

At a meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Gloucester on November 20, 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. Westgate; 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; Gary Treml, DPW Director; 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. **EARTH REMOVAL – RENEWAL- Discussion and /or action**

1. Applicant: J.R. Vinagro Corporation

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

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this public hearing is for the renewal of an Earth Removal license. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the hearing was advertised and abutters notices were sent.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated for the record, the applicant indicates on his renewal application that there have been no changes to the plans originally submitted for Earth Removal activities.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak on this application please step to the microphone and state your name when called on.

Discussion:

1. T. Kane stated he represents J. R. Vinagro Corporation in this renewal license application. T. Kane stated that several representatives from J. R. Vinagro are present. T. Kane stated they are here to answer any questions and address any concerns.

2. G. Gabel stated that he is a resident, business owner and closest abutter to J. R. Vinagro. G. Gabel stated several complaints regarding the blasting being done by J. R. Vinagro. G. Gabel stated that he can live with the debris, dust and quality of air. G. Gabel stated his main complaint was the cracks that have appeared in his 20-year-old cement building over the last 2 years. G. Gabel described his frustration in dealing with the State Fire Marshall's office.

3. N. Rogler, Blackinton Drive, stated that when he bought his home about a year ago the inspections did show cracks in the foundation. N. Rogler stated his opinion that the cracks in the foundation have doubled. N. Rogler stated his concern as to what will happen to his home if the blasting continues, therefore, he is not in favor of the renewal.

4. A. Earhart, Putnam Pike, stated her complaints regarding the issues which have arisen in her 200-300 year-old home. A. Earhart stated that there was nothing wrong structurally with the house when she moved in 11 years ago. A. Earhart stated a description of the issues that have appeared in her home since blasting started with cracks in the stone hearth, a crack down the middle of the kitchen island, separation between the wall and the sink as well as her home has shifted. A. Earhart stated her opinion that the blasts were greater than the earthquakes she experienced when she lived in California.

5. N. Rogler stated that another concern is the hours that J. R. Vinagro is working. N. Rogler stated that the company is working after 5 pm on weekdays and also on Saturday and Sunday.

6. D. Robidoux, stated he would like their engineers to address his concerns about his well.

7. J. Rogler, Tourtellot Hill Road, stated he can hear work being done after 5 pm and experienced a blast this summer that shook his house. J. Rogler stated his opinion that what J. R. Vinagro is doing is very disruptive to the community.

8. N. Berthiaume and M. DiStefano, Spring Grove Rd., stated that she does not always know when a blast occurs. N. Berthiaume stated her concerns with the well, her house, and the 7 am start on weekends.

9. Councilor W. Worthy asked J. R. Vinagro as to their normal times for crushing. S. Lombardi, Vinagro Corp, stated that the normal hours are Monday through Friday 7 :00 AM to 5:00 pm. S. Lombardi stated that Saturdays would be 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. S. Lombardi stated that the Saturdays have been about 15 during the year, but not every Saturday.

T. Kane asked S. Lombardi if the company's methodology for blasting has changed. S. Lombardi stated that the methods have changed over the last 3-4 months due to listening to people. S. Lombardi stated that the blasts have been smaller and less noticeable.

S. Landry, Vinagro Corp., described how the company has hired a subcontractor to do state of the art blasting for more money. S. Landry stated that the company is willing to do pre-blast surveys of people's properties and that any complaints need to be worked through the proper process. S. Landry stated that the company is willing to listen and be transparent. S. Landry stated that he can be reached anytime at 978-496-5764.

When all discussion is done:

Councilor W. Worthy Declared the Public Hearing Closed

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT the Earth Removal License, for Applicant: J. R. Vinagro Corporation, Earth Removal Location: AP 14, Lots 18, 19, & 20 for a two-year period ending November, 2027; applicant shall post a surety bond with the Town of Gloucester in the amount of \$20,000.00 and shall be responsible for all rules and regulations as described in Gloucester Code of Ordinance Chapter 166; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Westgate, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy  
NAYS-0  
MOTION PASSED

