take care of the abutter list as is required by ordinance so notices may be sent out.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to SET a Public Hearing, with appropriate notice, for March 30, 2023 for consideration of a Special Event filed by applicant: Hans Neff, Location: 104 Bungy Road; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. (If Hearing waived) Consideration of Special Event License -
Discussion and/or Action

This item would only be needed if Council has waived the hearing. Public Hearing set for March 30, 2023.

F. Adoption of Policy/Procedure for the Formation of Union Contract Negotiation
Teams - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor J. Burlingame requested this item as he felt there was some difficulty during contract negotiations. Councilor J. Burlingame suggested that a team to be made up of department heads, Human Resources and the Finance Director to be involved in future negotiations. Councilor S. Arnold stated that it is a great idea to have a standard practice in place. Councilor W. Steere stated that in all of the negotiations in the past that he has been involved in that this procedure was followed to a degree as there was input from finance and department heads. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that it would be good to finalize this for future councils. J. Fecteau suggested each Councilor send her their ideas and she will put it together into a policy for the Council to review.

No action taken by Council

G. Consideration of Approval - To initiate State Electronic Construction Permitting (E-Permitting) process for Bldg/Zoning - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a memo from Matt Floor, IT Director which he read as follows:

To: Honorable Gloucester Town Council
From: Matthew Floor
RE: Electronic Construction Permitting
Date: March 13, 2023

Honorable Council Members:

This memo is being submitted for the Council's consideration and/or authorization for the Town of Gloucester to begin electronic construction permitting in the building and zoning office and work with the vendor OpenGov as provider of this service.

The State of Rhode Island passed legislation (RIGL 23-27.3-115.6) that states: *"Every municipality in the state, on or before July 1, 2023, shall adopt and implement electronic construction permitting. For purposes of this section,*

"electronic construction permitting" means use of computer-based tools and services that automate and streamline the building permit process to include, but not limited to, task-specific tools for: applications; submission of building plans and plans for developments and plots; plan review; permitting; inspections; inspection scheduling; project tracking; fee calculation and collection; and workflow and report management."

At the request of the building and zoning department, a virtual demonstration was setup with the RI Department of Business Regulation and their approved vendor OpenGov, so we could evaluate their program. The demonstration was attended by personnel from the Town Clerk, Building and Zoning, Planning and IT Departments. The software seemed user-friendly and the on boarding did not seem too difficult. Some of our inspectors and many of our contractors are already using this same software in other municipalities.

This is not a new project to Rhode Island and we are one of a few communities that currently do not offer this service.

As of this date thirty-two Rhode Island cities and towns are using OpenGov for ePermitting. Two additional towns are currently in the implementation phase and two more are in the planning phase. The cost for the software is \$4,709 per year and there would be some upfront implementation and deployment costs. If we enter into an agreement prior to 6/30/23, the RI DBR will reimburse the Town for the first-year software fee and any implementation costs, minus any customized integrations that we may request such as the Tax Assessor's master address table. The only hardware cost to the Town would be any kiosk that we chose to setup in the building and zoning office for walk-in service. Inspectors would have to use their own devices or the kiosk in Town Hall.

If the Council agrees to move forward with the ePermitting concept, I will bring in OpenGov so they can perform a detailed evaluation of our current setup and prepare an estimate for implementation and deployment. They would also provide a cost estimate for any integrations with our existing data. With these numbers in hand, I will confirm what would be reimbursable from the RI Department of Business Regulation and return to Council with a final quote or contract for approval.

Respectfully,
Matthew Floor
(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked K. Johnson's, Building Official, opinion as to e-permitting. K. Johnson stated his opinion that e-permitting will be beneficial to builders in the field but that it will be a learning process for all. K. Johnson stated a potential drawback may be the timeliness of the permits. K. Johnson stated that someone can walk in and sometimes get a permit on the same day and that may not happen with the e-permitting system. K. Johnson stated that residents can still come to the office to get permits but they will have to use the e-permit system.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to AUTHORIZE the IT Director to move forward on behalf of the Town to setup and use Electronic Construction Permitting (ePermitting) for the Building/Zoning Department to satisfy RIGL 23-27.3-115.6. Service will be provided through OpenGov, the RI Department of Business Regulation's vendor selected for this service; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated his concern was for the public as he knows how well the building office works with people.

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse, W. Steere, S. Arnold, W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

H. Update: Hawkins Dam - Notice of Violation - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: W. Morin, Gloucester Land Trust, stated that Hawkins Dam has been deemed high hazard and unsafe by DEM which resulted in a Notice of Violation in mid February 2023 that specified three areas of concern. W. Morin stated the three areas of concern were as follows: a valve that controls the level; the erosion along the embankment; and, the abutments on the spillway. W. Morin stated that he has requested a meeting with DEM but it has not yet been scheduled in order to determine the scope of work that needs to be done and then the cost for that work. W. Morin stated that G. Mosca, EMA Director has been helping on this matter will also attend the meeting when it is scheduled.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold for Councilor W. Worthy, Land Trust liaison to attend the meeting with the Gloucester Land Trust and DEM; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse, W. Steere, S. Arnold, W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

I. R.L.M. d/b/a The Village on Chopmist Hill Mobile Home Park Request to forgive a Western R.I. Home Repair Mortgage - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has received a request for Council which he read as follows:

December 14, 2022

To the Town Council

I recently sold my trailer to Kevin Kitson for \$1 and owe \$15,600 but I am unable to pay this debt as I am on a fixed income. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated and if you can't I will understand. I am asking for forgiveness of this debt. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Dana T. Stephan (? Can't read name)

54 Hemlock Drive

(end of memo)

Discussion: R. Medford, RLM owner , stated they when they bought this mobile home for \$1 they did not realize this lien was open as they did not do a title search. R. Medford said it was necessary to evict the occupant and gain control of the mobile home quickly. K. Kitson, RLM Manager, stated the condition of this mobile home is deplorable and a new mobile home will be put in its place. K. Kitson stated this lien was in 2008 , that the mobile home is 42 years old and its value has deteriorated to be pretty much junk. K. Kitson stated that this program is a good program but at the time this loan was given there were no provisions for how and when it would be paid back. Councilor W. Steere asked who is responsible to pay back this loan. K. Kitson stated it was a good question and that they did not do any research because of the age and condition of the unit. Councilor W. Worthy asked if the loan was to the occupant that was evicted and K. Kitson stated yes.

R. Medford stated that they need a resolution to this issue in order to move forward with the asbestos analysis and then the demolition. Councilor S. Arnold stated that he does not feel it is appropriate to waive the entire amount. Councilor W. Steere asked about the prior situations where 1 mobile home was torn down and the bill split; and another where the amount was waived because the occupant died. R. Medford offered to pay \$2000 for the lien of \$15,600. J. Fecteau stated that D. Wrona, Building and Zoning Clerk, did not feel she had the authority to make a decision on this matter when she was approached. A. Muccino stated he met with K. Kitson and R. Medford and advised them to seek an answer from Council as the town administers this program.

D. Igliazzi stated that the request before Council is to waive the lien on a mobile home that has no value but the debt remains on the owner who signed the note. D. Igliazzi stated that the Council may accept payment of \$2000 , as offered, to waive the lien and if so, that would reduce the debt owed by \$2000. D. Igliazzi stated that the lien would be satisfied but the debt would still be owed by the person who signed the note . D. Igliazzi stated the debt would now be \$13,600. D. Igliazzi stated that under these circumstances he feels it is reasonable.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to remove the lien for payment of \$2000; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Discussion: D. Iglizzi stated that the debt may not be collectible and recommended tabling the waiver of debt request in order to obtain more information.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the outstanding debt request; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

J. R.L.M. d/b/a The Village on Chopmist Hill Mobile Home Park: Request to increase the number of licensed home sites from 87 to 89 - Discussion and/or Action
Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a request from R.L.M. which he read as follows:

March 9, 2023
Glocester Town Council

Reference: The Village on Chopmist Hill Mobile Home Park, Chepachet RI
Subject: Pretreatment OWTS at 60 & 64 Diamond Hill Road

Dear Council Members,

The Park owners have requested that I write to you on their behalf regarding the existing advanced Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) serving themobile home sites at 60 and 64 Diamond Hill Road. Records indicate that this system was installed when the Park was operating under the Receivership of Allan M. Shine, Esq., ca. 1998-2003.

The OWTS at 60/64 Diamond Hill Road was approved by RI DEM on January 22, 2001 for Five Bedrooms, with a current design flow of 575 gallons per day (GPD), i.e. 5 BR X 115 GPD/BR = 575. The treatment train consists of a proprietary *Fixed Activated Sludge Treatment (FAST)* module, followed by a dose pump/level control system, dosing to a Generic Bottomless Sand Filter (BSF). This system is still recognized by RI DEM as an Alternate

Technology to pretreat wastewater effluent. The BSF serves as tertiary treatment to significantly reduce the pathogen concentration in the effluent that is recharged to groundwater. The system received its *CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMANCE* on October 2, 2001.

I am the designer of record for the larger centralized OWTS that was originally installed in 2006, and later expanded in 2019. This system was approved by DEM for a daily design flow of 20,010 gallons, the equivalent of 174 bedrooms, i.e. (174 BR x 115 GPD/BR = 20,010 Gallons).

This centralized advanced OWTS utilizes approved proprietary technology by Orenco Systems, Inc. to treat the wastewater effluent. Other than size and capacity, the primary difference between the *FAST* system and the central OWTS is that the *FAST* system has the added feature of nitrogen reduction.

The central OWTS, which was approved for 174 Bedrooms, operating in conjunction with the separate *FAST* system (approved for five Bedrooms), would increase the Park's treatment capacity to 179 Bedrooms, the equivalent of an additional 2.5 two-bedroom units.

In view of the aforementioned, we respectfully request the Council consider allowing the Park to increase the number of licensed home sites from 87 to 89.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Arthur R. Cripps, Jr., P.E.

(End of memo)

Discussion: R. Medford, RLM stated he was asking to increase in the number of units from 87 to 89 due to 2.5 units being on a separate septic system. Councilor W. Steere stated that RLM has been before the Council several times trying to increase their number of licensed units. Councilor W. Steere stated his understanding that the number of units has never been based on the septic system and asked the lot size. R. Medford said the lot size was 5000 square feet but that when he first started with the property it was 10,000 square feet. R. Medford did not give an answer as to how and when the approval for the change was made in response to multiple questions by Councilor W. Steere. D. Iglizzi stated that the issue before Council is an expansion of the number of units and that an expansion requires an application in accordance with the town's ordinance. D. Iglizzi explained the process for an expansion.

No action taken by Council

XI. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. Council has received a second letter from a local business requesting Council's consideration to switch to his business from an out of town business.
 - A. Muccino stated that he is waiting for a fee schedule from the town provider.

Councilor S. Arnold stated he spoke with the requestor.

2. Council has received correspondence from the Gloucester Historical Cemetery Association requesting their work be assumed by a town department.
3. Council has received the management letter from Baxter, Dansereau, & Associates outlining the audit for FY ending June 30, 2022.

XII. Department Head Reports/Discussion

J. Luszc, Human Services Director, stated his thanks for Council's acting on the refrigerator and stated that he will be holding a food drive at Dino's on April 2, 2023. J. Luszc stated that a volunteer has offered to buy 40-50 hams.

XIII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

None

XIV. Open Forum

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to speak and to please come tot the microphone and state your name.

1. P. Bissell, resident, stated her thanks for the Council's action as to pickle ball and asked who to contact on the Recreation Commission. Councilor W. Steere stated that she should contact the Recreation Director .

2 . Andre Mendez, resident, thanked the Council for being diligent with the ARPA funds and specifically asked the Council to wait to decide about the fire departments request until they have finished their needs assessment.

XV. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council now needs a motion to Convene into Executive session:

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

- A. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining - Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council
- B. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(5) Land Acquisition - Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council pertaining to land acquisition for municipal purposes - Two Items
- C. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to any discussions of job performance - Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council
Please note the employee to be discussed has been notified and has chosen for this discussion to take place in Closed Session.
- D. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Potential Litigation - Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council - Two Items

; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: Councilor Worthy asked the Clerk to Poll the Council

Councilor J. Burlingame- Aye
Councilor C. Greathouse- Aye
Councilor W. Steere- Aye
Councilor S. Arnold - Aye
Councilor W . Worthy-Aye

MOTION PASSED

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Worthy TO MOVE ITEM XVII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION to this point on agenda; seconded by

Discussion: None

XVII. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to RECONVENE Open Session; DISCLOSE one (1) vote was taken in Closed Executive Session; and to SEAL the minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: Councilor Worthy asked the Clerk to Poll the Council

Councilor J. Burlingame- Aye
Councilor C. Greathouse- Aye
Councilor W. Steere- Aye
Councilor S. Arnold - Aye
Councilor W . Worthy-Aye

MOTION PASSED

XVI. Authorization for Signature
A. National Opioid Settlement- Authorization for Signatures on Participation Agreements and/or Required Documents - Discussion and/or Action

No Action Taken by Council

XVII. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action

PREVIOUSLY DONE

XVIII . Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 11:15 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED