

At a meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Glocester on August 21, 2025

I. Call to Order

Councilor W. Worthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Jonathan E. Burlingame; Stephanie L. Calise; Cheryl A. Greathouse; Walter M. O. Steere, III, Vice- President; William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Chief Joseph Delprete

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor W. Worthy asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor W. Worthy stated that if anyone wishes to speak on any issues to please step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

None

V. Public Hearings

A. Liquor License Transfers– Discussion and/or Action
(CLASS A LICENSES, CONTINUED FROM 8/7/2025)

1. FROM: Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson,
d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits
1116 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814
TO: Chepachet Liquor Inc., Ankit Patel,
d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits
1116 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing is to consider the transfer of one of two Class A liquor licenses in town and was advertised in the Providence Journal/Legal on July 22nd & July 29th, 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was OPENED on August 7th and CONTINUED to this evening.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk received a request from the applicant which he read as follows:

August 20, 2025

To: Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

From: Kevin J. Kitson

RE: Class A Liquor License Transfer

I respectfully request to have the public hearing for the transfer of my Class A Liquors License tabled from the scheduled hearing dated August 7, 2025, to the Town Council Hearing to be held on September 18, 2025.

Kevin J. Kitson

President, Christy's Liquors Inc

DBA: Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits

1116 Putnam Pike

Chepachet, Rhode Island

(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the transfer of a liquor license: FROM: Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike, TO: Chepachet Liquor Inc., Ankit Patel, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike, to September 18, 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

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2. FROM: Kitson's Liquors Inc., Lisa M. Kitson,
d/b/a Kitson's Liquors
677 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814

TO: Gloucester Liquor Inc., Sonalben Patel,
d/b/a Kitson's Liquors 677 Putnam Pike, Chepachet,
RI 02814

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing is to consider the transfer of one of two Class A liquor licenses in town and was advertised in the Providence Journal/Legal on July 22nd & July 29th, 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was OPENED on August 7th and CONTINUED to this evening.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk received a request from the applicant which he read as follows:

August 20, 2025

To: Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk
From: Lisa M. Kitson
RE: Class A Liquor License Transfer

I respectfully request to have the public hearing for the transfer of my Class A Liquors License tabled from the scheduled hearing dated August 7, 2025, to the Town Council Hearing to be held on September 18, 2025.

Lisa M. Kitson
President, Kitson's Liquors Inc
DBA: Kitson's Liquors
677 Putnam Pike
Chepachet, Rhode Island 02814
(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Calise to CONTINUE the Public Hearing for the transfer of a liquor license: FROM: Kitson's Liquors Inc., Lisa M. Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike, TO: Gloucester Liquor Inc., Sonalben Patel, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors 677 Putnam Pike, to September 18, 2025; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
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- B. New Victualling License- Discussion and/or Action
Applicant: Robin Angelo, LLC d/b/a Delfino's Kitchen and Corner Store
By: Carlo A. Delfino, III
Location: 365 Snake Hill Road, Gloucester, RI 02857

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this license application is for the property on the corner of Saw Mill and Snake Hill previously licensed as “Harmony Corner Store”.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze on July 31st, August 7th, and August 14th, 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak please state your name when called to the microphone.

Discussion: C. Delfino, applicant, stated that breakfast, lunch and prepared dinners would be offered as well as miscellaneous sundries like milk, eggs and bread etc. Councilor W. Worthy asked for the opening date. C. Delfino stated he is hoping to open the first or second week of September. Councilor J. Burlingame asked if deliveries would be made. C. Delfino stated that may be in the future plan for a variety of items.

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 J. Burlingame to GRANT a Victualling License to Applicant: Carlo A. Delfino, III, Corporate name: Robin Angelo, LLC d/b/a Delfino’s Kitchen and Corner Store, Location: 365 Snake Hill Road, Glocester, RI 02857 contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales and 7) payment of license fee; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid to November 30, 2025; seconded by; Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

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MOTION PASSED

VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of August 7, 2025
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements – July 2025
- C. Finance Director's Monthly Report – July 2025

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the Town Council minutes of August 7, 2025 to September 4 2025; to APPROVE the ABATEMENTS to the 2025 Tax Roll in the amount of \$3,658.73; and the ADDITIONS to the 2025 Tax Roll in the amount of \$9,763.71; and to ACCEPT the Finance Director's Monthly Report for July 2025; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
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MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Boards and Commissions - Discussion and/or Action
 - 1. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Parade Committee
 - 1. Alternate #2, Alternate #3

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there are no recommendations from the Chair.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Calise to TABLE the appointments, Alt. 2 & Alt. 3 to the Parade Committee to the Town Council meeting of September 4th, 2025, seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
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MOTION PASSED

- b. Gloucester 250th Commission
 - 1. Position #6 & # 7

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there are currently two names on the talent bank listing, Cassidy Greathouse and Al Aubin.

Discussion: J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that she just received the talent application for Marie Penta so there are three applicants for two available spots. J. Fecteau stated that one of the three applicants can go on the waiting list for future consideration if a vacancy occurs. J. Fecteau stated that she did let M. Penta know that there were already two applicants on the talent list before her. Councilor J.

Burlingame asked if there were ad hoc members. J. Fecteau stated that if the commission finds a lot to do then they may come before Council and ask for an amendment to the ordinance to add ad hoc members. J. Fecteau stated that anyone can come to a meeting but they just won't be able to vote.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPOINT Cassidy Greathouse to Position #6, Gloucester 250th Commission; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0
RECUSAL- Greathouse

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPOINT Albert Aubin to Position #7, Gloucester 250th Commission; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments -Board & Commission Appointments - Terms concurrent with Town Council, to expire 12/31/2026 - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Economic Development Commission
 1. One ad-hoc non-voting member #1
 2. One ad-hoc non-voting member #2
 2. One ad-hoc non-voting member #2

Councilor W. worthy stated that there are no recommendations from the Chair at this time.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointments of ad-hoc non-voting member #1 and ad-hoc non-voting member #2 on the Economic Development Commission to the Town Council meeting of September 4st, 2025; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
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MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A. Community Septic System Loan Program

1. Resident Request for Exception to Debt/Income Ratio Requirements Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk received another debt to income ratio exception request but she was notified from RIhousing, yesterday, that this application was denied because a term of the loan is “owner occupied” and this house was not owner occupied.

No action necessary.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to REMOVE Item VIII.A.I. Community Septic System Loan Program from the agenda; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
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MOTION PASSED

B. Personnel

1. Police Department

a. Appointment - Discussion and/or Action

1. Part time Dispatcher

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

TO: Honorable Town Council Members
From: Chief Joseph DelPrete
Date: August 14, 2024

Subject: Part-Time Dispatcher

Dear Council Members,

I would respectfully request to appoint Brett Bonner age 29, of Glocester, Rhode Island to a part-time dispatcher position. Candidate Bonner is currently employed with Allied Security and Brown University Health, and has some previous dispatcher training and experience.

Candidate Bonner will need further training in both Glocester Police and Fire Training at an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour. Once he successfully completes training he will be afforded a part-time hourly rate of \$24.50 per hour not to exceed

24 hours per week. There will be no fringe benefits with this position and will be effective Sunday August 24, 2025.

Mr. Bonner will fill the recent full/part time dispatcher resignation of Megan Anderson on July 6, 2025. This appointment is further contingent on Mr. Bonner successfully completing a police department background investigation.

There were 20 applications for this position.

Joseph DelPrete

Chief of Police

(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPOINT Brett Bonner to the position of part-time Dispatcher, Gloucester Police Department. Mr. Bonner will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$18 during training and once training completed salary will be at the hourly rate of \$24.50, not to exceed 24 hours per week. This position offers no benefits and will be effective August 24, 2025 contingent upon successful completion of a police department background investigation; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

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MOTION PASSED

C. Discussion and/ or action to search for a Full Time Building Official
MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the Discussion and/or action to search for a Full Time Building Official to September 4, 2025; seconded by Councilor S. Calise

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

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D. Local Blasting- Discussion and/or Action
Councilor W. Worthy stated that a resident made a complaint to the blasting company currently blasting at Vinagro's site.

The resident was present and stated the claim for damage was denied for the reason that the house is outside the 2000 foot blasting zone. G. King, resident, stated that

he believes he is within the blasting zone. Mr. King will keep the Council updated on his efforts.

No Action Taken by Council

IX. Legislative Updates - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had updates on legislation.

None

X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received:

1. a complaint from a resident regarding speeding on Route 44 (near Dunkin Donuts). The resident stated the speeding car drove by a parked police car, that did not respond.

2. an alleged complaint about reported activity at Hill's Tavern.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Councilors had any correspondence.

None

XI. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Department Heads had anything to report or if any Councilors had any questions for Department Heads.

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that her office received a license application for a new special event which, by Chapter 175 of the Code, requires a public hearing. J. Fecteau stated that if, there are no objections, she can begin advertising, notifying abutters and scheduling the public hearing for September 18, 2025.

J. Fecteau stated that Council has a lot coming up in the next few months including the proposed liquor license transfers on September 18, 2025; a zone change application in October from Coluch Organization; a zone amendment with a comp plan amendment from Factory Mutual in October; and, all license renewals in November.

J. Fecteau stated that the proposed zone change from Coluch Org. is to add an industrial use in the B-2 highway zone to be able to process sand, gravel and loam without being associated with an earth removal license. J. Fecteau stated that this would be a town wide zone amendment which would mean anyone in town in this B-2 zone would be allowed to process sand, gravel and loam without an earth removal license. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated his recommendation that a new license be created that would

require annual renewal.

XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Boards or Commissions had anything to report or if any Councilors had questions for any Board or Commission.

None

XIII Open Forum

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wishing to speak on any issues please step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

None

XIV. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 8:05 PM; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Calise, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

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