**B. LICENSE RENEWALS**

**1. VICTUALING LICENSE RENEWALS- Discussion and/or action**

- a. Aegean Pizza, 1195 Putnam Pike
- b. Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike
- c. Burrillville/Glocester Youth Soccer Assn., 1407 Putnam Pike, Concession Stand
- d. Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
- e. Chepachet Deli and Catering, 842 Putnam Pike
- f. Chepachet Farms, 226 Tourtellot Hill Road
- g. Delfino's Kitchen and Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Rd
- h. DePetrillo's Pizza & Bakery, 1153 Putnam Pike
- i. Dinos Park N Shop, 1020 Putnam Pike
- j. Dunkin Donuts, 1006 Putnam Pike
- k. Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike
- l. Glocester Country Club, 121 Wentworth Avenue
- m. Glocester Little League, 1011 Putnam Pike, Concession Stand
- n. Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike
- o. Knight Farm LLC, 1 Snake Hill Road
- p. Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
- q. Mr. Z's by The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike
- r. Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane
- s. Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike
- t. The Village Bean, 15 Money Hill Road
- u. Who Cut the Cheesecake, LLC, 1195 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze Observer on October 23rd, October 31<sup>st</sup>; and November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard for or against the renewal of any application please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy Declared the Public Hearing Closed

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Victualing License **to all applicants named above** 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; and 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only and are valid from December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

## **2. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS- Discussion and/or action**

### **a. CLASS A - RETAILER- Discussion and/or action**

1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike
2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 30<sup>th</sup>, & November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard for or against the renewal of any application please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy Declared the Public Hearing Closed

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class A - Retailer Liquor License to:

1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike

2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike contingent upon:

1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 5) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees; 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 7) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000. These licenses shall be for the interior of the premises only and are valid from December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

**b. CLASS B-V VICTUALER BEVERAGE LICENSE -  
Discussion and/or action**

1. Assados, Inc., Jorge Diogo, d/b/a Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike
2. Tri State Golf, LLC, Jonathan Hoenig, d/b/a Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
3. Agios, Inc., Panagiota Arsoniadis, d/b/a Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike
4. Prickly Pear, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
5. Tyo Ristaino Corp., Stephen & Robin Tyo & Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
6. Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC, Albert L. Hill, Sr., d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike
7. RAJNI, LLC, Balwinder Singh, d/b/a Mr. Z's By The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this public hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 30th & November 6th, 2025

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard for or against the renewal of any application please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy Declared the Public Hearing Closed

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT the Renewal of a Class B-V Victualer Beverage License to **all applicants named above**, contingent upon:

1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; these licenses shall be for the **interior of the premise only with the exception of: Assados, Inc.**, Jorge Diogo, Ryan Diogo, d/b/a Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike

**Prickly Pear, Inc.**, William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13

**Tyo Ristaino, Corp.**, Stephen & Robin Tyo & Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cadys Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike

**Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC**, Albert L. Hill, Sr., d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike

**Stipulations of any outdoor consumption, service, and/or sales remain as previously granted;**

these licenses are valid from December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

**c. CLASS BT-TAVERN- Discussion and/or action**

1. PZ Restaurant Group, LLC, Phillip Zahlany, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 30th, & November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard for or against the renewal of any application please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None

Councilor W. Worthy Declared the Public Hearing Closed

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class BT-Tavern License to: PZ Restaurant Group, LLC, Phillip Zahlany d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

### **3. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE RENEWALS - Discussion and/or action**

- a. Assados, Inc., d/b/a Assados Kitchen & Bar, 102 Putnam Pike
- b. Prickly Pear, Inc., d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
- c. Tyo Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady's Tavern 2168 Putnam Pike
- d. Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC, d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike
- e. RAJNI, LLC, d/b/a Mr. Z's By The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard for or against the renewal of any application please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: None



Councilor W. Worthy Declared the Public Hearing Closed

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to GRANT the RENEWAL of an Entertainment License to **all applicants named above**: contingent upon 1) Payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; these licenses are valid from December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026 and are subject to the following stipulations:

1. That all entertainment be confined to the inside of the building except for those establishments in stipulation #5.
2. That all windows on the premises are kept closed, but not permanently, when there is amplified entertainment and that doors are only opened for normal ingress and egress from the premises.
3. That all live indoor entertainment cease at 1:00 a.m.
4. When there is live entertainment, the Town Council, at its discretion, may assign a supplemental police officer or officers at such time and in such a place as the Town Council deems appropriate and the license holder shall reimburse the Town of Glocester for the expense of such police officer(s):
5. Establishments with current outdoor service areas, for alcohol, may have non-amplified acoustical music and non-amplified vocals, ceasing at 9:00 p.m.  
This use shall be rescinded upon determination by the licensing board with no further public hearing.
6. Any other reasonable conditions and restrictions as the Town Council may require;

seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

**4. SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES- Requests for 2026 Outdoor Special Events – Discussion and/or Action**

- a. Robin Tyo, Tyo Ristaino Corp d/b/a Cady's Tavern  
Location: 2168 Putnam Pike, Glocester, RI  
Request for 2026 Outdoor Special Events

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant is requesting the following special events:

- 8 Vehicle shows (Car, Truck, Bikes)
- 12 Outside Acoustic
- 14 Fundraisers, including motorcycle runs

1 fundraiser for Lake Washington Association with outside band

(35 events)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard for or against this application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated that last year the applicant was approved for 43 events and 7 licenses were issued for 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to Grant Special Events for 2026 to Cady's Tavern, location of business: 2168 Putnam Pike:

- 8 Vehicle shows (Car, Truck, Bikes)
- 12 Outside Acoustic
- 14 Fundraisers, including motorcycle runs
- 1 fundraiser for Lake Washington Association with outside band

for a total of 35 Special Events, individually licensed, between April and November 2026 with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Outdoor amplified music is allowed two times per month for a total not to exceed twelve of the granted events on non-consecutive weekends and non-consecutive days, limited between 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

9. Any use outside that consists of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted

Seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

b. Albert Hill Sr., Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill

Location: 417 Putnam Pike, Glocester, RI

Request for 2026 Outdoor Special Events

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant is requesting the following special events:

12	Outside music events
8	Car shows
6	Motorcycle runs
6	Fundraisers

From May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>s</sup> for a total of 32 events

Councilor W. Worthy stated that applicant states that a person will be at each gate and door, parking will be in front and side of the building and there will be inside and outside sanitary facilities.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard for or against this application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated that last year applicant was approved for 32 events, and 12 licenses were issued in 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to Grant Special Events for 2026 to Albert Hill Sr., Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, Location: 417 Putnam Pike,

- 12 Outside music events
- 8 Car shows
- 6 Motorcycle runs
- 6 Fundraisers

for a total of 32 Special Events, individually licensed, between April and November 2026, with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Outdoor amplified music is allowed two times per month for a total not to exceed twelve of the granted events on non-consecutive weekends and non-consecutive days, limited between 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.
9. Any use outside that consists of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted

Seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Westgate, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy  
NAYS-0  
MOTION PASSED

- c. David Wright d/b/a Mulberry Vineyards  
Location: 95 Pound Road, Glocester, RI  
Request for 2026 Outdoor Special Events

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant is requesting the following special events:

- 12 live music events
- 5 Festivals
- 10 Farmers Markets
- 8 Weddings

35 Events

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Applicant also asks for the following: *Live music events will take place on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons from May to Oct. and may be included with other events such as Farmers Markets. One live music request is until 9 p.m. Farmers markets may take place on Saturday and/or Sunday to December. Weddings may take place on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Applicant states: *Winery staff will assist with medical, parking, and facilities in the event of a situation.*

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to be heard for or against this application to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record when called to speak.

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that applicant was approved for 24 events, and that 12 licenses were issued 2025.

1. D. Wright, applicant, stated that he could not have all the events approved for last year as he was limited to every other weekend. D. Wright stated that he understands that if he had a farmer's market and live music that it would require two licenses. D. Wright stated that he recognizes that live music can only be on non-consecutive weekends.

Councilor W. Steere questioned Mr. Wright wanted to have farmers markets with live music. Mr. Wright stated they would like to include music at some of the music events and asked if he could use two event licenses at the same time. The Clerk asked the Council to clarify for Mr. Wright the "no music on consecutive weekends". Council agreed there should not be music two weekends in a row. Mr. Wright acknowledged. Councilor Burlingame stated they could not have a farmers market with live music this weekend and live music next weekend.

Councilor Burlingame stated that if there are any events containing live music the next weekend there won't be live music.

Councilor Steere asked about the music till 9 pm. D. Wright stated that he would like to offer live music, perhaps a jazz night or a country night, to 9 pm for adults.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that D. Wright is asking for 8 weddings when Council has denied all weddings in the past. Councilor Worthy stated he feels as though Mr. Wright has made a conscious effort to tone down the music and would be agreeable to granting 1 wedding to see if it works. D. Wright stated that weddings are a challenge but people have asked for them.

2. D. Colantonio, Pound Road, stated his opinion that there are a lot of issues and that calling the police with complaints is futile. D. Colantonio stated the police have stated their hands are tied. D. Colantonio stated that he wants quality of life and enjoyment of living in a small town. D. Colantonio stated his opinion that he does not want our lives to be disrupted by a few.

