

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on August 20, 2020:

Pursuant to R.I. Executive Orders # 20-05 and # 20-25 executed by Governor Gina Raimondo on March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and June 20, 2020 this meeting is being teleconferenced by Zoom.

Councilor G. Steere stated the information to join this zoom meeting was included in our posting as required by the noted Executive Orders.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: George O. (Buster ) Steere, Jr. President; Walter M.O. Steere, III, Vice President; William E. Reichert; Patricia Henry; and Julian (Jay) Forgue

Also Present: Matt Floor, IT Director; Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Joseph DelPrete, Chief of Police; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Ken Johnson, Bldg/Zoning Official; Karen Scott, Town Planner; Gerry Mosca, EMA Director; Melissa Bouvier, Senior Center Manager; Lori DeSantis, Tax Assessor; Adam Muccino, Finance Director.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilor G. Steere reminded the Council that there may be some people joining this meeting by telephone or without video capability so Council members should identify themselves when speaking particularly when making or seconding a motion.

Councilor G. Steere went on to explain the procedure for the zoom meeting and stated that participants expressing inappropriate behavior or being disruptive may be removed from the meeting by the moderator.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor G. Steere stated those wishing to speak, should raise their hand and Karen Scott will recognize those that wish to speak in turn.

None

V. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 16, 2020; Special Meetings of July 1<sup>st</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and August 6, 2020
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions & Abatements - July 2020
- C. Finance Director's Report - July 2020

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to APPROVE the Town Council regular minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup>; the Special meeting minutes of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup>; to Approve the ADDITIONS to the 2020 Tax Roll in the amount of \$957.83; ABATEMENTS to the 2020 Tax Roll in the amount of \$432.54; and to ACCEPT the Finance Director's Report of July 2020; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: Councilor Henry stated a correction was needed to page 19 to clarify which councilor was contacted about cars as it incorrectly stated her name and she believed it was Councilor Forgue. The Town Clerk stated the correction would be made.

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue -AYE  
Councilor Henry -AYE  
Councilor Reichert -AYE  
Councilor W. Steere -AYE  
Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Policy for access to Town Security cameras - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Steere made a MOTION to continue this item in order to allow time for more research on this subject; seconded by Councilor Reichert.

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue -AYE  
Councilor Henry -AYE  
Councilor Reichert -AYE  
Councilor W. Steere -AYE  
Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Litter Control - Property Abutting Transfer Station - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor P. Henry made a MOTION to remove this item from the table; seconded by Councilor Forgue.

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue -AYE  
Councilor Henry -AYE  
Councilor Reichert -AYE

Councilor W. Steere -AYE

Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Short term Rental Properties & Residents Correspondence stating concerns - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that Councilor J. Forgue had asked Karen Scott to prepare a draft ordinance for Council to discuss and consider. Councilor G. Steere stated that Council has in their packet a proposal and a memo outlining highlights.

Discussion: K. Scott, Town Planner, gave an overview of the draft ordinance she prepared and explained the details which included; registering with the Town, limiting occupants based on number of bedrooms, no guests, requiring a local representative, limited residents by number of parking spaces, quiet hours, rules posted, owner responsible and license plates listed on rental. K. Scott stated it was modeled after the Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that a first reading can be scheduled only once the ordinance is complete.

MOTION by Councilor Forgue to TABLE Item C. Short term Rental Properties until September 3, 2020; seconded by Councilor Henry

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue -AYE

Councilor Henry -AYE

Councilor Reichert -AYE

Councilor W. Steere -AYE

Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Regional School District Budget Vote- Discussion and/or Action

Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that she received a copy of correspondence sent to the Regional School District by William Bernstein, Assistant Solicitor. Councilor W. Steere stated that the attorney for the Regional School District had sent a letter to RIDE and no answer has been given to date. Councilor W. Steere stated that the Region should be held to their Charter. W. Steere continued by questioning the amount of money the Town is supposed to give the District when their budget is based on a contract they had no authority to make because they did not bring it before the voters as required by Charter. D. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor, clarified that due to the Maintenance of Effort, state law, the Town cannot give less money to the District than given in the prior year. Councilor W. Steere is concerned about the process the Region used to adopt their budget and worries about what else they will do outside of their Charter. Councilor Henry stated the Town

should give the amount given last year because the school operated outside of the law. After discussion, Council will wait to determine RIDE's decision.

E. Providence Water Board/Acciardo Property re: Back Taxes - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that Atty. Bernstein is working with Providence Water and the Tax Collector and has asked if this item could be continued to the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to TABLE Item E. Providence Water Board/Acciardo Property, Back Taxes, to October 1, 2020; seconded by Councilor Henry

Council Discussion: After discussion it was determined the Assist. Solicitor and the Tax Collector are working together to resolve this issue.

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

- Councilor Forgue -AYE
- Councilor Henry -AYE
- Councilor Reichert -AYE
- Councilor W. Steere -AYE
- Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. New Business

A. Covid-19 Updates/Actions

1. EMA Update

Gerry Mosca, EMA Director, gave an update of his Med Pod preparation should vaccine sites be needed. G. Mosca stated that he continues to build his cache of supplies and PPE's, including 4 pallets (540 gallons) of disinfectant which will be distributed ( 1 to Gloucester schools and the rest to Fire, Police , town buildings). G. Mosca stated the Town received approval for reimbursement for the first phase of COVID expenses, including PPE's and cleaning. G. Mosca recommends that the Emergency Order be extended.

Councilor W. Reichert asked about the HVAC at the schools. Adam Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he was at a Gloucester School Comm. meeting earlier in the week and that at the meeting it came up that the HVAC in both schools have a good exchange of air.

Councilor W. Reichert will send G. Mosca information.

2. Emergency Declaration Status, Extension, and/or Amendments  
(Currently in place until 8/20/2020) - Discussion and/or Action

3. Senior Center Opening- Discussion and/or Action

Melissa Bouvier, Manager, stated she has forwarded her plan outlined in a letter to Council. M. Bouvier stated she has taken all the necessary steps to re open the Senior Center but wanted to

discuss with the Council. Councilor Henry inquired if other centers in the state were open. M. Bouvier stated there are five, in limited ways, that she is aware of. G. Mosca, EMA Director, stated that M. Bouvier's plan is very good and recommends a slow opening and for the Manager to have the authority to close the Center without first receiving permission from the Town Council. Council commended the plan and discussion ensued with all scenarios and concerns raised.

Resident, Kathy Sorenson, expressed her opinion the Senior Center should be re-opened.

Cindy Sebetes, Echo Road, expressed her concerns for seniors needing to attend at least once a week.

4. Bds. & Comm.: Economic Development Commission - Request to meet - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor J. Forgue stated he feels that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) should be able to meet via zoom. Councilor P. Henry stated the Budget Board would like to meet also. D. Seaver, Co-chair of EDC stated that the co-chair's husband would be able to serve as the host. Discussion as to whether a host needs training and concerns were raised about potential violations to the Open Meetings Act as well as people's rights to be heard. Matt Floor, IT Director, stated that currently the Town is using a sub account of the State for the zoom meetings and that it is costly to purchase a zoom account. M. Floor also stated that a host license may not include the items needed for the zoom meetings. M. Floor stated he would research the cost for the Town to become a host. Councilor P. Henry asked if a group, of 15, could meet outside at the pavilion. D. Iglizzi reminded the council that meetings need to follow the governor's executive orders and they require teleconferencing to the public. Councilor J. Forgue stated he could work with M. Floor and the Solicitor to determine a resolution for EDC. Councilor W. Steere stated the Town needs to be aware of costs and be concerned about money.

MOTION was made by Councilor Forgue to EXTEND the Gloucester Emergency Declaration to September 3, 2020 with the following amendment:

To authorize the Senior Center Director to re-open the Gloucester Senior Center when all safety plans and preparations are completed.

Seconded by Councilor Henry

Council Discussion: Councilor P. Henry asked if Council could be notified when the opening occurs. Councilor W. Steere asked who is to make the decision to close if needed so it is not on the Director. The Solicitor stated the Gloucester Emergency Order gives the Town Council President the authority to make decisions regarding the public health.

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue -AYE

Councilor Henry -AYE

Councilor Reichert -AYE  
Councilor W. Steere -AYE  
Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Ratification: Amendment to effective date of employment for Public Works, Full time Building/Maintenance Worker - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated at the Town Council meeting of July 23, 2020 Council added discussion on changing the effective date of hire for Gary Gras. Councilor G. Steere stated after discussion there was a consensus to change the effective date of hire to July 31, 2020 to enable medical coverage for August and Council now must ratify that action.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to RATIFY July 31, 2020 as the effective date of employment for Full time Building/Maintenance Worker, Gary Gras; seconded by Councilor Forgue.

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue -AYE  
Councilor Henry -AYE  
Councilor Reichert -AYE  
Councilor W. Steere -AYE  
Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Annual Event Approval - Scarecrow Festival 2020 - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor G. Steere stated that the Council has received the application and plan for this event and it was forwarded to the Police Chief, Fire Chief, EMA Director, and Recreation Director.

Mark Rechter, Co-Chair of the event, provided details of the proposed festival stating that it is scaled down from past years. G. Mosca, EMA director, added that the outlined plan was good but he still had concerns about food, enforcement as to social distancing and the wearing of masks, and, the fireworks being scheduled for the opening night of the festival. G. Mosca asked to meet with the Chairs of the festival to review the plans. The Co-Chairs agreed to meet with G. Mosca.

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to WAIVE the Public Hearing requirement for the Scarecrow Festival 2020, per Gloucester Code of Ordinance, Chapter 175. Entertainment - Special Events, Section 4B Hearings, and AUTHORIZE the issuance of a license under said ordinance for an event to be held on October 17, 2020; all Covid guidelines for social distancing and safety precautions, in place on said date, per the State of Rhode Island shall be followed; seconded by

Councilor J. Forgue

Council Discussion:

Councilor W. Steere inquired if the festival had a rain date to which the answer was no.

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue -AYE

Councilor Henry -AYE

Councilor Reichert -AYE

Councilor W. Steere -AYE

Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Fireworks Display 2020 - Approval & Authorization for signature of Contract- Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Cindy Sebetes, Echo Road, inquired as to how the fireworks display would take place. Tammy Botelho, Parade Chair, provided details that the fireworks will be in the field behind the Senior Center; there will be no vendors; social distancing will be practiced on the lawn or in cars; there will be signs to wear masks and social distancing; and they will look into making masks available. G. Mosca, EMA Director, questioned enforcement and the numbers of volunteers. K Sorenson, committee member, stated that the Parade Chair does a good job, the public looks forward to this event and it will be good for morale.

Discussion followed with Council questioning lighting and details of plan. After discussion it was agreed that the Parade Committee Chair would meet with the EMA Director, Police Chief, and Fire Chief to ensure all safety precautions and plans are met.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Forgue to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the contract between the Town of Gloucester and Ocean State Pyrotechnics for the fireworks display to be held on October 17, 2020 with a rain date of October 18, 2020; said contract in the amount of \$15,000 and is contingent upon receipt of a Liability Insurance Certificate in an amount to be determined by the Town of Gloucester; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: Councilor P. Henry questioned if the funds were in budget. The answer was in the affirmative.

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue -AYE

Councilor Henry -AYE

Councilor Reichert -AYE

Councilor W. Steere -AYE

Councilor G. Steere -AYE

MOTION PASSED/FAILED

E. Authorization for Signature - Discussion and/or Action

1. General Code - Proposal for Codification Services

Councilor G. Steere stated the Clerk has received the contract from General Code for Codification Services, budgeted in the current budget, and has forwarded to Council for approval. Councilor G. Steere stated the Solicitor has reviewed.

MOTION was made by Councilor P. Henry to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign a contract between the Town of Gloucester and General Code for Codification Services for the Code of Ordinance; terms as outlined in said contract; at the \$5,795 contracted price; seconded by Councilor J. Fougue

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Fougue - Aye

Councilor Henry - Aye

Councilor Reichert - Aye

Councilor W. Steere - Aye

Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED

F. Personnel

1. Appointment - Discussion and/or Action

a. DPW - Driver Laborer I

Councilor G. Steere stated the Council has received a request from the Public Works Director:

August 13, 2020

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Gary Trembl

Director of public Works

Re: Driver Laborer I position Appointment

I am requesting that Jackson Messier of 1920 Putnam Pike, Chepachet be appointed to the position of Driver Laborer I effective Monday, August 31, 2020. The rate of compensation will be \$23.73 per hour. After satisfactorily completing the six month probationary period his hourly rate will increase to \$24.73, regular full time Driver Laborer I rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Trembl, Director

(end of memo)



MOTION was made by Councilor J. Forgue to APPOINT Jackson Messier to the position of Public Works-Driver Laborer I, effective August 31, 2020; the rate of compensation will be set at \$23.75 per hour; after successfully completing the six month probationary period the hourly rate will increase to \$24.73; said position is eligible for benefits as outlined in the “We are Gloucester Employee Handbook”; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED

- G. Bds. and Commissions
  - 1. Resignations - Discussion and/or Action
    - a. Land Trust - One five year term to expire 2/2022

Councilor G. Steere stated the Council received the resignation of David Piccirillo from the Land Trust.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Forgue to ACCEPT the resignation, with thanks, of David Piccirillo from the Gloucester Land Trust for the five year term to expire 2/2022; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED

- b. Zoning Board - Alt. #2 - One year term to expire 1/2021
- Councilor G. Steere stated Council received the resignation of Adam Muccino from the Zoning Board.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Forgue to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Adam Muccino from the Zoning Board for the Alt. 2 position, term to expire 1/2021; seconded by Councilor P. Henry

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments - Discussion and/or Action
  - a. Land Trust - One five year term to expire 2/2022

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Forgue to TABLE the appointment to the Land Trust for the five year term to expire 2/2022; seconded by Councilor P. Henry

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED

- b. Zoning Board - Alt. #2 - One year term to expire 1/2021

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Forgue to TABLE the appointment to the Zoning Board, Alt. #2 position for the one year term to expire 1/2021; seconded by Councilor P. Henry

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye

Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

## MOTION PASSED

### H. Human Resources services - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor J. Forgue stated he felt a need to get someone in to do this work. Councilor J. Forgue asked the Solicitor if he knew someone that could fill this need. D. Igliazzi stated he would look into options and bring information back to council.

### I. Consideration of Formation of Municipal Court - Discussion and/or action

Councilor J. Forgue stated he had met with the Chief and the Zoning Official to get a feel for whether there was a need in our Town for a municipal court. Councilor J. Forgue stated they are going to formulate pros and cons and respond back to Council. Councilor J. Forgue recommended tabling until they come back with information.

The Chief stated that he met today with the Zoning Official; W. Bernstein, Asst. Solicitor; D. Igliazzi; and the Town Clerk. The Chief reported that each was going to put together their perspective and come back with those pros and cons and come back in October.

### VIII. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

Councilor G. Steere reviewed correspondence received:

1. Elizabeth Farnum - Complaint regarding the name of the Pavilion
2. Jason Moody - Complaint regarding his tax exemption.

At this time Councilor Reichert asked if he could speak to this issue.

D. Igliazzi said these items can be added to agenda for discussion only, no action.

Councilor Reichert referenced the correspondence from Jason Moody and correspondence received from David Graham and his attorney. Councilor Reichert stated it was to be on agenda but it is not. Councilor Reichert questioned if he could make a motion to add to agenda for discussion. Councilor Reichert stated he is aware he cannot take an action. Councilor P. Henry questioned that if an employee potentially was to be discussed shouldn't that employee be present. Discussion followed on whether the conversation would be about the process or personnel.

D. Igliazzi, Atty., stated Council can add the correspondence for discussion only but if there would be personnel discussed a process must be followed.

Lori DeSantis, Tax Assessor, was present (by telephone).

D. Igliazzi stated again if the item to be discussed was about personnel we need to follow the proper process.

Councilor Reichert agreed to put these items on the next meeting agenda.

Councilor G. Steere clarified for Ms. DeSantis this would be on the next agenda.

L. DeSantis explained to Council her opinion on the situation with Mr. Moody. Councilor W. Steere stated this item should be on the next agenda.

David Graham wished to speak and was told he could discuss in open forum.

3. Request for legislative support from No. Smithfield School Committee was received.
4. Letter from Steven St. Pierre - Complaint regarding Public Works (Councilor G. Steere stated this was resolved)
5. Request for support received from R.I. Coalition for Homeless regarding porta john placement in public places.
6. Letter from DEM regarding a freshwater wetland notice on Joe Sarle Road.
7. RI Resource Recovery send congratulations for recycling over the 25% in contract and receiving a dollar per ton rebate of \$2,649.
8. Letter from David Turner - Regarding a complaint from a resident at Village at Chopmist Hill regarding no water being available for residents at all times.

IX. Department Head Reports/Discussion

1. J. Fecteau, Clerk, updated Council that Maureen Baxter notified her today that she will be retired as of September 1, 2020. Council sent regards. The Clerk stated the position will be posted internally first and then existing applications will be reviewed. Next agenda.
2. Chief J. DelPrete stated he will be working with Zoning regarding unregistered vehicle enforcement and hopefully no court action will be necessary.  
The Chief stated the last few months have been extremely busy, doubling the calls for service in August.  
The Chief stated he would be reviewing applications with A. Muccino received for a part time Dispatch position.

Councilor J. Forgue questioned having a Council member meet with Department Heads regarding the municipal court discussion. D. Iglizzo advised if Council wants to authorize a Councilor to participate it would need to be an agenda item. Next meeting Agenda Item.

K. Johnson, Bldg/Zoning, spoke to Council Correspondence #8 regarding the lack of water to mobile home park residents. K. Johnson will continue to follow this situation and report back to Council. K. Johnson stated, per the Code of Ordinance, the owners are required to provide water to residents at all times. Discussion followed on the problems in that neighborhood and what action needs to be taken to ensure the residents are supplied water at all times.

Councilor P. Henry felt an aggressive stance, handling the lack of water, should be taken. P. Henry felt correspondence from our Solicitor should be sent to the owners of the Mobile Home Park.

Councilor P. Henry questioned whether the Building/Zoning Official needs additional help due to the rising housing numbers reflected in his monthly report. K. Johnson stated he is handling the workload.

K. Scott, Planning, stated the Historic sub-grant has been released and all information for participation is on the Town's website. K. Scott stated a mailing was going out to potential grant applicants.

X. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion  
None

XI. Open Forum

David Graham questioned the Council on the receipt of his correspondence and that he didn't "make" the agenda.

Mr. Graham read his correspondence:

Hello Ms. Fecteau,

Please forward the request below to the Gloucester Town Council members.

I am requesting consideration from the Town of Gloucester, Town Council regarding a change to the tax card for the property located at 110 Putnam Pike in Gloucester, RI. (Parcel ID. OOW/007/000 Acct# 09-0117-00) at your earliest convenience. It is currently listed as a one bedroom property but has been listed as multiple bedrooms in the past.

My desire is for it to be listed as a three bedroom to support a combined residential/office use.

Prior to my purchasing it, the property was in a blighted condition with a cesspool. I will be installing a new up to date High Tech septic system to bring it up to current standards.

I have anecdotal evidence that tax cards have been changed on a regular basis in the past and that this should be a simple procedure. If this is not the case, please let me know as soon as possible so I can explore other avenues for relief.

Thank you in advance for your assistance,

David Graham

Graham Development Company LLC

(end of memo)

D. Graham stated he reached out to the Council because he feels the situation has dragged on too long.

The Clerk stated she did forward his correspondence to all Councilors when it was received and explained it was not clear to her that this was to be an agenda item.

D. Graham questioned if his only option was to take legal action.

D. Igliazzi stated he would look into it for Council if necessary.

K. Johnson stated he will speak to the Solicitor regarding this matter and further that he believes this issue could be worked out without legal action. K. Johnson stated he will update Mr. Igliazzi and will continue to work with Mr. Graham and the Tax Assessor.

Mr. Graham stated that Mr. Johnson has been very helpful and he does not feel Mr. Johnson is the problem.

K. Sorenson, Joe Sarle Road, questioned the correspondence relating to a DEM wetland notice. Councilor G. Steere stated the notice is relating to filling in wetlands. Ms. Sorenson stated she was concerned about any work in that area due to flooding. Councilor G. Steere stated this is a notice to the town and neighbors. D. Igliazzi stated he believes the comment period is ending soon. The Clerk will forward the notice to Ms. Sorenson.

Councilor W. Steere questioned a quorum of Councilors in one location for this meeting. Atty. Igliazzi stated there is no prohibition to a quorum meeting in one room as long as there is no business discussed before or after. Council discussed future meetings. The Clerk stated there hasn't been discussion yet about in person meetings and the capability to provide those meetings electronically as the state requires.

Councilor G. Steere reported that there had been a police call to Hill's Tavern regarding amplified music. Councilor G. Steere stated a police report was filed. Councilor W. Steere stated that is due to opening up uses to an establishment who hasn't followed the rules in the past. Council discussed this wasn't fair to those that follow the rules. The Clerk stated that she was contacted regarding a special event Mr. Hill wanted to schedule. The Clerk stated that she requested an application for the event from Mr. Hill but has not received any information. J. Fecteau explained that she would not make the determination, due to recent violations, if a special event can be held so she was waiting for Mr. Hill to submit his application which she would then forward to Council.

Discussion followed on the "ongoing" problem at that location. D. Igliazzi explained the hearing process if that is what Council is considering. The Clerk felt the problems with these establishments are the "big" parties outside of these establishments. Councilor G. Steere stated it seems only this one establishment has had problems.

Councilor W. Steere stated the problems started once the special event right was granted.

Discussion followed on a proposed fund-raiser being proposed at a different location. The Clerk stated the application rec'd will go to public hearing. The Clerk will attempt to get a hearing scheduled for the second meeting of September.

Councilor G. Steere stated that Council will Convene Executive Session at which time the Host will place all those present into a waiting room and following Executive Session, when open session is reconvened, those in waiting room will be allowed back into meeting.

XII. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to:

R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(5) Land Acquisition - Discussion and/or action

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Fogue to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to: R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(5) Land Acquisition - Discussion and/or action; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED

XIII. Reconvene Open Session

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Forgue to RECONVENE Open Session; DISCLOSE no votes were taken in Closed Session; and to SEAL the minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED

XIV. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Henry to ADJOURN at 11:16 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Forgue

Council Discussion: None

Councilor President G. Steere requested the Clerk poll the council:

Councilor Forgue - Aye  
Councilor Henry - Aye  
Councilor Reichert - Aye  
Councilor W. Steere - Aye  
Councilor G. Steere - Aye

MOTION PASSED