

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on May 18, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 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; arrived at 7:35 PM after roll call) Stephen W. Arnold, Vice President; William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliozzi, Town Solicitor (arrived at 7:35 PM) ; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Robert Shields, Recreation Director; Jane Steere, Tax Collector; Gary Treml, Director Public Works; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Chief Joseph Delprete

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone would like to speak on an agenda item and, if so, step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

None

V. Ponaganset Wrestling Team 2023 RI State & New England Champions

A. Resolution #2023-5 (Team Award)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that we are very proud to honor the Ponaganset Wrestling Team for their incredible season. Councilor W. Worthy stated that we have done a resolution for the team to display "behind the glass" at the high school which he read as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2023-5
2023 RI State & New England Champions**

WHEREAS, the Town Council and the Town Clerk of the Town of Gloucester would like to congratulate the 2022-23 Ponaganset High School Chieftains Wrestling team for achieving the distinct honor of being the 2023 State Champions, as well as the 2023 New England Champions; and

WHEREAS, per the Providence Journal the Ponaganset Chieftains "racked up 251 team points; reached the finals in eight of the 14 weight classes and took home five individual gold medals" at the Interscholastic League State Championships held in February 2023; and

WHEREAS, as if achieving those goals were not enough the Chieftains went on to add three runner-up finishers; achieved a Bronze medal; and had fourth and sixth place finishers resulting in 11 Chieftains on the podium, finishing the event by winning the 2023 State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Chieftains fueled and inspired by their excellent coaching staff of Steve Mineo, Head Coach; Dave Amato; Steve DiNobile; and Mike Joyce; Assistant Coaches, went on, a week later, to win the New England Championship with an impressive 143 points; and

WHEREAS, the Chieftains' confidence and perseverance led the team to a 2023 season like no other achieving:

2023 RI State Champions
2023 New England Champions
2023 Eastern States Classical Champions
Ranking of 49th in the Country for High School "MatScouts"
Naming of 2023 "Assistant Coach of the Year" to Coach Steve DiNobile

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Town Council, the Town Clerk, and the residents of the Town of Glocester appreciate the dedication and hard work it took each and every member of the Ponaganset High School Wrestling Team to achieve these distinct honors

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

William J. Worthy, Jr., President

Adopted this 18th Day of May, 2023

seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Citation #2023-5 (Coaches & Chieftains)
Councilor W. Worthy stated that we have individual citations for each coach:

Coaches Mineo, Amato, DiNobile, & Joyce which he read one of the citations as follows into the record:

The State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester

Citation

Be it hereby known to all that:
The Town of Glocester hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to:

Head Coach Steve Mineo

in recognition of
your dedication to the 2023 Ponaganset Chieftains Wrestling Team

The leadership and comradery demonstrated by Coach Mineo, throughout the season, has proven to be an outstanding inspiration to all our coaches and students and a source of pride for Glocester and northern Rhode Island; and

The Town Council, Town Clerk and citizens of Glocester are proud to honor your work as a leader of the team that achieved the title:

2023 R.I. State Wrestling Champions
&
2023 New England Champions

Proposed this 18th day of May, 2023,

By William A. Worthy, Jr.
President, Glocester Town Council

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

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. Worthy asked the Coaches if you are present to please step forward for your citations.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that we also have a citation for each Varsity member and asked them to come forward when their name is called:

Nicholas Baccala
Tyler Bergeron
Michael Diorio
Isaiah Dunn
Anthony Fix
Jared Hood
Jason Hood
Jacob Joyce
Joseph Joyce
William Leischner
Preston Marchesseault
David Perez

Damarien Ravenelle
Andrew Reall

Councilor W. Worthy stated that he would read one of the citations into the record which he read as follows:

The State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester

Citation

Be it hereby known to all that:
The Town of Glocester
hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to:

Nicholas Baccala

in recognition of your dedication
to the 2023 Ponaganset Chieftains Wrestling Team

The team spirit and comradery demonstrated by Nicholas, the team 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

The Town Council, Town Clerk and citizens of Glocester are proud to honor your work as a member of the team that achieved the title:

2023 R.I. State Wrestling Champions
&
2023 New England Champions

Proposed this 18th day of May, 2023 by

William A. Worthy, President, Glocester Town Council

Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

Discussion: Assistant Coach Mike Joyce stated his thanks and appreciation to the Council and

town for their support .

VI. Public Hearings

A. Gloucester Code of Ordinance - Proposed Amendments

Councilor W. Worthy stated that these public hearings were advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on April 27th, May 4th, and May 11th, 2023.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the first hearing is for the proposed ordinance regulating retail sale of cannabis:

1. Chapter 350-VII Special Regulations, Section 58.1 Cannabis, Addition of: Cannabis Retail Sales- Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received an advisory opinion from the Planning Board which he read into the record as follows:

At their April 17, 2023 meeting, the following motion was made by Planning Board member John Bart:

After careful consideration and discussion, the Gloucester Planning Board hereby recommends that the Town Council enact revisions to the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance as detailed in the attached Draft Section 350-58.1 and Section 350, Attachment 1, Cannabis Retail Sales Zoning Ordinance revision, dated 4/6/23 attached hereto.

Said revisions further define terms related to the retail sales of cannabis. The Board recommendation in this regard is based upon the following Findings of Fact Relating to Consistency with the Gloucester Comprehensive Community Plan and Purposes of Zoning per R.I.G.L. Title 45 Chapter 24, 'the Zoning Enabling Act of 1991' as noted below.

Findings of Fact

Consistency with the Comprehensive Community Plan

1. The proposed amendments are consistent with the goal of the Land Use Element: Preserve the rural character of Gloucester for future generations while enhancing services and facilities, housing, open space and recreation, natural and cultural resources, circulation and economic development.
2. The proposed amendments are consistent with the policies of the Land Use Element:
 - a. Protect, enhance and maintain the unique natural and historical features of Gloucester while allowing for appropriate development to occur.
 - b. Encourage responsible land use decisions by public officials and public bodies.
3. The proposed amendments are consistent with the goal of the Economic Development Element: Encourage economic development that aligns with the Town's rural character and also expands and diversifies the Town's tax base.
4. The proposed amendments are consistent with policy 5 of the Economic Development Element:
 - a. Prevent the negative effects of economic growth, including environmental degradation and dramatic changes to community character, from occurring in the

Town.

Consistency with the Purposes of Zoning

The Planning Board finds that the proposed zoning amendments are consistent with the following general purposes of zoning ordinances per RIGL § 45-24-30:

1. Promoting the public health, safety and general welfare.
2. Providing for a range of uses and intensities of use appropriate to the character of the city or town and reflecting current and expected future needs.
3. Providing for orderly growth and development which recognizes:
 - (i) The goals and patterns of land use contained in the comprehensive plan of the city or town adopted pursuant to chapter 22.2 of this title;

In making this recommendation, the Board has considered the following:

1. Discussions held at the April 17, 2023 regular meeting; and
2. Cannabis retail sales ordinances from other Rhode Island municipalities;

Based on the above findings, I hereby make a motion to recommend approval of the draft cannabis retail sales zoning ordinance revision, dated April 6, 2023 to the Gloucester Town Council.

The motion was seconded by Planning Board member Lynn Furney. Approved 5-0. Ayes – Bart, Clifford, Fornier, Furney, Pitocco
(end of motion)

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that if anyone would like to speak to state their name for the record when they come up to the microphone.

1. William Kapanakis, owner Pinewood Pub, stated that he had recently purchased a parcel of land in Pinewood Park on Terry Lane that is behind his restaurant. W. Kapanakis stated that the proposed ordinance is different from the state ordinance as it applies to schools. W. Kapanakis stated that he does not want to get zoned out by the proposed ordinance. W. Kapanakis is asking to have the proposed ordinance be like the state ordinance. Councilor S. Arnold stated that the state definition includes just K-12 schools but that the town's proposal includes preschools. Councilor W. Steere stated that the proposal also includes parks, playgrounds and licensed day cares. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that these uses were originally discussed to include everything on the advice of Dave (reference is to David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor) to put in and then come back from it rather than exclude from the beginning.

D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated for the record that, L. Dequattro, submitted a letter about this issue. D. Igliazzi stated that Council could make a decision or Council could keep the public hearing open and continue the matter for two weeks. D. Igliazzi stated he would like to vet the issue with the Interlocal Trust to determine if the issue is a legal one or a policy one. D. Igliazzi confirmed from W. Kapanakis that attorney L. DeQuattro is his representative. D. Igliazzi stated that the letter will be attached to the record (see letter attached below).

W. Kapanakis stated that he is asking the Council to use the language in the state law. D. Igliazzi explained that if this is a policy issue then Council can decide to include or not. D. Igliazzi recommends Council continue the hearing and not decide tonight.

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the question of whether land trust properties can be considered as parks would also be resolved by the answer to the issue of whether it is a legal issue or a policy issue.

D. Igliazzi stated that Council may consider W. Kapanakis's request because he has put it on the record. D. Igliazzi stated his recommendation to continue the public hearing for two weeks.

2. Shelly Lefebvre, resident, asked about the requirement of a distance from a school. Councilor J. Burlingame gave his explanation as to how the proposed areas for retail sales was developed. D. Igliazzi stated that there is a state mandate that there can't be a retail store within 500 feet of a K-12 school unless Council were to decide to reduce the distance. Councilor W. Worthy explained that retail sales was a question on the ballot and the voters approved it.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the state allows a certain number of licenses for stores in each of the state determined zones. Councilor W. Steere stated that Gloucester is in a zone with other towns so there may or may not be a store. S. Lefebvre asked what the recommendation was based upon because there are liquor stores within 500 feet. Councilor W. Steere stated that there are no liquor store within 500 feet of a school. D. Igliazzi stated that there are regulations to prevent liquor stores within a set distance from a school and that this proposed ordinance was modeled after some of the liquor licensing law.

Councilor C. Greathouse asked W. Kapanakis the distance from the proposed property to the preschool. W. Kapanakis stated it depends upon how you define distance. J. Fecteau stated that state law requires it be a straight line from the nearest property line of the premises on which the retail store may be located.

Councilor J. Burlingame asked how far away the preschool was from the proposed building. W. Kapanakis described the proposed location and stated that he feels that it is close to 500 feet but it depends upon how it is measured. J. Fecteau stated that it appears from the map and from W. Kapanakis description of the proposed site that it may be further than 500 feet. Councilor W. Steere stated they need to be mindful that the ordinance is not to cater to just one. W. Kapanakis stated that he just doesn't want to be excluded for consideration and that is why he is asking Council to follow the state law.

D. Igliazzi stated his recommendation to keep the public hearing open and continue it to June 1st.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone else would like to speak. None

Council received multiple correspondence from one gentleman regarding Section 3.b.1. Site Conditions, Location, this was the first:

May 16, 2023

Hi Jean,

I hope you are well. I am emailing as a follow up to the conversation you and I had a few weeks ago. When we spoke, I pointed out that I believe the Town's location and distance requirement for a retail cannabis store appears to conflict with R.I. Gen, Laws 21-28.11-17.1(b)(3). For your convenience and to supplement my comment below, I am attaching the applicable state law and the proposed Town Ordinance.

Among other criteria, the Cannabis Commission **will approve** a retail license that complies with R.I. Gen, Laws 21-28.11-17.1(b)(3) that states "The property where the proposed cannabis establishment is to be located, at the time the license application is received by the commission, is not located within **five hundred feet (500')** of a **pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades one through twelve (12)**, unless a city or town adopts an ordinance or by-law that reduces the distance requirement (*emphasis added*);

The Town of Glocester cannot change the language set forth by the General Assembly nor can it increase the distance requirement. The Town's power is limited to adopting an ordinance that reduces the distance to under 500' feet. Unfortunately, the Town has proposed an ordinance that prohibits a special use permit to be issued to a proposed retail cannabis facility that is located within **500 feet from the nearest preexisting house of worship, school, public or private park, playground, youth center or licensed day-care center**. The Town's language exceeds its statutory authority by further limiting the location requirement set-forth the state law and would be considered null and void.

It is recommended that the ordinance be modified to be identical to the language in R.I. Gen, Laws 21-28.11-17.1(b)(3). Please confirm that you are able to provide this email submission to the Town Council as part of the public record in consideration with any other comments they may receive from the public at the hearing scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 7:30PM, to address the proposed Town Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis A. DeQuattro, Jr., Esq., CPA
(END OF MEMO)

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the consideration of Code of Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 350-VII Special Regulations, Section 58.1 Cannabis, Addition of: Cannabis Retail Sales, to June 1, 2023; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Chapter350 - Zoning Attachment #1- Table of Use Regulations
Addition of: Cannabis land use-by Special Use Permit in B2 Zone (Highway commercial) and I (Industrial) Zone- Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this hearing is for the proposed addition of Retail Use of Cannabis being added to the Zoning Table of Use Regulations:

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Discussion: J. Fecteau suggested that it makes sense to continue this item because there isn't an adopted ordinance. D. Iglizzi stated that unless anyone wants to speak. Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wanted to speak to please come to the microphone and state your name.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the consideration of amendments to Chapter 350 - Table of Use Regulations, for the addition of Cannabis, Retail Sales, to June 1, 2023; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

3. Chapter 154 Cannabis- Use in Public Places- Correction to C.(1)- Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this hearing is to consider amending Chapter 154 Cannabis - Use in Public Places

Councilor W. Worthy explained that the amendment proposed is to remove the word "consume" in Section C.1.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone would like to speak on to speak should state their name for the record when coming up to the microphone.

Discussion:

D. Iglizzi explained that this has nothing to do with retail sales but rather the correction has to do with public use. D. Iglizzi explained that the intent of the state law was not about consuming a gummy as that would be difficult to regulate.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone else would like to speak.

None

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to ADOPT the amendment to Chapter 154 Cannabis - Use in Public Places, further stated with the removal of the word "consume" in Section C.1; this

amendment shall be effective upon passage; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of May 4th & Special meeting of May 11th, 2023
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements - April 2023
- C. Interim Finance Director's Report - April 2023

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the Town Council minutes of May 4th and May 11th, 2023; NO Tax Assessor's Additions or Abatements for April 2023; and to ACCEPT the Interim Finance Director's Report for April 2023; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Boards and Commissions
 - 1. Appointments- Terms to run concurrent with the Town Council- Discussion and /or Action
 - a. Affordable Housing Advisory Board- two year term to expire 12/2024- Position #2, #3, #4, & #5

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has not received any additional recommendations. Councilor W. Worthy asked to table this item as he has not heard back from anyone he had contacted.

MOTION was made by to TABLE the appointments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. EDC-Position # 2- two year term to expire 12/2024

Councilor W. Worthy stated the Clerk has not received a recommendation at this time and if Council has a name from Talent Bank listing they can appoint or table.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the appointment to the EDC, Position #2; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Interim Finance Director

1. Differential Salary- Discussion and/or action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council made an appointment to this position but was to consider an amount to compensate that appointment.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere stated that J. Steere has been gracious enough to be the Interim Director and should be compensated and Council just needs to set an amount. Councilor S. Arnold stated it would be logical to take the difference between her salary and the range for the future finance director salary. Councilor S. Arnold stated that there is a 7 dollar and change hourly rate difference and that would work out to be about \$579.00 biweekly. Councilor W. Steere stated his agreement and added that there is a lot of responsibility with this position. Councilor S. Arnold stated that the position is a lot of work and is appreciated and necessary. Councilor J. Burlingame asked if anyone had discussed this with J. Steere and no one said they had. Councilor W. Worthy asked if there was money in the budget. Councilor w. Steere stated that there is money in the budget for that salaried position.

J. Fecteau stated that she spoke with the HR Director and he agreed with the concept described by Councilor S. Arnold because it was not a random number but one based on actual figures. J. Fecteau stated that the HR Director requested that this payment not be part of her salary; be paid bi weekly; and, and not be called a differential salary. Councilor S. Arnold stated that in his conversation with the HR Director, he did not want the amount to be reflected as an hourly number but rather as a stipend. J. Fecteau stated that stipend was the term the HR Director used when speaking to her. Councilor W. Steere asked how that would be handled in payroll.

P. Henry, resident, asked if Councilor W. Steere should recuse himself as J. Steere is his aunt. Councilor W. Steere stated that he was not going to vote on this matter . Councilor J. Burlingame also stated that he felt it should be a stipend.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to set a stipend for the Interim Finance Director at \$580.00 biweekly ; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

IX. New Business

A. Boards and Commissions

1. Resignations - Discussion and / or action

a. Gloucester Housing Authority- Position # 5- term to expire 6/30/2025

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Clerk has received the resignation of Judy Branch from the Gloucester Housing Authority.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to ACCEPT the resignation of Judy Branch, with thanks, from the Gloucester Housing Authority; Position #5, seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

b. Gloucester Land Trust- Position # 4 - term to expire 1/31/2025

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has received the resignation of Gene Cavaliere from the Land Trust.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to ACCEPT the resignation of Gene Cavaliere, with thanks, from Position #4, Land Trust, seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointment - Discussion and/or action

a. Gloucester Housing Authority- Position # 5- term to expire 6/30/2025

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has received a recommendation for the appointment of Sherri Bowker.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to APPOINT Sherri Bowker to Position #5, Gloucester Housing Authority, for a term to expire 6/30/2025; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

b. Gloucester Land Trust- Position # 4 - term to expire 1/31/2025

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair has recommended Steven St Pierre for the position on

