At a meeting of the Town Council held in and for the Town of Glocester on January 5, 2023

I. Call to Order
The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 P.M. by W. Worthy, Town Council President.

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

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliozzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; Gary Treml, Director Public Works; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Ken Johnson, Building/Zoning Official; John Luszcz, Human Services Director; Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance
All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items
Councilor Worthy asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on agenda items, only, at this time. Councilor Worthy asked, if so, when called on please step to the podium and state your name for the record.

None

V. Resolution
A. #2023-01 Land Acquisition
Councilor Worthy stated that the previous Council worked on obtaining property in town, using ARPA funds, that all believed was a good purchase for the town overall. Councilor Worthy stated that the property is in a central village location and is adjacent to one of our recreation areas. Councilor Worthy stated that due diligence was done by conducting the typical testing of the property and a title search. Councilor Worthy stated that our Solicitor has requested the following resolution to serve as our notice to the public of the purchase of this specific piece of property which he read as follows:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER

WHEREAS; the Town of Glocester, is a Rhode Island municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS; on July 27, 2022, the Town of Glocester entered into a purchase and sale agreement ("Agreement") by and between RENE D. PIGEON and PATRICIA E. MANN with a mailing address of 1465 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814 ("Seller") and the Town of Glocester, a Rhode Island Municipal Corporation ("Buyer") with a mailing address 1145 Putnam Pike, P.O. Box B, Chepachet, RI 02814; and

WHEREAS; the Agreement provided that the Seller agrees to SELL AND CONVEY, and the Buyer agrees to BUY that certain lot or parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements

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thereon, located at 1272 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814, assessor's plat 10A lot 47, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto ("Property"), and

WHEREAS; the Buyer has appropriated Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 ($360,000.00) for the purchase of this Property from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP A) funds distributed to the Town of Glocester,

WHEREAS; the Agreement further provided that in consideration of the executed Deed, the Buyer will pay to the Sellers the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 ($360,000.00) payable as follows: $360,000.00 due and payable at closing by cash, certified check, and/or bank check, and

WHEREAS; the Agreement was subject to several contingencies that have been satisfied.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Glocester Town Council hereby approves the purchase of that certain lot or parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, located at 1272 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814, assessor's plat 10A lot 47, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto, and in consideration of the executed Deed, the Town will pay to the Sellers the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 ($360,000.00) from the ARPA funds payable at closing by cash, certified check, and/or bank check.

The undersigned the duly elected Town Council of the Town of Glocester have hereunto set their hands and caused this resolution to be adopted.

This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Passed by the Town Council this date: January 5, 2023

Jean Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to form: David V. Igliozzi, Town Solicitor

Glocester Town Council

William A. Worthy, Jr., Town Council President
Stephen W. Arnold, Town Council Vice President
Jonathan E. Burlingame, Town Council Member
Cheryl A. Greathouse, Town Council Member
Walter M.O. Steere, III, Town Council Member

Seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse, W. Steere, S. Arnold, W. Worthy
VI. Citation
   A. Years of Service Recognition
Councilor Worthy stated that Council would like to recognize an employee that is retiring tomorrow, Jeanne Carcieri. Jeanne has diligently served the town for over ten years. Councilor Worthy stated that Council has a citation for Ms. Carcieri which he read as follows:

State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester

Jeanne Carcieri

Given with deep gratitude and appreciation for your years of service to our Town as you retire.

You have served the Town of Glocester with your experience, integrity, patience, and kind spirit to all.

We appreciate your commitment and acknowledge your service to our community.

The Town Council wholeheartedly represents all your fellow employees and our residents when we say "Thank You" and we wish you much enjoyment and new adventures in your retirement.

Councilor William A. Worthy, President
Councilor Stephen W. Arnold, Vice-Pres.
Councilor Jonathan E. Burlingame
Councilor Cheryl A. Greathouse
Councilor Walter M. O. Steere, III

Adopted this 5th day of January, 2023

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 December 15, 2022
      MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of December 15, 2022; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

      Discussion: None

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

      MOTION PASSED

VIII. Unfinished Business
   A. Personnel
      1. Senior Center
         a. Appointment - On-Call Back up Director - Discussion and/or Action
            Councilor Worthy stated that Council tabled this item last meeting until the Senior Center Director was present to answer questions.

            Discussion: Councilor Arnold stated he is prepared to make a motion after consulting with the Solicitor and HR Director.

            MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to post the appointment for an on-call Senior Center Director both internally and, for the current volunteers, for 7 business days with posting to begin on Monday; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

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

            MOTION PASSED

      2. Tax Assessor’s Clerk – Authorization to change job classification back to date of hire - Discussion and/or Action
         Councilor Worthy stated that after discussion as to whether to change the classification of the Tax Assessor’s Clerk effective back to date of hire, Council tabled this item until input could be received from the acting HR Director.

         Discussion: Councilor Arnold stated he would make a motion.

         MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to REMOVE from the TABLE Item VIII, A. 2 Tax Assessor’s Clerk - Authorization to change job classification; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

         Discussion: None

         VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse, W. Steere, S. Arnold, W. Worthy
B. 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
Police Department Civilian Employees - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated this item needs to be tabled.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the ratification of the Agreement between the Town of Glocester and the RI Laborers’ District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322, Police Department Civilian Employees to January 19, 2023; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

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

IX. New Business
A. Boards and Commissions
   1. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action
      a. Planning Board
         1. Position #6 - One unexpired term to expire 3/31/2023
      Councilor Worthy stated that Council has received the resignation of Lionel Delos from the Planning Board.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Lionel Delos from the Planning Board, Position 6; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

b. Recreation Commission
   1. Position #4 - One term expired 12/31/2024
   Councilor Worthy stated that Council has received the resignation of Crystal Charbonneau from the Recreation Commission.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Crystal Charbonneau from the Recreation Commission, Position #4; seconded by Councilor W. Steere.

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. Planning Board  
      1. Position #6 - One unexpired term to expire 3/31/2023  
Councillor Worthy stated that the Chair has no recommendation at this time, and is asking Council to table this item.  

MOTION was made by Councillor W. Steere to TABLE the appointment to the Planning Board, Position #6; seconded by Councillor J. Burlingame  

Discussion: None  

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

b. Recreation Commission  
   1. Position #4 - One term to expire 12/31/2024  
Councillor Worthy stated that the Chair of the Recreation Commission has no recommendation at this time.  

MOTION was made by Councillor S. Arnold to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #4, seconded by Councillor J. Burlingame  

Discussion: None  

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

3. Zoning Board of Review - Discussion and/or Action  
   a. Alternate #1 - One term to expire 1/2024  
Councillor Worthy stated that this item is for the expired term of Frank Anderson. Councillor Worthy stated that the Chair has indicated that Mr. Anderson wishes to be reappointed.  

MOTION was made by Councillor S. Arnold to REAPPOINT Frank Anderson to the Zoning Board of Review, Alternate #1, for a term to expire 1/2024; seconded by Councillor W. Steere  

Discussion: None  

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

b. Alternate #2 - One term to expire 1/2024
Councilor Worthy stated that this item is for the expired term of Chris Clark. Councilor Worthy stated that the Chair has indicated that Mr. Clark wishes to be reappointed.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to REAPPOINT Chris Clark to the Zoning Board of Review, Alternate #2, for a term to expire 1/2024; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

B. DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS: Terms Concurrent with Town Council - Discussion and/or action
Councilor Worthy stated that this item is for the appointment of department heads for terms to run concurrent with the Town Council’s term.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to TABLE the appointments for the Mechanical Inspector and the Deputy Tree Warden; 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 APPOINT
1. Chief of Police (Joseph DelPrete)
2. Director of Finance (Adam Muccino)
3. Director of Public Works (Gary Treml)
4. Tax Collector (Jane Steere)
5. Deputy Town Treasurer (Jane Steere)
6. Zoning Official (Ken Johnson)
7. Building Inspector (Ken Johnson)
8. Deputy Town Clerk (Christine Mathieu)
9. Town Planner (Karen Scott)
10. Town Solicitor (David Igliozi)
11. Assistant Town Solicitor (William Bernstein)
12. Electrical Inspector (James Clarke)
13. Plumbing Inspector (Gary Coyne)
14. To TABLE the appointment of a Mechanical Inspector
15. Animal Control Officer/Appraiser of Dog Damage (Jennifer
Grundy)
16. Asst. Animal Control Officer - (Victoria Kramer)
17. Director of Emergency Management (Gerry Mosca)
18. Probate Judge (Jane Gurzenda)
19. Recreation Director (Robert Shields)
20. To TABLE the appointment of a Deputy Tree Warden
21. Sealer of Weights & Measures (Robert Salley)
22. Honorary Town Historian (Edna Kent)
23. Senior Center Director (Melissa Bouvier)

seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: Councilor Worthy stated his thanks for their service.

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

C. Annual Appointments - 2023
1. Tree Warden - Discussion and/or action
Councillor Worthy stated that this position is required by DEM each year. Councilor Worthy stated that the current Tree Warden, Sandra Shepard, wishes to be reappointed. Councilor Worthy stated that the Clerk’s Office has a copy of her 2023 Standard Arborist License for 2023.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to REAPPOINT Sandra Shepard to the position of Glocester Tree Warden for 2023; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked K. Johnson, Building Official, if there had been any complaints regarding the tree warden. K. Johnson stated his office has not received any complaints.

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

D. Town Council Liaisons for Boards, Comm. & Depts.- Discussion and/or Action
Councillor Worthy stated that Council has in their packet a list of departments and boards and their current liaisons.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to Appoint Town Council Liaisons as follows:

1. Affordable Housing Advisory Board - Councillor W. Worthy
2. Building/Zoning Office (to include Zoning Board)- Councillor W. Worthy
3. Conservation Commission - Councillor W. Steere
4. Finance (to include Budget Board ) - Councillor S. Arnold
E. Board & Commission Appointments - Terms concurrent with Town Council, to expire 1/2025 - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this item is for the appointment of members to Boards and Commission whose terms run concurrent with the Town Council:

1. Board of Contracts & Purchases
   Two (2) regular members
   (Board also consists one 1 Ad-hoc member - no action)

Councilor Worthy stated that this Board is made up of the Town Clerk, Finance Director, and a Department Head that did not initiate the bid.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPOINT Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk and Adam Muccino, Finance Director to the Board of Contracts & Purchases for a term to expire 1/2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse, W. Steere, S. Arnold, W. Worthy
      NAYS-0
MOTION PASSED
2. Recreation Commission

Five (5) regular members

Councilor Worthy stated that this appointment is for the expired terms of four of the current five members, one has submitted a resignation prior to this meeting, Crystal Charbonneau, Position #4. Councilor Worthy stated that unless Council has an appointment for position #4, that appointment will be on the next agenda.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to REAPPOINT Andrew Dunn, Position #1; Jamie LaRose to Position #2, Thomas Lemos to Position #3 and Kaleena Roch to Position #5; of the Recreation Commission for two year terms to expire 1/2025; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

3. Safety Commission

Seven (7) regular members
Three (3) At Large Members

Councilor Worthy stated that the membership of this committee is outlined in the charge of the committee. Councilor Worthy stated that there was one member at large vacancy, that of Darlene Shields, and that the Chief has recommended Steven St. Pierre for this vacancy.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to APPOINT Joseph DelPrete, Police Chief; Gerry Mosca, Emergency Management Director; Gary Treml, Public Works Director; Chief Richard Waterman, Harmony Fire Chief; Chief Dennis Huestis, Chepachet Fire Chief; Chief Christopher Labutti, West Glocester Fire Chief; Jacqueline Young-Dussault, School Bus Coordinator & Members at Large: Earl Newman, Joseph Desrosiers II, Steven St. Pierre for terms to expire 1/2025; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

4. Scituate Watershed Commission

Two (2) regular members

Councilor Worthy stated that this Board was created to include the Town Planner & a representative from the Conservation Commission as members.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to REAPPOINT Karen Scott and Roy Najekci to the
Scituate Watershed Commission for a term to expire 1/2025; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

5. Affordable Housing Advisory Board
   Five (5) regular members
Councillor Worthy stated that this Board has not met in some time. Councillor Worthy stated that the
Clerks’ Office can reach out to the planner and determine when they will be moving forward. Councillor Worthy stated that once we know we can then determine if the two remaining members are still interested in being members.

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

Discussion: None

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

6. Economic Development Board
   Seven (7) regular members
   Two (2) ad-hoc non voting members
Councillor Worthy stated that two members do not wish to be reappointed to Position #3 and Position
#6. Councillor Worthy stated that the Chair has no recommendations, so unless Council has recommendations those positions can be tabled to next meeting.

MOTION was made by Councillor S. Arnold to REAPPOINT Bernadette MacArthur to Position
#1; Jarrod Winsor to Position #2; Elyza Bertuzzi to Position #4; Kevin Lavoie to Position #5;
Ashley Sarje to Position #7; Dennis Cipriano to Ad Hoc Position #1; and Daniel Lawton to Ad Hoc
Position #2 on the Economic Development Commission for two year terms to expire 1/2025 and to TABLE the appointments to Position #3 and Position #6; seconded by Councillor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse, W. Steere, S. Arnold, W. Worthy
      NAYS-0
MOTION PASSED
F. Town Council email addresses - Discussion and/or Action
Councilor Burlingame stated he would like to have a specific glcesterri.org email address for use as a council member. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated she had spoken with IT Director who said the cost to the town would be about $960.00 per year to add five council members and that each would need to have a smartphone because of authentication procedures as to ensure safety. J. Fecteau reminded Council that anything on email is public record and Councilors need to be aware as to the open meetings requirements and accessibility. Councilor W. Worthy asked if this item is in the budget. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated this is item is not in the budget and suggested pro-rating for this year and maybe the funds could come from the Town Council Contingency Account. and J. Fecteau confirmed that there are enough funds in the Town Council Contingency Account. Councilor S. Arnold stated his concerns as to representing only yourself in a conversation and not the entire Council. Councilor W. Steere added his concern about Councilors being very careful in wording any answers. D. Igliozzi, Town Solicitor, recommended the item for the next agenda and to include the amount.

No action taken by Council

X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion
1. J. Fecteau stated that Council has correspondence from the Auditor General regarding the approval of the audit extension.

2. Councilor S. Arnold stated that the litter issue will continue to be addressed. Councilor Arnold stated that residents can reach out to Councilors with any issues as they are available and to speak on the record especially as to any rumors.

3. Councilor W. Steere stated his request to recognize two individuals (W. Steere II who served 20 plus years on the School Committee and W. Reichert who served 22 plus years on Planning Board and Town Council combined) at the next town council meeting.

XI. Department Head Reports/Discussion
1. J. Luszcz, Human Services Director, stated the success of both Thanksgiving and Christmas as to donations received and given out to residents. J. Luszcz thanked all who helped. Councilor W. Steere stated that townspeople are very generous.

XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion
1. Ashley Sarji, EDC, introduced B. MacArthur as the new chair of EDC and thanked the Council for all its help.

XIII. Open Forum
Councilor Worthy asked if anyone wished to speak, to state your name at the podium when called upon.

1. Patricia Henry, resident, stated she would like to see several items on a future agenda: status report as to FM Global, dam update for Hawkins Pond, and questioned that Dept.
Heads do not share what they are working on under Department Head Reports/Discussion.

2. Paula Bissell, resident, stated she was representing the newly formed pickle ball committee in their request for additional fields for the sport. P. Bissell gave a history and overview of the sport and its potential for growth.

3. J. Colaluca, resident, thanked the Council for the CodeREd message regarding the securing of litter in all vehicles and again stated her opinion that litter continues to be a problem that needs to be addressed.

XIV. 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) Any discussions, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

After Executive Session, Councilor Worthy asked for those waiting to be let back into the room.

XV. MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Reconvene Open Session, Disclose zero (0) votes were taken in Executive Session and to Seal the Minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

XVI. Collective Bargaining
A. Agreement Between Town of Glocester & the International Brotherhood of Police Officer 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2025, Ratified December 19, 2022

1. Corrections to printed text - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Worthy stated that the Chief determined that there were some text errors in the ratified contract. Councilor Worthy stated that we have an agreement signed by the union and to be signed by the Town Council President that clearly defines the corrections. Councilor Worthy stated that these items were agreed upon before the contract was ratified and that the corrections will be an addendum to the contract.
MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the “Amendments to the IBPO Contract - 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2025, Ratified 12/19/2022”, said amendments to be affixed to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for that time period between the Town of Glocester and the IBPO, Glocester Police Union; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

XVII. Adjourn
MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to ADJOURN at 10:25 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