At a meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Glocester on July 16, 2026

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 C. Westgate; Cheryl A. Greathouse; Walter M. O. Steere, III, Vice- President; William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliozzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Gary Treml, DPW Director; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Capt. J. Jenison; Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director; Robert Shields, Recreation Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor W. Worthy asked all to please 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 Hearing- Discussion and/or Action

A. **(This Public Hearing was heard and then continued from 5/07/2026, 6/04/2026 & 6/18/2026)**
Chapter 350 Zoning. Article IV. Section 22.A. Planned Districts
Owner: WS Enterprises, LLC
Applicant: Welcome Pastures
Assessor Plat 18, Lot 10

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this matter is to consider an amendment to the existing P.U.D. to permit applicant, Welcome Pastures, a nonprofit, to have private events such as weddings, family gatherings, retreats, and corporate events for fundraising. Councilor W. Worthy stated that per the applicant, the revenue generated will directly support the care, rehabilitation and long-term well-being of retired Thoroughbred horses.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that we will now continue with the Public Hearing:

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone would like to speak to state your name when you come up the microphone.

1. K. Neri, 64 Cody Drive stated his thanks and appreciation to the Council. K. Neri stated he wanted to clarify that at the last meeting he was speaking of matters that might happen and his comment seemed to have been interpreted as being too hypothetical. K. Neri stated he wanted Councilors to realize that his point was to make the Councilors think about all the things that could happen and to remember that this area is the one in town being affected if this matter is approved. K. Neri stated his concern that if approved the events may escalate.

2. S. Bridges, 399 Snake Hill Road, asked about the numbers in the barn, tent and house as stated in the application. J. Bevilacqua, attorney for applicant, stated that the barn had been eliminated in the first public hearing.
S. Bridges stated her opinion that the number of attendees would double to 200 based on her assumption that there would always be two people in the number of allowed cars on the application. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the maximum number of cars is 100 but the number of people in each car cannot be assumed.
S. Bridges stated a history of the development of the planned unit district. S. Bridges stated the goal was to maintain a park like setting, protect wildlife habitat and preserve the natural beauty. S. Bridges is asking Council to remember that this land has a history of intentional stewardship.
S. Bridges stated that her concerns are access to the property and traffic control. S. Bridges asked the Council to consider using 459 Snake Hill Road for the routine traffic of the event and to use 401 Snake Hill Road for emergency access. S. Bridges stated her opinion for this request as being the least impact to residences.

Councilor W. Steere state his opinion that 459 Snake Hill Road is narrow and does not allow for two- way traffic.
Capt. J. Jenison stated that the driveway at 459 Snake Hill Road measured 11.5 feet in width which is not made for two- way traffic.

3. Unidentified speaker asked for the police report. Capt. J. Jenison stated he had prepared a report which he read as follows upon request:

The review was considered in anticipated use of the property including expected attendees, vehicle volume, parking arrangements, access concerns and the potential impact on surrounding properties.

The estimated vehicle attendance using 459 was said to be 50 vehicles or fewer. The estimated vehicle attendance using 401 was proposed to be 50 vehicles or greater with the maximum anticipated parking to be 145 vehicles during peak periods.

Three separate areas were identified for potential parking and activity use: self parking and two separate valet locations. The findings of vehicle traffic and parking of the proposed activity may generate a significant increase in vehicle traffic to the area were based upon the anticipated number of vehicles. Adequate parking management and organization will be necessary to prevent congestion and unsafe vehicle movement and impacts on neighboring properties.

The required conditions of the parking area shall be clearly designated, vehicles shall not obstruct roadways, driveways or emergency access routes.

The driveway at 459 was measured at 11.5 feet wide which determines that two way traffic is not possible.

Parking attendants or responsible individuals shall be utilized as necessary to maintain orderly vehicle movement. Emergency access presents a concern due to the limited egress and ingress opportunities based on the property configuration. Roadway configurations provide a simple point of entry and exit utilizing both 401 and 459 for one way in and one way out traffic.
Required conditions for emergency vehicle access is that it shall remain available at all times, parking shall not block access lanes or restrict emergency response. And, any parking plan shall allow for immediate emergency access.

Property Use Restrictions:

The proposed activities shall remain consistent with the lawful use of the property. No overnight occupancy, camping or extended stays shall occur unless specifically authorized other than the one onsite building which is currently being used for an air b n b or temporary housing and should follow appropriate regulations governing occupancy for that dwelling.

The property shall not be used in a manner inconsistent with applicable town regulations. Any additional permits and approvals required by the town shall be obtained prior to that activity.

Noise Impact

The potential noise impact on the surrounding properties were considered as activities involving amplified sound and large gatherings or extended periods of noise all of which may negatively effect neighboring residents if not managed.
The required conditions are that reasonable sound mitigation measures shall be implemented; noise levels shall remain consistent with town ordinances; activities creating excessive, unreasonable or prolonged noise shall be subject to enforcement action.

Based upon the information reviewed the following recommendations are made:
establish a formal parking plan prior to each activity; maintain unobstructed emergency access routes; monitor vehicle movement, parking conditions during an event; establish reasonable personnel for addressing parking and access concerns; limit access noise impacts through reasonable operational controls; insure compliance with all town permits, ordinances and regulations.
(end of report)

4. B. Hodgkinson, 421 Snake Hill Road stated that after meeting with applicant, she feels he means well and is doing a good job and she would like him to have a chance with his non -profit.

5. N. Harris, 72 Harris Way, stated his opinion that using a sundown clause would be a good compromise because it would protect neighbors with concerns.
N. Harris stated that he would like Council to consider adding stipulations like non consecutive weekends and limiting the hours from 1-4 for amplified music to be added to the zoning amendment.

Councilor C. Greathouse stated that she walked the property extensively this week. Councilor C. Greathouse stated that the proposed tent is in the back not near anyone’s property and that there will be large sound mitigation panels proposed to be installed. Councilor C. Greathouse stated that the applicant is abiding by everything that has been asked so she is suggesting that people rethink all of the hypothetical situations that may take place. Councilor C. Greathouse stated her opinion that applicant just wants to earn some money to support these horses and should be given a chance.

N. Harris stated that he appreciates the mitigation efforts being put in by applicant but that Councilor C. Greathouse is wrong in her statement that the proposed location of the tent is not near anyone's property lines. N. Harris stated that the proposed tent is within 50 feet of his property line and is directly in his line of site.

6. Councilor S. Westgate asked if Council is able to do something like the sunset clause. D. Igliozzi, town solicitor, stated that the Council can impose a number of conditions on the zone change including a sunset clause. D. Igliozzi stated that a sunset clause has a definite end time and after that applicant would have to follow this same process again.
D. Igliozzi stated that Council can impose any conditions they want on the use because this is a Planned District and that Planned Districts are very unique zoning tools. D. Igliozzi stated that he prepared a list of conditions based on the concerns heard from the public at the public hearing for Council to consider if they choose.

J. Bevilacqua, attorney for M. DiPalma, applicant, stated that applicant has already agreed at the prior public hearings for events to be every other weekend between September through November; to the police report; to monitor noise; to use one way in and one way out for traffic; to provide security; to monitor parking and for any staff to use the 401 entrance.
Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated his opinion that sunset clauses have typically been used in government contracts. Attorney Bevilacqua stated that the applicant is making investments to satisfy the public's concerns. Attorney Bevilacqua stated that applicant will provide security, will communicate with police and fire as to each event including type and music. Attorney Bevilacqua stated that this is beyond what is done in many communities. Attorney Bevilacqua stated that if a sunset clause were approved then it would require his client to come back and start the process over after having spent money and made investments in the property.

Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that the environment will remain the same and that the applicant is trying to preserve the land by doing these proposed non- profit events.
Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that there are enough safeguards between police, fire and the licensing authority to maintain the kind of control that is necessary to provide what the public needs.

7. B. O'Donnell, 54 Cody Drive, stated his opinion that the proposed valet parking is within 10 feet of his property line and that the lights, noise and odors will be an issue. B. O'Donnell raised a safety concern of traffic and people riding horses if the entrance at 401 is used. B. O'Donnell stated a request for a Glocester police officer to be at

each event. B. O'Donnell stated his opinion that he is not in favor of this application and that if approved it will affect many people and not in a good way.

Councilor C. Greathouse asked applicant if the valet parking could be moved to a different location. M. DiPalma, applicant stated that it could. Attorney J. Bevilacqua stated that the parking plans were submitted to the police who reviewed them and that applicant will do what the police recommend.

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

None

Councilor W. Worthy Closed the Public Hearing.

Discussion:

Councilors reviewed the proposed conditions prepared by D. Igliozzi.

Attorney J. Bevilacqua asked for clarification as to whether or not applicant would need to apply for a special event license each time if there is a set number of events.

D. Igliozzi stated that applicant would need to apply for an annual special event license with a set number approved and that the applicant would then come in and apply for a special event license for each event.
J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, questioned if Chapter 175 Entertainment-Special Events would be more appropriate rather than Chapter 173 Entertainment Licenses as Chapter 175 is specific for special events and Chapter 173 is specific for entertainment. J. Fecteau stated that it needs to be clear whether applicant is going to be required to apply for a license one time per year before Council as other licensees do or if Council is going to require applicant to come before them for a license each time he wants to hold an event. J. Fecteau stated that each time a licensee under the annual special event license comes in for a special event that she sends the application to the police and fire. J. Fecteau sated that if there were any problems then that particular special event could denied. J. Fecteau stated her opinion that Council can do a lot to control any approval given but Council needs to be clear as to which type of license they wish to use. J. Fecteau stated that Chapter 175 has been used for one day events but the language in the Chapter does refer to multiple dates so it could be used in that way.

D. Igliozzi stated that if Council were to approve this application then Council is approving the use and not the event. D. Igliozzi stated that Council is allowed to impose conditions within the zone because it is a Planned District. D. Igliozzi stated that if approved, Council would be making the zone subject to conditions and one of those conditions can be an annual license.

D. Igliozzi stated that he included Chapter 173 because it talks about concerts and music while Chapter 175 talks about parades and fairs. D. Igliozzi stated that he is fine with either Chapter.

S. Harris, 32 Harris Way, stated her opinion that people applying for events may be excluded because only a set number were approved as a condition by Council.

Councilor J. Burlingame asked applicant the types of events that may be held in the house. M. DiPalma, applicant, stated weddings, birthday parties, retirement parties, etc. Councilor J. Burlingame stated a concern about restrictions on the house if the events are offered every weekend all year long. M. DiPalma stated that he is asking for all year to have flexibility in scheduling but he would be okay with capping the number at may be 20 but is agreeable to whatever Council decides.
D. Igliozzi stated again that Council can impose restrictions in zoning and make subject to licensing requirements.

P. Henry, resident, asked if a precedent would be set if Council were to grant this application. D.Igliozzi stated that anyone can ask for a zone change which is a legislative matter. D. Igliozzi stated that a precedent is a court matter.

S. Harris asked if the zone change would run with the land. D. Igliozzi stated that if approved, the zone change would run with the land.

J. Fecteau stated that typically, Chapter 173 has been used for indoor liquor establishments but in reading the ordinance, it does not say that it is solely for the interior so this chapter may be a better choice.

D. Igliozzi stated that the proposing a license requirement as a condition of zoning is unusual. D. Igliozzi stated that because this is a Planned District and there are so many issues like traffic, safety, noise which are normally driven by licensing, then a condition of code should include a license.

J. Fecteau stated that Chapter 173 uses an annual license and renewal process so it would not require applicant to go before Council each time for an event. D. Igliozzi stated that he feels Chapter 173 makes sense because a Planned District is an unusual zoning tool.

Councilor W. Steere stated that the Planning Board gave a negative recommendation and that he puts a lot of weight into their decision. Councilor W. Steere stated that he heard all of the testimony for and against from the public. Councilor W. Steere stated that this type of zoning is permanent. Councilor W. Steere stated that he is against the proposal and would only consider it if a sunset clause was used.

D. Igliozzi stated that if council is considering approving the application then he prepared three attachments as part of the motion in order to address three requirements. D. Igliozzi stated the three requirements to address are the Planning Board comments, the statutory conditions of compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and statute 45-24-30 .
D. Igliozzi stated that these requirements mean the Council would be required to review and make findings under 45-24-30, be required to review and make findings under the Comprehensive Plan, and, find consistencies with the Comprehensive Plan which would be overriding the Planning Board decision.

JOINT MOTION to AMEND the Glocester Pines P-District was made, seconded and voted on as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and merged thereto.

B. Home Rule Charter – Proposed Amendments – Discussion and/or Action
   1. Proposed Amendments from Charter Review Commission

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing Open:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that at this time, we will go through each of the 10 recommendations made by the Charter Review Commission. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the public will be allowed to speak to each recommendation. Councilor W. Worthy stated that later on, under New Business the Council will vote to decide which questions will go forward to the solicitor for legal review and ballot format. Councilor W. Worthy stated that questions must be submitted to the Secretary of State by August 5th.

Councilor W. Worthy read recommendation # 1 as follows:

Recommendation #1: Change C1 -2 Form of Government
(Replace the existing paragraph with this paragraph)
The form of Town Government provided by this Charter shall be the Town Council Manager form of government. Pursuant to its provisions and subject only to the

limitations imposed by the State Constitution and by this Charter, all powers of the Town, except those vested in and exercised by the Financial Town Referendum, shall be vested in an elected Town Council which shall enact local legislation and in an appointed Town Manager, who shall be responsible for the execution of the laws and the administration of the Town government under the direction of the Town Council.
(end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

1. P. Henry, resident, stated that as the Chair of the Charter Review Commission she wanted to formally acknowledge and thank the Commission members. P. Henry stated the commission members are: K. Lamontagne, G. Kain, C. Mathieu, R. Kettelle, R. Anderton, P. Henry, T. Wagner, J. Kitson, and C. Baris. P. Henry described the process the commission undertook in making their review of the Charter. Councilor W. Steere stated his appreciation for the hard work put in by the commission and thanked all.

1. B. Kelly, 94 Country Meadow Lane, stated he was a strong proponent of having a town manager.

2. D. Steere, stated that this is the third time that town manager has been put on as a charter recommendation. D. Steere stated that he feels it lacks details as to duties, compensation and that the town needs to consider what it can afford. D. Steere stated he is not saying it is not needed but more information is required to determine if the town can afford one. D. Steere stated a suggestion to have a finance director/town manager position.

3. P. Henry stated that she spoke with the solicitor before writing this recommendation. P. Henry stated that upon advice of solicitor this was purposely vague as the details could be added in section C13-12. P. Henry stated that the commission was well aware that this had been before the voters in the past.
Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that he sees the needs especially considering past councils did too by placing on the ballot.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 2 as follows:

Recommendation #2: Addition to Article XIII Other Offices and Commissions. Add C13-12.

The Town Council may appoint a Town Manager. The following points shall be applied to the position:

1. The position shall be appointed by the Town Council.
2. The position reports to the Town Council.
3. Compensation is fixed by the Town Council.
4. An employment contract will be given by the Town Council, with a term of 3 years, subject to such conditions and clauses negotiated by the Town Council and the Town Manager.
5. The position may be reappointed by The Town Council for a term of two (2) to five (5) years.
6. The contract shall stipulate that the Town Manager may only be removed for cause during the term of the contract.
7. The powers and duties of the Town Manager shall be set forth by the Town Council and be outlined in a detailed job description and provided in any employment contract approved by the Town Council.
8. Shall be the point of contact for all department heads, commissions, and boards, except where otherwise excluded by law; and may act as the liaison between any such department head, commission, and board to the Town Council as necessary.
9. Shall be open and transparent to the Town Council and the public that it serves.

Requirements of the Town Manager position:

1. Shall have a minimum of a Master's degree in public administration, business administration, or another related field from an accredited college or university and a minimum of two (2) years administrative experience in some facet of government.
2. Shall not be actively engaged in any employment, or business, or in the practice of any profession, or hold any public office other than the office of Town Manager of the Town of Glocester without prior Town Council approval
3. Shall be a resident of the State of Rhode Island.
4. Shall be a full-time position of the Town of Glocester and adheres to the workday schedule of the administrative town employees.

(end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

Councilor W. Steere stated his opinion that it may be too specific as he would not want any candidate precluded.

1. K. Lamontagne stated a suggestion that the position may be changed to part time and that maybe the specific job description details would be better in the handbook instead of the charter.

D. Igliozzi stated that these are not the actual ballot questions. D. Igliozzi stated Council will decide which recommendations they want and he will prepare in ballot form with an explanation. D. Igliozzi stated that Council will need to decide which type of the three types of town council-manager they want. D. Igliozzi stated a description of the three types.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 3 as follows:

Recommendation #3: Change C 1-6 Property.
(Replace the existing paragraph with this paragraph)
To insure transparency, any and all acquisitions of property from any source shall be fully disclosed to the electorate of the Town of Glocester as to the disposition of any monies used for the said acquisitions and the identity of the funding source or sources shall be identified and made public.
(end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

1. K. Lamontagne, stated that she brought this up in charter commission because it is her opinion that several properties in the past were purchased in executive session and people did not know about it till months later. K. Lamontagne stated her opinion that any acquisitions need to be brought to the town before any purchase is made.

Councilor W. Steere asked which properties. K. Lamontagne stated her opinion that the Simas property and the police station. Councilor W. Steere stated there can be different reasons but whenever money is needed to be devoted to purchasing property the voters vote on it. Councilor W. Steere stated that the ARPA funds were different. Councilor W. Steere stated that he feels this Council is transparent.

Councilor W. Steere stated there is a process that needs to be followed. K. Lamontagne stated her opinion that all should be done in open session. Councilor W. Steere stated that he would defer to legal counsel as to that decision.
K. Lamontagne stated her opinion it has seemed to happen 1 or 2 times in the past 15 years so people still whisper of it.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 4 as follows:

Recommendation #4: Add to C4-9 Powers and Duties
(Add #27) NEW
At the time of appointment, any appointed committee, board or commission member, Town Council member, and School Committee member will sign an agreement stating they have received, read, and agree to the rules and responsibilities outlined within the Town of Glocester's Home Rule Charter.
(end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

Councilor J. Burlingame stated he would add elected official to this list.

1. P. Henry stated her opinion that many elected officials and committee members are unaware of the Charter and the Comprehensive Plan.

2. D. Steere stated he is not sure of the purpose but it is hard enough to get volunteer board members. D. Steere stated that this may deter them and if they are interested enough they would read the Charter.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 5 as follows:

Recommendation #5: Add to C6-5 Powers and duties. Number three (3)
An annual performance review evaluation will be performed by the school committee before the renewal of the Superintendent's employment contract. Employment contract shall not exceed or be renewed for more than three (3) years, per R.I. State Law.
(end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

1. G. King, Blackinton Drive stated his opinion that this is a good provision.

2. D. Steere stated his opinion that this provision is covered by state law and is done by the school committee but feels there are no teeth even if placed in the Charter.

3. P. Henry stated the reasons the commission felt this was needed as a recommendation.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 6 as follows:

Recommendation #6: Change C6-9 Financial accounting.
The financial accounting of the local school shall be the responsibility of the local Superintendent and the School Committee.
Each year, the Superintendent shall, with guidance from the School Committee, prepare the budget following the parameters set forth by state and local law. The budget will then be submitted to the Budget Board within the same time schedule as all other Town Departments.
All other accounting responsibilities of the school department shall be performed by the Superintendent and the Superintendent's staff to include payroll, payment of expenditures, town, state and federal reporting, any other duties relating to financial accounting as needed.
All other Charter and State requirements regarding the expenditure of funds and/or the responsible management of the local school budget shall continue as stated in the Charter and state law.
(end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that there is a difference between financial accounting and managerial accounting. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that the school should be doing their own managerial accounting and the town would handle the financial accounting. Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that currently the town is doing both.

1. K. Lamontagne stated that she currently performs this job and stated her concerns that if the school takes over all of their own accounting then the town will have no control and no oversight at all as to how money is being spent.

2. D. Steere stated his opinion that this is a good amendment as it high time the town stopped doing the school's job. D. Steere stated his opinion that it is a conflict of interest for the town finance director to be doing the budgets for both the town and the school. D. Steere stated a suggestion to remove the school committee giving guidance to the superintendent in preparing the budget in the recommendation.

3. K. Lamontagne stated her opinion that if the town manager is approved then the town manager would be doing the budget.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 7 as follows:

Recommendation #7: Change C7-9 Board of Assessment Review
Number one (1) Membership.
There shall be a Board of Assessment Review to consist of five (5) members that are qualified electors of the Town appointed by the Town Council for a term of 3 years. (end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

1. P. Henry stated that the Tax Assessor requested this amendment.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 8 as follows:

Recommendation #8: C8-8
Change Capital· reserve fund from 2% to 4%, gradually increasing the increase by 1/2% over a period of 4 (4) years.
There shall be an annual addition to the amount appropriated by the Financial Town Referendum equivalent to 4% of the amount appropriated as an operating budget

approved at the meeting, as a. capital reserve. fund. This increase in Capital reserve from the current 2% to 4% will increase gradually by 1/2% over 4 years.
(end of proposal)

(Following Note not part of proposed text: Attached see estimated table provided by Town Finance Director).

Effects of Proposed Capital Set Aside Increases
Note: The proposed capital set aside amount is calculated by multiplying the expenses by the set aside percent.

The Finance Director calculated the estimated set aside amounts for each percent by multiplying the FY26 operational expense basis by that proposed percent.

Operating Basis of` Expenses FY26	Set Aside Proposed Percent Amount	Set Aside Estimated Amount
$32,803,965.00	(.02)	$656,079
$32,803,965.00	(.025)	$820,099
$32,803,965.00	(.03)	$984,119
$32,803,965.00	(.035)	$1,148,139
$32,803,965.00	(.04)	$1,312,159

Each 0.5 % increase raises the set aside amount by $164,020
The Finance Director did not have figures available for FY2027.

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

1. P. Henry stated that this would give the town a way to slowly increase the capital reserve fund over 4 years in order to meet the needs of the capital expense.

2. D. Steere stated that this is a good recommendation but feels it may be a too aggressive and suggested that the increase could be 1/4 % until reach 4 percent.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 9 as follows:

Recommendation #9: Add CB-9 Land Trust
The amount shall not exceed $100,000.00 (one hundred thousand) in any given year.
(end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

1. K. Lamontagne stated the yearly amounts paid to Land Trust since 2020 have ranged from $92,000 to $145,000 with an estimated amount for 2026 at about $160,000. K. Lamontagne stated her opinion that the amount could be capped at $100,00 and also not changing the percentage.

2. P. Henry stated that she met with W. Morin, Land Trust Chair, and talked about this matter. P. Henry stated the increased change in the conveyance tax amount. P. Henry stated that by putting a hard number in the charter helps to eliminate a bookkeeping and revenue stream issue in the budget. P. Henry stated that the effect of capping the amount of money to the Land Trust could free up money for other departments.

3. W. Morin, explained the math of the real estate conveyance tax and how it works to fund the Land Trust.

4. S. St. Pierre, Pine Orchard Road, gave a detailed statement explaining his opinion as to the purpose and responsibilities of a Land Trust Trustee as well as the Land Trust. S. St. Pierre described in detail the decisions made by the Land Trust since 2013 to save money in order to be able to grow their bank account to be able to fix the high hazard Hawkins Dam which may cost upwards of one million dollars.
S. St. Pierre stated that stated that they currently have grown their bank account to $600,000 by doing their own labor and limiting costs under their management plan.

S. St. Pierre stated that capping their sole source of funding will limit the ability to pay operational costs and would not allow the Land Trust to continue to save the money needed for the repairs to the dam. S. St. Pierre stated that if this amendment were to pass then it would be difficult to undue in the future. S. St. Pierre stated that the trustees have been fiscally responsible over the years.

5. W. Morin stated that the Land Trust has been saving for 13 years to fix the Hawkins Dam. W. Morin described in detail the plan to fix the dam. W. Morin stated that he is currently working to get the dam reclassified which will reduce the cost of repairs. W. Morin stated that a reduction in funding will be prohibitive in terms of

funding to fix the dam. W. Morin stated that the Land Trust currently has about $70,00 in operational costs.

W. Morin stated a request to not decrease the amount in funding because it is not the appropriate time. W. Morin stated that Land Trust needs to continue saving. W. Morin stated that he estimates that the dam may be fixed within the next five years especially if it gets reclassified. W. Morin is asking the Council to not support this amendment.

6. P. Henry stated her opinion that S. St. Pierre and W. Morin made good points and, in her opinion, it may not be the time to reduce the Land Trust money. P. Henry stated her opinion that Land Trust is an attribute to the town.

Councilor W. Worthy read Recommendation # 10 as follows:

Recommendation #10: Change C11-4 Emergency Management
Remove #5. Be a qualified elector of the town.
(end of proposal)

Councilor W. Worthy stated that anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment to step to the microphone and state your name when called to do so.

Discussion:

1. P. Henry stated that this suggestion came form the current EMA director.

2. G. Mosca, EMA Director stated that emergency management is now a specialized endeavor and he does not want to limit any future applicants by this requirement .
3. P. Henry stated that the commission surveyed 9 communities and they all do not require town residency.

Councilor W. Worthy CLOSED the Public Hearing.

VI. Consent Items- Discussion and/or Action
   A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of June 18, 2026; Special Meeting of June 22, 2026 & July 1, 2026
   B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements – June 2026
   C. Finance Director's Report – May 2026 & June 2026

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of June 18th, 2026; June 22nd, and July 1st, 2026; there are **no Additions or Abatements** to the 2025 Tax Roll; and to **ACCEPT** the Finance Director's report for May 2026 & June 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

VII. Unfinished Business- Discussion and/or Action
A. Boards and Commissions
1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action
a. Parade Committee

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone has a recommendation for appointments to Parade Committee, and if not Council can make a motion to TABLE.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the appointments to the Parade Committee, Position, #6, #7, Alt. #2, and Alt. #3; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

b. Glocester Land Trust
1. Position #1, One unexpired term to expire 1/31/2027

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair is recommending the appointment of Whitney Biafore, from the Talent Bank, to Position #1.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to APPOINT Whitney Biafore to the Land Trust, Position #1 for a term to expire 1/31/2027; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0
MOTION PASSED

c. Board of Canvassers - Discussion and/or Action
    1. Alternate #2, One unexpired term to expire 2/28/2030

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is no recommendation by the Chair at this time and asked if anyone has a recommendation for appointment or a motion to table.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the appointment to the Board of Canvassers, Alternate #2; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

d. Economic Development
    1. Ad Hoc Non-voting member, unexpired term to exp. 12/31/26

Councilor W. Worthy stated that there is no recommendation by the Chair at this time and asked if anyone has a recommendation for appointment or a motion to table.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the appointment to Economic Development; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

B. EDC – Request to authorize EDC to establish and administer a Facebook page - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has received a request from the Chair of EDC asking to remove the item regarding a Facebook Page at this time. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair has indicated when the Commission is ready they will submit a new request.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to REMOVE from the TABLE the EDC-Request to authorize EDC to establish and administer a Facebook page; seconded by Councilor s. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

VIII. New Business
A. 2026 Proposed Charter Amendments for General Election Ballot -
1. Set amendments to forward to Solicitor for formatting/legal review - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Councilors discussed suggested recommendations to include and ones not to include briefly.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to INCLUDE the following questions on the General Election ballot after legal review and formatting by the Town Solicitor for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026:

Recommendation #1: Change C1 -2 Form of Government (proposed Town Council Manager form of government)- with 3 options from the solicitor

Recommendation #2: Addition to Article XIII Other Offices and Commissions. (proposed appointment of Town Manager)

Recommendation #6: Change C6-9 Financial accounting. (school committees' financial responsibility)- with suggested options from the solicitor as to management and oversite

Recommendation #7: Change C7-9 Board of Assessment Review (additional members)

Recommendation #8: C8-8 Change Capital· reserve fund (Increase %)- Council to decide 1/4 % or 1/2 %

Recommendation #10: Change C11-4 Emergency Management (remove residency requirement)

If any items found to not meet legal review for inclusion, they may not be included in final resolution for ballot placement;

seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

B. Personnel
1. Resignation
a. Public Safety – Full Time Dispatcher- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk has received the resignation of Dispatcher Eric McLaughlin from the Glocester Police Department.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to ACCEPT the resignation of Eric McLaughlin from the position of Full time Dispatcher on the Glocester Police Department effective July 22nd, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

2. Request from Non-Union Employee – Reduction of hours - Discussion and/or Action

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

6/15/26
Dear Town Council
I am writing to respectfully propose a temporary reduction in my work hours to 30-32 hours per week. The reason for this request is that I would like to help care for my infant granddaughter while continuing to fulfill my responsibilities with the town.
I have recently taken on additional responsibilities and have continued to meet the

needs of the department and the town. I remain committed to maintaining a high level of service and productivity under this proposed arrangement.
In connection with this proposed temporary change, I would respectfully request that my health and dental benefits remain unchanged. I understand that the Council may have other ideas or arrangements that could meet both the town's needs and my own. I am happy to discuss alternative proposals and would welcome the opportunity to work together to find a mutually beneficial solution.
Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would be pleased to discuss it further at your convenience.
Sincerely
Lori A. Chirico
(end of request)

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received a recommendation from the acting HR Director which he read as follows:

Re: Lori Chirico's request for reduced hours. I do not advise Council to reduce the hours of a Finance Department employee appointed to fulltime position without a very strong, operationally based recommendation to do so from the Finance Director, particularly with the Director, who is the only other accountant in the department, resigning effective Friday. In addition, her request is to modify the Town's benefit policies so that she is essentially treated as a fulltime employee rather than a part-time employee. That seems like a poor practice to begin as other Town employees may prefer the same arrangement.
(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor C. Greathouse asked if L. Chirico had vacation time that she could use. L. Chirico stated that she has accrued 8 days of vacation but that is not enough time. Councilor S. Westgate asked the length of time she wanted to do this for. L. Chirico stated she would like to do this for about a year.

Councilor J. Burlingame asked if L. Chirico would consider working part time. L. Chirico stated that she would consider that but she is not sure the department could sustain that. L. Chirico stated that she currently works 37.5 hours a week and is asking for 30 hours per week because that would mean only one day less.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated his opinion that this is not good for doing as this is a full time position. Councilor W. Steere asked if there were any other alternatives.

Councilor W. Worthy asked how vacation time is accrued. L. Chirico stated vacation time accrues weekly. Councilor J. Burlingame asked how much vacation time she has for the year. L. Chirico stated she has 3 weeks vacation time.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated he is concerned about setting a precedent for other employees even though her position is non union.
Councilor J. Burlingame asked L. Chirico if she would consider working 4 longer days particularly as he stated she is not in a customer facing position. L. Chirico stated she would be agreeable to working longer days.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated that he would like to obtain the HR Director's opinion.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the Request from Non-Union Employee – Reduction of hours; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

3. Finance Department - Discussion and/or Action
 a. Process/Plan for filling vacancy of Finance Director

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the HR Director is looking for Council's wishes regarding the panel that will review applications as received and hold interviews with potential candidates. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the question of the number of applicants to be brought before Council for a second interview also needs to be answered.

Discussion:

Councilor W. Worthy suggested 5 applicants and Councilor J. Burlingame suggested 3 applicants to forward to Council for a second interview. Councilors discussed various individuals to be on the interview committee.

MOTION to AUTHORIZE the following interview panel to review applications for Finance Director: M. McNamara, Chair of the Budget Board; L. Chirico, Councilor J. Burlingame, Councilor S. Westgate and D. Zimmerman, HR Director with Councilor

C. Greathouse as an alternate and to request 3 applicants be referred to Council for a second interview; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

b. Authorization – Second Signatory for Town of Glocester

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council needs to address the issue of a second signatory for the Deputy Treasurer with the Finance Director's resignation. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the last time we were in this situation Christine Mathieu assumed that responsibility. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk is suggesting you ask Ms. Mathieu if she would be willing.

Councilor C. Greathouse asked C. Mathieu if she would be willing and C. Mathieu stated yes.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to APPOINT Christine Mathieu to the second signatory position, as needed, for the Town of Glocester, Finance Department; seconded by Councilor c. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

4. Public Safety – Update two Memorandum of Understanding K-9 Program- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Acting Chief has provided two memoranda of understanding for both K-9 Officers currently in the Police K-9 program. Councilor W. Worthy stated that as the agreements involve some funding the Council is being asked to authorize, with Council President signature, these agreements. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the only change to previous MOU's is the change in the number of overtime pay for daily maintenance hours as explained in memo which he read as follows:

President William Worthy,

I am sending this email with a request to update the current MOU's between this

Department and both K-9 Tate and K-9 Garry. Currently, both of the MOU's state that Officers will be compensated at two (2) hours a week for husbandry (overtime for daily maintenance of the K-9). I am requesting that the Council please grant the increase of this amount to three (3) hours per week. The national standard for husbandry is 3 ½ hours per week but I have come to an agreement with the K-9 Officers to make this a one hour per week increase.

I have attached both updated MOU's for your review. Should you or any Council member have any question(s), please let me know.

Thank you.
Respectfully,
Jeffrey Jenison, Acting Chief of Police
(end of memo)
Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign an amended MOU between the Town of Glocester and K9 Handler Officer Aaron Steere and an amended MOU between the Town of Glocester and K9 Handler Officer Andrew Uriati for the continuation of the terms of the Glocester K9 Program; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: Councilor w. Steere stated he would recuse from voting.

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

5. Appointment – Chief of Police - Discussion and/or Action
Councilor W. Worthy stated that after extensive review Council is prepared to appoint a new Chief to the Glocester Police Department:

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPOINT Jeffrey Jenison to the position of Chief of the Glocester Police Department at the annualized salary of $112,619.00 and the benefit package described in the Town's Personnel Handbook; said appointment shall be effective July 17, 2026; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

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

L. Chorico came forward to ask if Council would perhaps consider a fluctuating schedule with maybe a weekend day. Councilor J. Burlingame stated she should speak with D. Zimmerman, HR Director, as to any ideas and he could bring them forward to Council.

C. Glocester School Committee – Forfeiture of Office - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this item was added following discussion on forfeiture and the process that could be utilized in regard to the Glocester School Committee.

Discussion: Councilor W. Worthy stated that there really is no mechanism. D. Igliozzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the Council has no authority to act.

No Action Taken

D. Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action to direct the Acting Human Resources Officer to conduct a comprehensive personnel and staffing review and needs assessment of the Finance Department, in order to ensure proper accounting for both the Municipality and the School Department as required by the Town Charter and applicable state law. Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Councilor Worthy stated that he requested this item on the agenda. Councilor W. Worthy stated the Solicitor has prepared a "scope of service" for Council to review and weigh in on after discussion with the Council President which he read as follows:

Scope of Review:

1. An inventory of current Finance Department positions, including titles, job descriptions, reporting lines, and vacancies.
2. An evaluation of whether existing staffing levels, qualifications, and certifications are adequate to meet the accounting, reporting, and audit obligations of the Municipality and the School Department.

3. Identification of any structural gaps in staffing, training, or internal controls that may impair compliance with the Town Charter or state financial reporting requirements.
4. Recommendations regarding staffing adjustments, position reclassifications, or additional resources necessary to ensure proper segregation of duties and accurate municipal and school accounting.

Reporting: The Acting Human Resources Officer shall report structural, organizational, and staffing findings and recommendations to the Council in open session. Any findings pertaining to the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of an individual employee shall not be included in the public report and shall instead be reserved for discussion in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(1), subject to the notice requirements of that section.

Discussion:
K. Lamontagne stated her opinion that this was a great idea but questioned D. Zimmerman's qualifications as to accounting reporting. Councilor W. Worthy stated that D. Zimmerman would be looking at this review from an HR perspective and not as an audit of the department.
Councilor W. Steere stated that this will be a way to see if staffing is sufficient.
Councilor C. Greathouse asked if there were job descriptions. K. Lamontagne stated her opinion that the job descriptions are old. K. Lamontagne stated her opinion that the described work may differ from the actual work because most include a line about "and any other work".

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the acting HR Director to conduct a comprehensive personnel and staffing review and needs assessment of the Finance Department per prepared Scope of Review and report findings to Town Council; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

E. Community Septic Loan Program (RI Housing) –Resolution seeking additional mortgage funds from Infrastructure Bank for the continuation of CSLP for Glocester residents -Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Town Planner has agreed to coordinate the process of seeking additional mortgage funds for the Community Septic Loan

Program. Councilor w. worthy stated that the Planner has asked this item be tabled to the August 6th meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the Community Septic Loan Program resolution seeking additional mortgage funds on behalf of the Town of Glocester to the Town Council meeting of August 6, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

F. Board of Contracts and Purchases - Discussion and/or Action

1. Award IFB 2026-01 Glocester Senior Center Cleaning Services

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this contract was advertised and bids were sought. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Board of Contracts and Purchases opened all bids at an advertised meeting. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Board received a recommendation from the Senior Center Director and voted to award as recommend. Councilor W. Worthy read the recommendation from the Senior Center Director as follows:

To: Board of Contracts and Purchases

From: Melissa Bouvier
Senior Center Director

RE: Recommendation – Bid IFB 2026-01- Glocester Senior Center Cleaning Services

I recommend to award IFB 2026-01Glocester Senior Center Cleaning Services to Simply-Clean from 685 East Wallum Lake Rd, Pascoag RI for a cost of $3000.00 per month. This was the lowest bid received and with Simply Clean’s 10-year proven commitment to the cleanliness of our Center, it was an easy choice to make. This monthly charge includes supplying all paper products, trash bags, hand soaps and sanitizers.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to AWARD IFB 2026-01Glocester Senior Center Cleaning Services to Simply-Clean for a cost of $3000.00 per month; said cost shall include Simply-Clean supplying all paper products, trash bags, hand soaps and sanitizers; effective start of business day 7/18/2026 to 7/18/2027; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

G. Resolution #2026-09 "In Support of a Full and Fair Review of the Legal Effect of the Electors' Vote at the April 14, 2026 Regional Financial Meeting & the Districts Response to that Vote" - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Town Council President is requesting a resolution that mirrors a resolution prepared by Foster. Councilor W. Worthy stated that as time is a factor the President is asking for adoption this evening.

B. Kelly, stated that he appreciates this item being placed on the agenda and hopes Council will pass it.

Councilor W. Worthy read the resolution as follows;

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF GLOCESTER
RESOLUTION 2026-09

IN SUPPORT OF A FULL AND FAIR REVIEW OF THE LEGAL EFFECT OF THE ELECTORS' VOTE AT THE APRIL 14, 2026 REGIONAL FINANCIAL MEETING AND THE DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO THAT VOTE

WHEREAS, the Foster-Glocester Regional School District held its Annual Financial Meeting on April 14, 2026, at which the qualified electors voted on the District's proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, questions have arisen concerning the legal effect of the vote taken at the April 14, 2026 Financial Meeting, the District's subsequent interpretation of that vote, and related budgetary and procedural matters; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Glocester to obtain appropriate guidance and review regarding these matters and to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing the District's financial operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Glocester, Rhode Island, as follows:

Section 1.

Authorization to Seek Review by the Rhode Island Department of Education.

The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town of Glocester, acting through its Council President and Town Solicitor, to request review, clarification, a hearing, a declaratory order, an investigation, or any other appropriate action from the Rhode Island Department of Education concerning:

(a) The Foster-Glocester Regional School District's April 14, 2026 Financial Meeting;

(b) The legal effect of the vote taken at that meeting;

(c) The District's subsequent interpretation and implementation of that vote; and

(d) Any related budgetary or procedural issues arising therefrom.

Section 2. Authorization to Request Review by the Office of the Auditor General.

The Town Council further authorizes the Town, through its Council President and Town Solicitor, to request that the Rhode Island Office of the Auditor General review the Foster- Glocester Regional School District's financial practices; budgetary compliance; corrective-action obligations; audit materials; and internal controls.

Section 3. Statement of Support.

The Town Council expresses its support for a full, fair, and impartial review of the legal effect of the electors' vote at the April 14, 2026 Regional Financial

Meeting and of the Foster-Glocester Regional School District's response to that vote.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Glocester, Rhode Island, this 16th day of July 2026

William A. Worthy, Jr., President
Jonathan E. Burlingame, Councilor
Walter M. 0. Steere, III, Vice. President
Cheryl A. Greathouse, Councilor
Stephanie C. Westgate, Councilor
ATTEST:
Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

H. Transfer of Storm Fund set-aside back to the General Fund- Discussion and/or Action

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

Memo: Honorable Town Council
From: Elizabeth A. Beltram, Finance Director
Re: Fiscal 2026 Storm Fund Balance Reassignment
Date: July 16, 2026

As a result of the winter storms experienced during fiscal year 2026, the Storm Related Services expenses exceeded the budget for that department by $136,721.29. I am requesting the transfer of this same amount from the assigned Storm Related Services Fund (KY) back to the Unassigned General Fund to cover this overage and

balance that department's budget for the year. After making this transfer there will be a remaining fund balance of $184,165.39 in the Storm Related Services Fund.
Respectfully,
Elizabeth A. Beltram
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to AUTHORIZE the transfer of $136,721.29 from the assigned Storm Related Services Fund to the Unassigned General Fund; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

I. Senior Center Director Request for Consideration: LPi Community newsletter Program – Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Senior Center Director has requested the following:

DATE: 7/13/2026
TO: The Honorable Town Council
FROM: Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Director
RE: Request to enter an agreement with LPi Communities

I am requesting permission to enter into an agreement with LPi Communities for the printing of our monthly newsletter. It is considered an agreement and not a contract because we would not be charged for this service. Lpi has been in business for over 50 years and is currently in partnership with over 5000 organizations throughout the country. LPi profits by selling annual advertisements in our newsletter. LPi handles all aspects of the advertising, but we provide them with a list of local businesses to contact. We also have the authority to specify any businesses or advertisements that we do not want included in our newsletter, quick example - no political ads or ads for cigarettes/alcohol. The printing of the newsletter is becoming an increasing expense to the Center and with this free option available, I feel that we should utilize it and capture the savings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Bouvier
(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to enter an agreement with LPi Communications; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

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 asked if any Councilors had any correspondence.

Councilor W. Steere stated his thanks to all who made the 4th of July festivities a success.

XI. Dept. Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor W. Worthy asked if any Dept. Heads had anything to report or if any Councilors had questions for any Dept. Heads.
None

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.

K. Lamontagne, Parade chair, stated her thanks to the Glocester police dept, Glocester Light Infantry, fire depts., town council, R. Najecki and W. Steere for reading the Declaration, all the volunteers including EMA volunteers.

K. Lamontagne stated that the cost for the parade and fireworks was $69,000 of which they have raised $50,000. K. Lamontagne stated that t shirts are still being sold. K. Lamontagne stated that $3000.00 was received from Rockwell Amusements.

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.

V. Lepore, Chestnut Hill Road, stated that he wanted to speak about the Chepachet Village Community Septic Loan Program which is not to be confused with the RI Housing Community Septic Loan Program in Glocester.

V. Lepore stated that the Chepachet Village grant program is a good program and serves only Chepachet Village. V. Lepore stated that a requirement in the bid process was the purchase of additional insurance. V. Lepore stated he purchased the insurance and knows of two others who did also.
V. Lepore stated that partway through the bid process he learned that the additional insurance requirement had been dropped as a requirement.
V. Lepore stated that he feels this is very unfair for the requirement to be changed in the middle of the bid process. V. Lepore stated he wants to know why it was done, who is responsible and how to be made whole.

D. Igliozzi stated that he received a letter from K. Scott, Town Planner, explaining that the insurance requirement was dropped because the people applying for the funds were having a hard time getting the required three quotes. D. Igliozzi stated that the RI Interlocal Trust, the town's insurance company, made the recommendation to drop this insurance requirement and that he did not object. D. Igliozzi was informed that the change was due to the difficulty people were having getting three quotes and that he had no knowledge about V. Lepore's situation.

Buster Steere, stated that he purchased extra insurance to participate in this program. B. Steere stated he agrees with V. Lepore that the rules were changed at the 11th hour because they could not get anyone to bid on the jobs. B. Steere stated that it is not fair that the rules were changed. B. Steere stated the point is some paid extra to participate and then the rules changed.

D. Igliozzi stated that the Trust gave a recommendation and the town follows the Trust. D. Igliozzi stated that the town has to rely on their insurance company.

V. Lepore stated that the insurance is with the Town. D. Igliozzi stated that the Town relied on the insurance company.

D. Igliozzi stated that K. Scott stated the property owners could not get the three quotes. D. Igliozzi stated that no one mentioned that several operators relied on the requirement and bought insurance. D. Igliozzi stated he was told only that people could not get three quotes.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the matter would be looked into by K Scott and D. Igliozzi.

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)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation
   a. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks)
   b. Potential Litigation – Zoning Issue

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

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

1. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining, litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation
   a. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union contracts – (Police, Dispatcher & Clerks)
   b. Potential Litigation – Zoning Issue

and to amend the agenda by ADDING items for discussion only as follows:

1. John Tillinghast, owner, Tillinghast Holding Co., LLC vs Town of Glocester, RI and alias Catalis, RI Federal District Court Case #1:26- cv-00398-MRD-AEM and
2. Board of Appeals -Appeal regarding 575 Lake Washington Drive, RI AP 4 Lot 11

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

All were invited back into the room

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

XV. Reconvene Open Session – Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session and 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 Executive Session and 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. New Business- Continued

A. Ratification of Contract

1. Local Union 1322 of the Laborers' International Union Of North America, AFL-CIO On Behalf of the Town Of Glocester Clerks Effective: July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2028- Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to TABLE ratification of the Contract between the Local Union 1322 Laborers' International Union of North America, Town of Glocester Clerks and Town of Glocester; effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

XVII. Adjourn
MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at1:10 AM; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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