Land Trust.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPOINT Steve St. Pierre to Position #4, Land Trust, for a term to expire 1/31/2025; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Gloucester Code of Ordinance - Proposed Amendments

1. First Reading- Discussion and/or Action

a. Proposed amendment to Section 350-55. Special Flood Hazard Areas and Flood Fringe Lands

Panel numbers on Prov. County Flood Maps for Gloucester parcels

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Town Planner has requested a first reading of a proposed Code of Ordinance amendment and has provided Council with the proposed text for consideration. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Planner can explain the proposal or Council can read the text proposed for a first reading.

Councilor W. Worthy read as follows:

350-55 B. Applicability

The Town elects to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-488, as amended). The National Flood Insurance Program, established in the aforesaid act, provides that areas of the Town having a special flood hazard be identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and that floodplain management measures be applied in such flood hazard areas. The requirements of this § 350-55 shall apply to any construction or other development which lies wholly or partly within an area of special flood hazard, as identified as Zone A, AE, AH, AO, A1-30, A99, V, V1-30, VE on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Hazard Boundary Map prepared by Federal Emergency Management Agency. dated March 2, 2009. Said Flood Map, including any amendments adopted after the date hereof, is hereby made part of this section. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the one-hundred-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Insurance Study booklet revised March 2, 2009. **The map panels of the Providence County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Gloucester are panel numbers 44007C0120H and 4007C0235H, dated March 2, 2009 and July 19, 2023.**
(End of ordinance chapter)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to DECLARE the 1st reading of the proposed amendment to Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Section 350-55. Special Flood Hazard and Flood Fringe Lands and **to SET a Public Hearing** for consideration of the proposed amendment for June

15, 2023; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Proposed amendment to Section 350-5. Definitions
To include definitions from VII. Special Regulations, Section 58.1
Cannabis, A. Retail Sales

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk will update all necessary codes when cannabis ordinances have been adopted and asked Council to please Remove From the TABLE at this time.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to REMOVE from the Table the 1st reading of the proposed amendment to Section 350-5. Definitions; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- C. Board of Contracts & Purchases
 - 1. Extension of Contracts - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. IFB #2016-02 Cleaning Services (Glocester Senior Center)
Ext. of Contract and Authorization of Signature

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

To The Honorable Town Council, 5/17/2023

I am requesting that we extend the contract with Simply Clean for the cleaning of the Center. Wendy-Lee does a wonderful job and many members frequently make mention as to how immaculate the Center is kept. They also haven't raised their rate in the last 5 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Melissa Bouvier

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to EXTEND IFB #2016-02 Cleaning Services (Glocester Senior Center) to "Simply Clean" for the terms of agreement stated in the award for IFB #2016-02 and AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign a contract extension to June 11, 2024; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. IFB #2001-10 Diesel and Gasoline -
Ext. of Contract and Authorization of Signature

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

May 15, 2023

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Gary Trembl
Public Works Director

Re: IFB 2001-10

The existing bid IFB 2001-10 for gas and diesel from Reichert and Sons expires on May 31, 2023. Reichert and Sons Fuel Oil Co., Inc. has agreed to extend the bid, with pricing, terms and conditions remaining the same until May 31, 2024. (See attached bid extension agreement). I am requesting that the IFB 2001-10 extension be approved

Thank you,
Gary Trembl, Public Works Director
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to EXTEND IFB #2001-10 for gas and diesel from Reichert and Sons for the terms of agreement stated in the award for IFB #2001-10 and AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign a contract extension to May 31, 2024; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion
Councilor W. Worthy stated there is no correspondence.

Councilor S. Arnold stated that he received a phone call from someone who suggested a turn lane be added in the area of Inland Marine. Councilor S. Arnold stated that he knows it is a state road and that he just wanted to bring it to Council's attention.

Councilor W. Steere stated that Tuesday is the vote for the budget and he is advocating for the

budget to pass. Councilor W. Steere stated that it is important for the town to keep moving forward. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that many people worked hard to bring forward this responsible budget.