Mr. Colantonio stated he has DBR records regarding violations for Mulberry Vineyard and distributed to Council. Mr. Colantonio reiterated his previous remarks regarding the lack of grapes being grown at the vineyard.

D. Colantonio stated he is asking the Council to not grant the license because in his opinion it is enabling poor behavior.

3. K. Lavoie, Pound Road, stated that the noise has been better but there were two specific times that he called the police. K. Lavoie stated his opinion that he is not in favor of weddings or night time music. K. Lavoie stated that his opinion to grant what they were given last year.

4. R. Rogers, Country Meadow Lane, stated that there were no night time events and he is not in favor of any night time events. Mr. Rogers stated Pound Road is too narrow and would be dangerous at night. R. Rogers stated his opinion that some events were fine and others were too loud.

5. E. Gendron, Pound Road, stated his opinion that there be no weddings because it opens the door for the future and no night time events. E. Gendron stated that sometimes he can hear the music.

6. D. Wright, read from Planning Board minutes (unknown date).

D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the Planning Board gives an advisory opinion to the Zoning Board. D. Igliazzi stated that D. Wright received permission from the Zoning Board for farming and vineyard by a special use permit as the zone does not

allow this business by right. D. Igliazzi stated that Council is the authority to consider the special event license.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to Grant Special Events for 2026 to David Wright d/b/a Mulberry Vineyards, Location: 95 Pound Road:

11 live music events  
5 Festivals  
8 Farmers Markets  
0 Weddings

for a total of 24 Special Events, individually licensed, between April and November 2026, with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Pound Road.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Outdoor amplified music is allowed two times per month for a total not to exceed twelve of the granted events on non-consecutive weekends and non-consecutive days, limited between 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M.
9. Any use outside that consists of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted

Seconded: None made

Discussion: D. Wright stated he would like to have a Farmers Market in December

Councilor J. Burlingame WITHDREW his MOTION

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to Grant Special Events for 2026 to David Wright d/b/a Mulberry Vineyards, Location: 95 Pound Road:

11 live music events  
5 Festivals

for a total of 24 Special Events, individually licensed, between April and November 2026, with one farmers market in December, with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Pound Road.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Outdoor amplified music is allowed two times per month for a total not to exceed 11 of the granted events on non-consecutive weekends and non-consecutive days, limited between 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M.
9. Any use outside that consists of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of November 6, 2025
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements – October 2026
- C. Finance Director's Report – October 2026

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of November 6, 2025; to **APPROVE** the Tax Assessor's ADDITIONS to the 2025 Tax Roll in the amount of \$387.29; ABATEMENTS to the 2025 Tax Roll in the amount of \$1,147.93; ABATEMENTS to the 2023 Tax Roll in the amount of \$183.83; ABATEMENTS to the 2022 Tax Roll in the amount of \$156.96; ABATEMENTS to the 2014 Tax Roll in the amount of \$195.86; and to **ACCEPT** the Finance Director's monthly report for October 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate



Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

#### VII. Unfinished Business

A. Consent of Appeal (including expenditure) – Rhode Island Superior Court C.A.

No. PC 2019-10870 Evergreen Lawsuit - Discussion and/or Action

D. Iglioizzi stated he spoke with the atty. representing the group of cities and towns. Mr. Iglioizzi stated the atty. did not have the dollar amount for the town to stay into the litigation for the purpose of an appeal.

D. Iglioizzi stated the Council can continue until they have the dollar amount.

MOTION was made by Councilor Burlingame to TABLE the Consent of Appeal to December 4, 2025; seconded by Councilor Steere.

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

#### VIII. New Business

A Personnel

1. Reclassification and Salary adjustment– DPW- Existing Driver/Laborer B to Driver/Laborer A - Discussion and/or Action

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

November 17, 2025

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Gary Treml

Director of Public Works

Re: Driver/Laborer Salary Differential

With the recent termination of a Driver Laborer with a Class A Commercial Driver's License it leaves the department 1 available opening. Per the NAGE Union Contract we can have a limit of 4 employees with the Class A license. I am requesting Oliver

Perry, recently hired as a Driver/Laborer who holds a Class A license be moved from a Driver Laborer B to the Driver Laborer A position at the hourly rate of \$29.67 per the NAGE Union Contract effective November 24, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Treml, DPW Director

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to change Driver/Laborer B employee Oliver Perry to a Driver/Laborer A employee and adjust the hourly rate to \$29.67 effective November 24, 2025; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Charter Review 2026 Commission

1. Appointments – 9 Members - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a talent bank listing.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council can appoint nine members to the 2026 Charter Review Commission

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the talent bank names are as follows:

Kathy Lamontagne

Jacqueline Muollo

George Kain III

David R. Laplante

Christine Mathieu

Renee T. Kettelle

Roy Anderton

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked if there was a prohibition for having three town employees appointed to the commission. D. Igliazzi stated that he does not have the answer but that there normally is not a prohibition. D. Igliazzi recommended making the motion subject to no prohibition under the Charter.

J. Fecteau asked if it would be okay to call a meeting so long as there is no prohibition. D. Igliazzi stated yes.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPOINT:

1) Kathy Lamontagne

2) Jacqueline Muollo

- 3) George Kain, III
- 4) David R. LaPlante
- 5) Christine Mathieu
- 6) Renee T. Kettelle
- 7) Roy Anderton
- 8) None
- 9) None

to the Charter Review 2026 Commission subject to no prohibition to have town employees as members under the Charter; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

C. Ratification – Learn365RI- Municipal Learning Project, Round #4  
Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the grant application for Round #4 of the Learn365RI Municipal Learning project was due for submittal to RIDE by November 7<sup>th</sup>. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Town Council President signed the completed application to be submitted by Supt. Palazzo. Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council can now ratify the signing of the grant application.

MOTION was made by Councilor Westgate to RATIFY the Town Council President's signature on the grant application: Learn365RI- Municipal Learning Project, Round #4; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

D. Authorization for Signature – Cooperative Agreements for Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Grant Recipients – Addendum 1 –  
Discussion and/or Action

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

To: Town Council Members  
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner

Date: November 18, 2025  
Re: Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Program

The Town established the Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Program, which will provide direct grant funds for septic system improvements in the Village (through SNEP and EPA grant funds).

In September, Town Council authorized the Town Council President to sign Cooperative Agreements with property owners for grant funds to upgrade septic systems. After sharing those cooperative agreements with property owners, septic designers and septic installers, it was brought to our attention that the insurance requirements were exceptionally onerous, particularly for smaller local operations.

Together with Town Solicitor David Igliozi and our hired consultant, Pare Corporation, we worked with the Rhode Island Interlocal Trust to craft requirements that would be attainable for designers and installers while still protecting the Town.

I am requesting authorization for the Town Council President to sign Addendum 1 to the Cooperative Agreements with all grant recipients participating in the Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Program.

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Addendum 1 to the Chepachet Village Septic Improvement Program Cooperative Agreements; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

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 has received correspondence from RI DOT regarding speed study on Steere Farm Road.

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. Councilor W. Steere thanked J. Fecteau , Town Clerk and Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk, for the Veterans Day Ceremony. Councilor W. Steere stated that the event was well attended.

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

1. W. Steere, Resident, stated a complaint about the chatter strip near Adelaide Road as being overly noisy but does admit he recognizes it is for safety. W. Steere stated his opinion that this type of strip on the road is needed more in West Glocester where there have been accidents. W. Steere stated his opinion to remove the strip near Adelaide Road if and when the road gets re paved.

2. C. Baris, Reynolds Road, stated a concern that fire trucks are using the water from the pond near her home and its possible contaminants of PFAS that have recently come to light.

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

A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:

1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, etc.;
  - a. Two Personnel Sessions (Employees notified)
2. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to potential litigation:

- a. Negotiations for successor union contracts (Police & Dispatcher Unions)
- b. Rhode Island Superior Court C.A. No. PC 2019-10870-Evergreen Litigation
- c. Potential Litigation

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

A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:

- 1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, etc.;
  - a. Two Personnel Sessions (Employees notified)
- 2. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to potential litigation:
  - a. Negotiations for successor union contracts (Police & Dispatcher Unions)
  - b. Rhode Island Superior Court C.A. No. PC 2019-10870-Evergreen Litigation
  - c. Potential Litigation

seconded by Councilor S. Greathouse

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Councilor Burlingame- Aye  
 Councilor Westgate- Aye  
 Councilor Greathouse- Aye  
 Councilor Steere- Aye  
 Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

All were asked to leave the room and could return once executive session is over.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After Executive session all were invited back into the room.

XV. Reconvene Open Session, Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration to Seal the Minutes of Closed Executive Session – Discussion and/or Action

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 J. Burlingame

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Councilor Burlingame- Aye  
Councilor Westgate- Aye  
Councilor Greathouse- Aye  
Councilor Steere- Aye  
Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

XVI. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 12:03 AM; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED