

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on September 5, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 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 Iglizzi, Town Solicitor ( arrived at 7:15 P.M.); Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk;

Present at 7:30 Gary Treml, DPW Director; Chief Joseph Delprete; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director ; John Luszcz, Director Human Services ; Bob Shields, Recreation Director (arrived at 7:45 P.M.)

III. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

- A. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons –
  - 1. Job Interview - (applicant notified) - Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council needs a motion to convene to Closed Executive Session

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)(1) Sessions pertaining to discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons –

- 1. Job Interview - (applicant notified) - Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council

seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to Call the Roll

Councilor Greathouse- - Aye

Councilor Steere- Aye

Councilor Burlingame- Aye

Councilor Arnold- Aye

Councilor Worthy-Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7:30 P.M. Public Session**

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

Councilor W. Worthy stated Council now needs a motion to reconvene open session.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to Reconvene Open Session - Disclose zero (0) votes were taken in Executive Session & to Seal the minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to Call the Roll

Councilor Greathouse- - Aye  
Councilor Steere- Aye  
Councilor Burlingame- Aye  
Councilor Arnold- Aye  
Councilor Worthy-Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

- V. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor W. Worthy asked all to please stand and join us in the Pledge.

- VI. Town Council Citation & Police Department Commendation - Life Saving Recognition

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chief is here to present a very special Commendation to one of his officers.

Discussion:

Chief Delprete stated that Officer P. Creamer went above and beyond in a very difficult situation in saving a woman's life by applying a tourniquet. Chief Delprete stated that Officer Creamer is humble, hard working and does a great job for our town in keeping the residents safe. Chief Delprete presented Officer Creamer with a citation and a pin that he can wear on his uniform.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Town Council has a citation to present to Officer Creamer, which he read as follows:

**CITATION of COMMENDATION**

to

Police Officer Patrick Creamer

Given in Honor of your extraordinary efforts to rescue a young woman in

physical distress. With no regard for yourself, you quickly jumped into action and applied a life saving tourniquet.

Your bravery and heroism saved a life.

The Town Council wholeheartedly represents all Gloucester residents when we sincerely thank you for your quick actions, your expertise, and your dedication to your profession and we are proud to call you one of Gloucester's finest.

Councilor William A. Worthy, Jr. President    Jean M Fecteau, CMC , Town Clerk  
Councilor Stephen W. Arnold, Vice-Pres  
Councilor Walter M.O. Steere, III,  
Councilor Cheryl Greathouse  
Councilor Jonathan Burlingame

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: Councilors stated their thanks to Patrolman Creamer and his family.

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

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

None

VIII. Public Hearing - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Proposed Comprehensive Community Plan Amendment                      Applicant/Owner:  
DBH West Gloucester, LLC,  
Proposing an amendment to the existing to the Future Land Use Map  
Changing the designation of Plat 4, Lots 50 & 221 from Agricultural/Residential  
(>3 acres) to Commercial

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the attorney representing the applicant originally asked this public hearing be continued, so if the attorney or the applicant is present to please step forward and state if that is still your intention to ask for a continuance.

None

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the Proposed Comprehensive Community Plan Amendment by Applicant/Owner: DBH West Gloucester, LLC, to the Town Council Meeting of October 3, 2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

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

Discussion:

Councilor W. Steere stated, to let people know who were present for this hearing tonight, that this matter was tabled by the Planning Board as they were not ready and Council wouldn't act without their opinion.

D. Igliazzi , Town Solicitor, stated that anyone present could speak tonight and that the applicant will make a full presentation at the meeting on October 3, 2024 at which anyone could also speak. D. Igliazzi stated that the Planning Board will hear the matter on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the Council cannot act until the Planning Board makes a recommendation.

B. Proposed Zoning Map Amendment

Owner and Applicant: DBH West Gloucester, LLC

Location: Putnam Pike, AP 4 lots 50 and 221

Request for a zone change from A-4 Agricultural Residential to B-2 Highway Commercial

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment by Applicant/Owner: DBH West Gloucester, LLC, to the Town Council Meeting of October 3, 2024 ; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

IX. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of August 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Emergency Meeting of August 7, 2024 & Regular meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup>,  
2024

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of August 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting; August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Emergency Meeting; & August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular meeting; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

X. Unfinished Business

A. Boards & Commissions

1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Parade Committee

1. Alternate #2, Alternate #3, Position #4, Position # 5

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk is asking this item be tabled to a later meeting, not removed from the table, so that we can continue to try to get these positions filled.

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame asked if any one was applying for these positions. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the Chair is going to try and set up a booth at some of the town events this fall. J. Fecteau stated she is recommending the matter be tabled as opposed to removed because her fear is that the matter may get lost and then the Chair will be in the same position in the spring. Councilor J. Burlingame asked if there was anyone on the talent list. J. Fecteau stated that there are some names on the talent list that could be brought forward.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointments to the Parade Committee to December 5, 2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

XI. New Business

A. Boards & Commissions

1. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action

a. Housing Authority - Position #2, 5 year term to exp. 6/30/2028

Councilor w. Worthy stated that this item is to accept the resignation of Tom Marfeo.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to ACCEPT the resignation of Tom Marfeo from the Housing Authority, Position #2; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere thanked T. Marfeo for his service.

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action

a. Housing Authority - Position #2, 5 year term to exp. 6/30/2028

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Board is recommending Mark Sherman to the Board. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has a talent bank application that was forwarded to Council.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPOINT Mark Sherman to the Housing Authority, Position # 2, for a five-year term to end 6/30/2028; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

b. Juvenile Hearing Board -

1. Position #1 & #2, 3 year terms to exp.9/30/2027

Councilor W. Worthy stated that these appointments are for the expired terms of Kevin Kitson and John Lawrence. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair is recommending they both be reappointed.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to REAPPOINT to the Juvenile Hearing Board: Kevin Kitson to Position #1 and John Lawrence to Position #2 for 3 year terms to expire 9/30/2027; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Alt. Position, 1 year term to exp. 9/30/2025

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this appointment is for the expired term of Alternate member, Stephanie Salisbury and the Chair is recommending reappointment.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to REAPPOINT Stephanie Salisbury to the Juvenile Hearing Board, Alternate Position for a 1 year term to expire 9/30/2025; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Personnel

1. Building/Zoning Department- Discussion and/or Action

a. Amend current Building/Zoning Officials benefit package

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the current Gloucester Building/Zoning Official has negotiated with Council to change the terms of his employment with the Town. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Dennis Begin will continue as Building/Zoning Official at a reduced annual salary of \$48,000 plus \$40 per inspection with no benefits.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Building/Zoning Official will continue to be responsible for:

1. All plan reviews and issue all building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical permits.
2. Sign off on all finals after all inspections have been made.
3. Conduct all commercial inspections as required, after hrs. and scheduled with the associated contractor.
4. Act as the Zoning Officer for the town and conduct inspections as required in a timely manner.
5. The town would need to hire a part time Building inspector to conduct all residential inspections

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J.Burlingame to AMEND the employment benefit structure for Gloucester Building/Zoning Official, Dennis Begin. Said employee will receive an annual salary of \$ 48,000 as well as \$40 per inspection with no employee benefits (as outlined in the Personnel Handbook), Said position will continue to be responsible for all aspects of Building/Zoning Official position and will be an “as needed” Building Inspector for commercial home inspections; effective 9/1/2024; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

b. Appoint “as needed” Building Inspector & authorize “per inspection” rate

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Building/Zoning Official has recommended an Inspector for Council’s consideration. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council met with the individual and discussed the position of Building Inspector.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to Appoint Larry Desormier to the position of Building Inspector, to perform residential and commercial inspections as directed by the Building/Zoning Official at the rate of \$ 50 per inspection, on an as needed basis; effective September 6, 2024. Said position will be considered for necessary equipment (business use ipad ) to be provided and \$50 reimbursement for business use on a personal cellular phone per month . Said position serves at the pleasure of the Council and will be up for reappointment, as with other “as needed” Building/Zoning Office Inspectors in January of odd numbered years; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- C. Conservation Commission - Williams Mills Hunting 2024 Regulations- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Conservation Commission has oversight of the Williams Mills property and each year the Board forwards current hunting regulations to the Council for their approval. Councilor W. Worthy stated that once approved the Clerk's office will issue permission cards to hunters allowed.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPROVE the 2024 Williams Mills Hunting Rules & Regulations as submitted by the Conservation Commission; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- D. Town Property - Care/Maintenance & Funding
  - A.P. 14 Lot: 92 & surrounding Police Station property - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Chief J. Delprete described some of the issues on the property that need to be addressed Chief Delprete stated that he has spoken to the DPW Director and the DPW will help clean the lot. Chief Delprete stated that once the lot is cleaned then he will come up with a plan .

No Action Taken by Council

- E. Ratification by Town Council - Discussion and/or Action
  - 1. Contract - Between Town of Gloucester & Cintas Corp.  
For DPW Uniform/Senior Center floor mats Rental

Councilor W. Worthy stated that a contract was entered into by DPW with a new company for rental of DPW uniforms and floor mats for the Senior Center. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the company Cintas Corp. is on the state's Master Price Agreement listing which would cover compliance with purchasing policies. Councilor W. Worthy stated that per the Town Charter, only the Town Council can enter into agreements/contracts on behalf of the town so therefore, the contract must be ratified by the Town Council.

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy asked the cost of the contract for the three year period. G. Treml, Director of DPW, stated that the cost is less then the current company contract.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to RATIFY the contract between the Town of Glocester and Cintas Corp. for the rental of DPW uniforms and the rental of floor mats for the Glocester Senior Center; for a three year period, future renewals or contract amendments shall be approved by Town Council; ratification contingent upon Finance Director's approval of letter of award details from DPW; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. RI Grants Management System - Representative Authorization

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Gerry Mosca, EMA Director, has submitted an authorization form necessary, by August 29, 2024, to allow him to access Rhode Island's GMS system and submit grant applications on behalf of the Town of Glocester. Councilor W. Worthy stated that if Grants are received, they will come to Council for approval. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council now needs to ratify the authorization form.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to RATIFY the GMS System Authorization Form, of August 2024, on behalf of the Town of Glocester filed by Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

F. Authorization for Signature- Discussion and/or Action

1. Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program - Public Water Feasibility Study  
Extension of Grant Agreement

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

To: Town Council Members  
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner  
Date: August 30, 2024

RE: Request for Signature – Grant Agreement

The Town received a Municipal Infrastructure Grant from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for \$85,000 to conduct a Public Water Feasibility Study for Chepachet Village in September 2022. This study is currently underway with the assistance of Northeast Water Solutions. The request before Town Council is authorization to extend the grant agreement with the Infrastructure Bank. It expires on September 30, 2024. The extension will give the Town until December 31, 2024 to complete the project. According to the consultant, this is sufficient time to complete the project. There is no change to the scope of work or budget associated with the project. This grant required no cash contribution from the Town.

(End of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the extension of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant from the RI Infrastructure Bank for the Public Water Feasibility Study for Chepachet Village to December 31, 2024; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

G. Special Event Application - Discussion and/or Action

1. Hoot Owl Scramblers

a. Consideration of waiver of Public Hearing

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has received an application from Ken Law requesting a Special Event permit for an annual event, for an off road motorcycle event to be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> & October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Mr. Law stated on the application that the event, as proposed, is essentially the same as previous years, therefore, he is asking Council to waive a public hearing.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that per Chapter 175 of the Code of Ordinance, Council may waive the public hearing if an event is the same from year to year.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has not received complaints regarding this event.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to WAIVE a Public Hearing for the consideration of an application proposing the Hoot Owl Scrambler off road motorcycle event; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: Chief Delprete stated he would recommend that Mr. Law hire outside rescue personnel.

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

MOTION PASSED

b. Consideration of Special Event Application - if Hearing waived

Councilor W. Worthy stated that as the hearing was waived, Council can now consider the application

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by councilor S. Arnold to APPROVE the Special Event License, for Hoot Owl Scramblers 2024 (annual event) proposed for October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; said event is an off road motorcycle event to be held at 27 Barnes Way; with the following stipulations:

- 1) The race shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- 2) No alcoholic beverages of any kind shall be consumed or allowed on the premises.
- 3) No overnight camping shall be allowed on the premises other than primitive camping for race participants.
- 4) Anyone selling non-alcoholic beverages or food, that is not pre-packaged, on the premises shall obtain necessary licensing from the Town, with approval from the Rhode Island Department of Health when necessary.
- 5) Adequate portable comfort stations shall be available.
- 6) An ambulance or rescue vehicle, in addition to two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians, shall be available on the premises at the applicant's expense.
- 7) An area on the premises to accommodate the parking of all vehicles of visitors and participants, etc. shall be available, such as to avoid the parking of such vehicles on nearby roads.
- 8) At the Police Chiefs discretion, patrol officers may be assigned to the premises for the 2 day period, at the applicant's expense, to assist in traffic control, the maintenance of good order, and compliance with these conditions.
- 9) Adequate liability insurance coverage, at applicant's expense, of **at least** \$1,000,000 shall be provided with the Town of Glocester, its functionaries and all abutting property owners included as named insured. Such policies, or certification thereof, shall be submitted to the Town Solicitor for approval. The Town Solicitor may ask for an additional amount of liability insurance cover after review of the Interlocal Trust's recommendation at any time prior to the event.

- 10) The Town of Gloucester and its functionaries shall be included among those individuals and entities released in any release, waiver of liability and indemnity agreements secured by the applicants.
- 11) Applicant shall comply with applicable requirements and rules of the A.M.A., N.E.T.R.A.,and insurance carriers.

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

H. Gloucester Code of Ordinances

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for Proposed Amendment to Chapter 242 Streets and Sidewalks - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor w. Worthy stated that he received a memo from the Town Clerk which he read as follows:

To Council:

I have put together a few ideas for minor amendments with the help of the Deputy and the ACO. Please table until the next meeting for discussion on which route if any, Council wishes to go. I will put together a clear example of suggested ways to go, send it to you next week and Council can be prepared to discuss, then depending on your opinions we can formulate a first reading document, if needed.

Jean Fecteau, Clerk

Discussion: Councilor S. Arnold stated his opinion that enough time has been spent on this subject and that he does not feel a new ordinance or additions to an existing ordinance are necessary to address a one off situation. Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that he agreed with Councilor S. Arnold. Councilor W. Steere stated that there have never been problems before and does not feel the Council should legislate now. Councilor S. Arnold stated he hopes all can use common sense and just be courteous. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that he also is not in favor of additional ordinances.

MOTION to REMOVE from the TABLE the Gloucester Code of Ordinance, 1<sup>st</sup> reading for proposed amendment to Chapter 242 Streets and Sidewalks; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

XII. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had any legislative updates or suggestions.

None

XIII. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilor has correspondence or a discussion item.

1. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that he received a memo from the school as to concerns of the budget overruns especially as to the expense of out of district transportation. Councilor W. Steere stated that the school committee and the superintendent need to work on the budget and not ask the town for extra money.

2. Councilor S. Arnold stated he has had conversations with others about the new guardrails on Putnam Pike and stated he had safety concerns about them. Councilor S. Arnold stated that he contacted legislators and that the town had no say as to the guardrails.

XIV. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any department heads have anything to report or if any Councilors had any questions for department heads.

1. R. Shields, Recreation Director, asked for clarification as to the Scarecrow Festival regarding the Marketplace at the Pavilion .R. Shields stated this is a recreation event that takes place the same day as the festival. Councilor S. Arnold asked if anything is different this year . R. Shields stated there was nothing new. R. Shields stated that the Marketplace will be run the same as last year and that he had no concerns.

XV. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any boards or commissions have anything to report or if any Councilors have any questions for any board or commission members.

None

XVI. Open Forum

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone has anything to discuss on any other subject and if so, to please state your name when you come to the microphone.

1. Buster Steere, resident, stated his opinion that Chief Delprete was out of line and unprofessional in his remarks to Councilor C. Greathouse at the last meeting on the topic of the police referendum.
2. A. Mendes, resident, stated he wanted to clarify a statement from the last meeting regarding the impression that was made that Burrillville needed to respond as mutual aid to a rescue call. A. Mendes stated that was not an accurate statement as Harmony Fire Department responded to the call.

XVII. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

- A. 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, litigation or potential litigation:
  1. Potential Litigation - Opioid Litigation Update
  2. Collective Bargaining
- B. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons (employee notified)- Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to Seek to convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

- A. 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, litigation or potential litigation:
  1. Potential Litigation - Opioid Litigation Update
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- B. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Sessions pertaining to discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons (employee notified)- Discussion, considerations, vote or other actions by Town Council

seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to Call the Roll

Councilor Greathouse- - Aye  
Councilor Steere- Aye  
Councilor Burlingame- Aye  
Councilor Arnold- Aye  
Councilor Worthy-Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After Executive Session, all were invited back into the room

XVIII. 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 zero (0) votes were taken in Closed Session; and to SEAL the minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to Call the Roll

Councilor Greathouse- - Aye  
Councilor Steere- Aye  
Councilor Burlingame- Aye  
Councilor Arnold- Aye  
Councilor Worthy-Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

XIX. Authorization for Town Solicitor to retain legal assistance - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to AUTHORIZE the Town Solicitor to retain legal assistance, as needed, within the current Legal Budget; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

XX. Ratify Corrections to Collective Bargaining Agreement - I.B.P.O- Discussion and /or Action  
MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to RATIFY the corrections to the IBPO Contract -  
7/1/2022 to 6/30/2025 as follows: Corrections to the Vacation 1-4 Tier as follows:

- 01 Date of Hire up to 05 years 96 hours back to 104 hours**
- 06 to 10 years: 128 hours back to 136 hours**
- 11 to 15 years: 160 hours back to 168 hours**
- 16 to 20 years: 192 hours back to 200 hours**
- 20 plus years: 208 hours. This tier is accurate in the current contract.**

This would include adding up to two days' vacation  
time (16 hours) that was mistakenly omitted by the IBPO contractual agreement when  
signed in December of 2022; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

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

XXI. Adjourn  
MOTION was made by Councilor w. Steere to ADJOURN at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by  
Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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