XI. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Department Heads have anything to bring forward.

1. R. Shields, Recreation Director, summarized the plans for the Memorial Day Parade including advertising, notice to fire departments, invitations to Councilors, and that the Ponaganset Middle School and High School bands would both be performing. R. Shields also stated that the busing was all set and confirmed that the parade started at 10:30 AM.

Councilor S. Arnold asked the status of filling the summer job positions. R. Shields stated that he has been working successfully on filling the summer positions. R. Shields stated that 12 people applied to be lifeguards which included the returning lifeguards as well as some new individuals. R. Shields added that the approved increase in pay was , in his opinion, an incentive. R. Shields stated that parking lot attendant positions still needed to be filled.

2. Chief Delprete stated that the department is continuing to work on accreditation; that the body camera program has been launched with five officers wearing the bodycams; and, that the bodycam policy is on the website.

Councilor W. Steere asked Chief Delprete about problems in town. Chief Delprete stated it has been quiet.

R. Shields stated that litter is a significant problem at GMP. R. Shields stated that it is the problem caused by kids not being responsible and not the responsibility of the DPW.

XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Board members had anything to bring forward.

1. P. Henry stated she was before the Council at the bequest of Pat Dubois, Gloucester Schools Superintendent, because she was the liaison to the Council. P. Henry stated that P. Dubois was requesting a meeting with Councilor S. Arnold and Councilor J. Burlingame to make them aware of the functions and responsibilities that the Finance office does for the school. Councilors S. Arnold and J. Burlingame stated they would be happy to meet. Councilor J. Burlingame stated he would contact P. Dubois.

XIII. Open Forum

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to speak on all other subjects and if so to please state their name for the record when called to the microphone.

1. J. Lowell, resident, asked for an update regarding the Smithfield Peat in West Gloucester. Councilor W. Steere stated he didn't believe there were any new issues and that K. Johnson

has been out of the office on medical leave. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Smithfield Peat is not moving to Gloucester but a relative who is starting a new business. Councilor W. Worthy stated he is waiting for K. Johnson to return to meet. Councilor W. Steere stated there is a cease and desist order and asked if J. Lowell had seen anything new. J. Lowell confirmed that she has not seen anything new going on. J. Lowell asked how long she had to wait before anything was done. Councilor W. Worthy stated that she needed to wait till K. Johnson returns.

2. L. Niedel-Gresh, resident, stated that she had submitted a letter of intent to be on the Affordable Housing Advisory Board. L. Niedel-Gresh confirmed to Councilor W. Worthy that she would like to sit on the Board. Councilor W. Worthy stated the matter would be on the June 1st agenda.

L. Niedel-Gresh stated that Joe Sarle Road is in poor condition and gave her opinion that she considers it to be dangerous. Councilor W. Worthy asked G. Treml, DPW Director, if Joe Sarle Road was on the paving list. G. Treml stated it was not but that potholes could be filled.

3. M. Furia, resident Pineledge Road, asked the Council when the issue would be before them. Attorney Igliazzi stated that the matter is before the Council tonight in executive session and should be made public at the next meeting. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Council needs to look at the legal aspect of the issue, decide what needs to be decided and then make it public at the next meeting on June 1st.
4. B. Mandeville, resident Pineledge Road, stated his concern of whether a rescue would go down the road as it is considered unsafe. B. Mandeville stated his concern stems from the fact that his wife will be coming home from the hospital. Councilor W. Steere asked how and why it was deemed unsafe. B. Mandeville was not sure. Councilor W. Steere stated that the road was dangerous for the DPW during the plowing season.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there have been several situations on that road. Councilor W. Worthy stated that several of the sitting Councilors voted to have the road paved. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the legal issue needs to be discussed.

XIV. MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Seek 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 regarding proposed Agreement: Between the Town of Gloucester & RI Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322, of the Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, Effective: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025 Town of Gloucester Clerks
- B. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)2 Potential Litigation - Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation

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

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere TO Reconvene Open Session - Disclose zero (0) votes were taken in Executive Session & to Seal the Minutes of closed executive session; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

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. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action regarding the ratification of Agreement between the Town of Glocester & RI Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322, of the Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, Effective: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, Town of Glocester Clerks - Discussion and/or Action
MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to RATIFY the Agreement between the Town of Glocester & RI Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322 of the Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, Town of Glocester Clerks; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
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MOTION PASSED

XVII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 9:30 p.m.; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED