

At a meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Glocester on September 17, 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 Igliozi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Chief J. Jenison

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilor W. Worthy asked all to remain standing to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

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 – **Discussion and/or Action**

A. Special Event

1. **Special Event License for: Railway of Horrors**

Co-Applicants: Harmony Products LLC, Russell Gross, David Choquette

Owner of Property: Russell Gross

Location: 474 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI

Events requested shall include a "Haunted" Train Ride

Applicant requests permission for 18 events to be held Fridays-Sundays, from September 25, 2026 to Nov. 1, 2026 (and one Thursday, 10/29/26) during the hours of 7:00 pm to 10:00pm.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this application is for an event that was held last year but this proposed event is for 18 days instead of 3 days. Councilor W. Worthy stated that therefore, the Clerk set it down for public hearing per the ordinance.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze Observer on 9/3/2026 and abutters notices were sent out.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if the applicants, if present, to please step up to the microphone should there be any questions from the Council.

Discussion: D. Choquette, applicant, stated that he did not know of any issues for the 3 nights they did last year so that is why he wants to do a full season. D. Choquette stated that the number of people each night will be half of last year and all tickets will be purchased beforehand. Councilor W. Worthy asked about parking. D. Choquette stated that parking will be in the existing store lot and in the adjacent field. Councilor W. Worthy asked if D. Choquette had spoken to the police. D. Choquette stated that he needs to do so. Chief J. Jenison stated that he would meet with D. Choquette and review. Councilor S. Westgate asked if the ride was the same. D. Choquette stated the route is the same and there will be stops along the way of scenes.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone else would like to speak to come to the microphone and state your name.

None

Councilor W. Steere asked Chief J. Jenison if there had been any complaints or problems last year. Chief J. Jenison stated not to his knowledge.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to GRANT a Special Event License for Co-Applicants: Harmony Products LLC, Russell Gross and David Choquette, Location: 474 Putnam Pike, Glocester, RI, Proposed Event: 18 events to be held Fridays-Sundays, from September 25, 2026 to Nov. 1, 2026 (and one Thursday, 10/29/26) during the hours of 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. for an event as follows: **“Railway of Horrors Haunted Train Ride”** pursuant to:

1. Police and Fire Approval prior to issuance of license. Both Police and Fire may require safety measures, including manpower details, as they deem necessary.

2. No on-street parking (signs shall be posted stating such)
3. No alcohol of any type is allowed on site
4. Anyone selling beverages or food, that is not pre-packaged, on the premises shall obtain necessary licensing from the Town, with approval from the Rhode Island Department of Health when necessary.
5. Proof of insurance for the premises, including structures and mechanical devices to be utilized by the public must be submitted prior to issuance of license.
6. Hours shall be between the times of 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
7. Should the Town Council find that issues exist, that are deemed to be unsafe or not in compliance with the above rules, the granting of this license may be discontinued immediately with no further hearing.
8. Applicant shall sign a "Town of Glocester Special Event, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement"

Seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Glocester Code of Ordinance – Proposed Amendment

**1. Part 3 General Legislation, Chapter 247 – Taxation, Article III
Exemption for Elderly & Disabled Persons**

The proposed amendment would annually adjust the base exemption amount for qualified owners on a non-compounded basis using the Consumer Price Index and with no income eligibility limitation beginning with the assessment date of December 31, 2025 for use in the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for qualifying.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this public hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze Observer on September 10, 2026. The 1st reading was held on August 20, 2026.

Councilor W. Worthy DECLARED the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

Discussion:

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

Councilor W. Steere stated a suggestion that an explanation of the proposal be given. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that no change is being made to the current benefit.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated that the proposal is just codifying it and making it match the law. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that a small amount based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) percentage will be added to the benefit to keep up with inflation. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that no benefit is being taken away.

D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the proposal brings the ordinance into compliance with state law.

Councilor W. Worthy asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the proposed ordinance amendment to raise your hand. Councilor W. Worthy stated that when you are called on to step to the microphone and state your name for the record.

1. V. Valentine, 225 Saw Mill Rd., retired Gloucester Tax Assessor, stated that the CPI is calculated by the government on a monthly and yearly basis; that the north east edition should be used; and that she has concerns regarding the timing of notice which would come out before the amount of the CPI is known so residents would not know the amount of their exemption.

V. Valentine asked if the base of \$2070 is subject to change as that was not clear to her in the proposed ordinance. Councilor J. Burlingame stated that amount is not subject to change.

V. Valentine stated she is in favor of this proposal. V. Valentine asked how residents would know if the provision for the residents over 80 years old, who get the additional \$1000, would learn of any change because the proposal states that council reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount. D. Igliazzi stated that any change to the ordinance would require the same process being followed right now.

V. Valentine questioned the commencement date as stated in the proposal. D. Igliazzi stated that the date could be changed to 2026 and that 2025 was the date when the proposal was first started.

2. L. Pryor, 50 Evergreen Road; stated his opinion that he would like the tax assessor and finance director's opinion as to this proposal; that he feels the number of seniors is increasing in town so the exemption amount is increasing; that this exemption should be income based and that he is in favor of the CPI addition but wants to make sure the town is prepared for the impact of this proposal.

Councilor J. Burlingame that the impact of this proposal would be about \$60,000 that would be spread over the rest of the tax base amounting to about \$4.00 per taxpayer.

Councilor C. Greathouse stated that this proposal is giving seniors an opportunity to stay in their homes instead of having to sell their property. Councilor C. Greathouse stated that

seniors staying in their homes could mean less of a burden to the town infrastructure than if the property was sold and a family moved in.

Councilor J. Burlingame stated that the proposal is not income based as that was what was changed in 2017.

Councilor S. Westgate stated that this proposal is something Council started talking about quite a while ago and it is giving seniors an increase.

Councilor J. Burlingame asked L. Pryeor if he was in favor of this proposal and L. Pryeor stated yes.

3. G. King, Blackinton Drive, stated he was in favor of this proposal.

4. G. Steere, 96 John Steere Road, stated that 10-12 years ago the senior exemption was a burden on the town which is why the Council at the time put the current ordinance in place. G. Steere state his opinion that if the amount increases each year then that will create a burden just like the one in the prior ordinance. G. Steere stated that the language regarding the 80 year old portion states it could be changed. G. Steere stated his opinion that the \$2070 should stay the same each year so a run away freight train of an amount is not created that would burden the town.

5. J. DiPietro, Bella Vista Circle, stated her opinion that she agrees with the comments made by V. Valentine. J. DiPietro asked if there would be a second notification to include the final exemption amount as the CPI percent comes out after the initial notice has been sent. J. DiPietro stated that the ordinance is not consistent in identifying the region for the CPI.

J. DiPietro stated she was confused by the language in Section C which states the exemptions in this ordinance can be increased or decreased by Council. D. Iglioizzi stated that Council cannot exceed what the state authorizes. D. Iglioizzi stated that any such changes would be by following the ordinance process. D. Iglioizzi stated that Council can only change ordinances by following the ordinance process of first reading, advertisement and public hearing.

J. DiPietro asked for an explanation on paragraph F. D. Iglioizzi stated that Paragraph F gives the history as to how and why this proposal can be considered. D. Iglioizzi stated that the town can only do what the General Assembly authorizes. D. Iglioizzi stated that the legislature passed enabling legislation that gives the town the authority to act.

6. G. Steere stated his opinion that the next Council could make changes to the ordinance following the ordinance process and the “run away train” just got faster.

7. V. Valentine asked for clarification as to the starting base amount each year. V. Valentine asked if the \$2070 was the starting point for each year to which that year’s CPI

percent would be added. D. Iglioizzi stated the proposal is non- compounding. Councilor W. Steere stated that was correct that this proposal is non- compounding so the base is \$2070 each year.

D. Iglioizzi stated his recommendation to continue the public hearing to a date certain in order to address the issues raised tonight.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to Continue the matter of the public hearing to October 1, 2026 regarding a proposed amendment to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Part 3 General Legislation, Chapter 247, Taxation, Article III Exemption for Elderly & Disabled Persons; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

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 September 3, 2026
- B. Tax Assessor Additions and Abatements – August 2026
- C. Acting Finance Director’s Report – August 2026

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of September 3, 2026; to APPROVE the ADDITIONS to the 2026 Tax Roll in the amount of \$1,451.29 and ABATEMENTS to the 2026 Tax Roll in the amount of \$9,565.08 and to ACCEPT the Acting Finance Director’s Report for August 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. 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 any Councilor had a recommendation for appointment or a motion to table.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to TABLE the appointment of an Alternate #2 member to the Board of Canvassers; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Recreation

1. Position #3 – Term to Expire 12/31/2026

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council does not have a recommendation at this time. and asked if any Councilor had a recommendation for appointment or a motion to table.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #3, seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. High Hazard Dam Emergency Action Plans - Discussion and/or Action

1. Authorization for volunteer to work with previously authorized group

D. Igliozi, Town Solicitor, stated that the RI Interlocal Trust will not insure a professional working in that capacity as a volunteer but only insures employees and non-professional volunteers. D. Igliozi stated that Council could hire a professional or indemnify the volunteer in question but at a risk to the town which he does not recommend. D. Igliozi stated that the Trust also does not insure independent contractors if a professional were to be hired as such because they are covered by their own insurance.

No Action Taken

C. Consideration to authorize a letter of support Re: Old Killingly Pond dam (located in Connecticut) - Discussion and/or Action

D. Igliozi asked Council for this matter to be on the next agenda in order for him to be able to review a letter of support.

No Action Taken

VIII. New Business

A. Special Event Application – Discussion and/or Action

1. Hoot Owl Scramblers Inc.

Applicant: Ken Law

Location of proposed Event: 80 Barnes Way

Off Road NETRA Motorcycle Event

Event to be held: 10/10/2026 & 10/11/26 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

a. Determine if exempt from Public Hearing and/or Set Public

Hearing Date - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the application received for this Special Event notes that the event is the “same” as last year’s event. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Clerk received no complaints after the last event. Councilor W. Worthy stated that last year’s application listed 25 Barnes Way and this application is 80 Barnes Way. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the applicant indicated it is the same property as there are multiple houses on the property.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council needs to determine if the event is exempt from public hearing pursuant to Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Chapter 175.4-B.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to WAIVE a Public Hearing, pursuant to Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Chapter 175.4-B, for Applicant: Ken Law, Event: Hootowl Scramble MC at 80 Barnes Way; Date of proposed event: October 10th & 11th, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Consider application (if exempt from Hearing) - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the hearing was waived, so Council can now consider the application for this Special Event.

Discussion: Councilor W. Steere asked Chief J. Jenison if there were any problems last year.

Chief J. Jenison stated there were no problems.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPROVE the Special Event License, for Hoot Owl Scramblers MC 2026 (annual event) proposed for October 10th & 11th 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; said event is a NETRA off-road motorcycle event to be held at 80 Barnes Way; with the following stipulations:

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

Seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Personnel

1. Appointment - Discussion and/or Action

a. Police Department - Part-time Dispatcher Position

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

To: Honorable Town Council Members

From: Chief Jeffrey Jenison

Date: August 26, 2026

Ref: Part-Time Dispatch Position

Dear Council Members,

I would respectfully request to appoint Abbigail Mellor to a part-time dispatcher position. Ms. Mellor will begin a training schedule at an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour. Once she successfully completes training, she will be afforded a part-time hourly rate of \$24.50 not to exceed 24 hours per week. There will be no fringe benefits with this position. I am looking to make this appointment effective Thursday September 3rd, 2026.

Ms. Mellor will eventually fill the currently vacant part-time dispatch position.

Thank you for your consideration in this appointment.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Jenison

Chief of Police

(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to APPOINT Abbigail Mellor to the position of Part-time dispatcher. Said position will offer a training hourly rate of \$18.00 moving up to an hourly rate of \$24.50 once training complete, per the Chief of Police, not to exceed 24 hours per week; position offers no fringe benefits and is effective September 3rd, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action

a. Police Department - Per-Diem Animal Shelter Worker

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chief has notified Council that recently hired Per-Diem animal shelter worker Lindsey Baron resigned her position with Animal Control effective Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to ACCEPT the resignation of Per-Diem animal shelter worker, Lindsey Baron, effective September 8, 2026; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Boards and Commissions

1. Appointments – Discussion and/or Action

a. Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board

1. Two expired three-year terms, Position #3 & #4, to expire 9/30/2029

Councilor W. Worthy stated that these terms are the expired terms of Richard Travers #3 and Elizabeth Kowal #4. Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Chair has indicated both members wish to be reappointed.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to REAPPOINT Richard Travers to Position #3 on the Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board for a term to expire 9/30/2029; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to REAPPOINT Elizabeth Kowal to Position #4 on the Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board for a term to expire 9/30/2029; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. One expired one-year Alternate term, to expire 9/30/27
Councilor W. Worthy stated that this alternate position is the expired position of Stephanie Salisbury who is also requesting reappointment.

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to REAPPOINT Stephanie Salisbury to the one- year Alternate position on the Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board for a term to expire 9/30/2027; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate
Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

D. Authorization of Signature – Discussion and/or Action

1. Emergency Management Program Grant: Salaried EMA Operations
Councilor W. Worthy stated that Gerry Mosca, EMA Director, has submitted the “Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, Statement of Subgrant Award, U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA Grants Program Directorate for Fiscal year 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program” for the period 10/1/2025 to 6/30/2027.

Councilor W. Worthy stated that this grant is an annual grant that is applied to the EMA Director’s salary.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign all documents for the FY 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0
MOTION PASSED

2. Grant Agreement – Between RI Dept. of Education & Town of Gloucester Learn365, Round #5, RI -Municipal Learning Project
Councilor W. Worthy stated that Renee Palazzo, Superintendent of Schools, has requested the Council President sign the Grant Agreement between the RI Dept. of Education and the Town of Gloucester in the grant award amount of \$34,838; said grant to be used for the funding of the **fifth** round of LEARN365RI Municipal Learning Project grants which will support out-of-school time learning programs.

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the “Grant Agreement Between RI Dept. of Education & Town of Gloucester Learn365, Round#5, RI -Municipal Learning Project” for a grant award in the amount of \$34,838; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

E. Board of Contracts & Purchases

1. Recommendation of Award for Town Council – Discussion and/or Action Procurement – Engineering and Construction Management Services for Gloucester Memorial Park

Councilor W. Worthy stated that the Acting Finance Director has submitted a request which he read as follows:

To: Town Council Members
From: Lori Chirico, Acting Finance Director
Date: September 17, 2026
RE: Procurement – Engineering and Construction Management Services for Gloucester Memorial Park

In March 2026, the Town of Gloucester received a RIDEM recreation development grant for \$500,000. The Town committed to a \$166,667 cash/in-kind match to this grant for a total project budget of \$666,667. There is currently \$80,000 as a set aside in Fund KX and \$75,000 as a special appropriation in the FY 25-26 budget for Grant Matching to cover the cash match. The remaining \$11,667 will be in the form of in-kind match through the Department of Public Works. The full scope of the project includes a six (6)

new pickleball courts, a paved walking path, resurfacing and restriping the tennis courts, fencing, lighting, landscaping and parking improvements.

The Board of Contracts met on September 17, 2026 to review the procurement process for this contract. The Town Planner followed RIGL 44-55-8.1 - Qualification-based selection of architects and engineers to procure an engineer. A municipality may either pre-qualify firms through a Request for Qualifications process or use a state prequalification list. The Town Planner opted to use the State's MPA 494 – Architectural & Engineering Services. The State's MPA does not rank firms. The Town Planner researched which engineering firms on the MPA are qualified for this project based on their experience with recreation facility development. Negotiations with the first selected firm were unsuccessful due to the proposed price therefore negotiations were closed.

The same scope of work was provided to Beta, Inc. The proposal was reviewed by the Town Planner and the Public Works Director, who concurred that the scope, timeline and budget were well aligned with the project needs and overall budget.

After discussion, the Board of Contracts voted to recommend that the Town Council approve entering into a contract with Beta, Inc. for engineering and construction management services for the GMP project for \$82,975 subject to review and approval of the contract language by the Town Solicitor prior to signature by the Town Council President. As the Acting Finance Director, I concur with this recommendation
(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor C. Greathouse to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign a contract with Beta, Inc., chosen pursuant to R.I.G.L. 44-55-8.1 through the State's Master Price Agreement, after review by the Town Solicitor; said contract will be for the engineering and construction management services for the GMP project in the amount of \$82,975; 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 stated that Council has the following correspondence:

1. A memo from the ACLU regarding Flock Safety ALPR cameras.

No Discussion

XI. Dept. 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.

1. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the annual meeting schedule calendar will be prepared soon. J. Fecteau asked if Council would consider changing their meeting start time from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Councilors asked for this item to be on the next agenda.
2. Chief J. Jenison stated that he would like to apply for a grant for renovations to the police station. Chief J. Jenison stated that the grant requires a match of 45% from the town which would amount to about \$37,000. Chief J. Jenison stated that the application needs to be submitted within the next four days. Chief J. Jenison is asking the Council to approve signing so he can submit the application.
D. Iglizzi stated Council can discuss this request and ratify at the next Council meeting. Council requested this item be on the next agenda.
3. L. Chirico, Acting Finance Director, stated that the finance department staff is handling the absence of an employee and hopes it will be short. L. Chirico stated that there are 5 interviews scheduled for the position of Finance Director next week.
L. Chirico stated that she reached out to several temporary agencies in the event that the office needs temporary help but that their prices were very high. L. Chirico stated that she would try and reach out to some other temporary agencies.

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. D. McCallum, resident, stated his complaint that he feels a neighbor is conducting his business at his residence. D. McCallum stated that the area is not zoned commercial. D. McCallum stated that the noise from the trucks beginning oftentimes between 1 am and 3 am is unsettling and disruptive to him. D. McCallum stated he has called the police several times. Councilor W. Steere stated to refer the matter to D. Begin, Building/Zoning Official. J. Fecteau stated that D. Begin is aware and has spoken to the individual. Councilor W. Worthy stated he would follow up with D. Begin in the morning.

2. D. LaPlante, Absalona Hill Road, stated his thanks to Council for trying to change the senior exemption ordinance and helping to keep seniors in town.

3. Z. Andrews, Scoutmaster for Troop 44, stated that he is asking Council for citations for two scouts who have recently achieved the rank of Eagle on the next agenda in order for those citations to be presented to the scouts at their Court of Honor on November 22, 2026. Z. Andrews is also asking if these Eagle Scouts can come to a meeting in December for their rank to be acknowledged.

Councilor W. Steere asked Z. Andrews to send information about the scouts and their projects to J. Fecteau.

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

A. Discussion by Council, Vote, or Other Action pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation:

1. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union agreements - Discussion and/or Action

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 pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation:

1. Collective Bargaining: Negotiations for successor union agreements - Discussion and/or Action

Seconded by Councilor C. 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 invited to return once Executive Session was over.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

All were invited back into the room after Executive Session.

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

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Reconvene Open Session, Disclose zero (0) votes were taken in 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

OPEN SESSION

XVI. Ratification of Contract- Discussion and/or Action

1. Agreement Between the Town of Gloucester and The International Brotherhood of Police Officers for the period July 1, 2025 To June 30, 2028

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to RATIFY the successor “Agreement Between the Town of Gloucester and The International Brotherhood of Police Officers for the period July 1, 2025 To 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. Worthy to ADJOURN at 10:40 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

