

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on May 5, 2022;

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: William E. Reichert , President; Walter M.O. Steere, III, Vice President; Stephen Arnold; William A. Worthy, Jr.; David Laplante

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Iglizzi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; Chief Joseph Delprete; Gary Treml, Director of Public Works; Ken Johnson, Building and Zoning Official; Robert Shields, Recreation Director; and, John Luszc, Human Services Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone wished to speak on an agenda item.

J. Colaluca, resident and coordinator of Earth Day, thanked the Council for their support as well as the police, EMA, our local Cub Scout Troop, the Conservation Commission and the many citizens that came out and helped to make Earth Day successful.

V. Public Hearings

- A. ISSUANCE OF A NEW VICTUALING LICENSE- Discussion and/or Action  
Applicant: Balwinder Singh, By Corporation: RAJNI,  
d/b/a Mr. Z's by the Lake  
Location: 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor Reichert stated that this application is for a new owner of an existing restaurant. Councilor Reichert stated that the Public Hearing was advertised in the Observer on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Reichert asked if the applicant is present to give a brief description of what they propose at the current location.

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone wished to speak and if so to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record.

Discussion: D. Ursillo, Esq. stated that he represents the applicant and that the closing is scheduled for tomorrow. Atty. Ursillo also stated that the applicant will be keeping the name and offering the same type of food.

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone else wished to speak.

Councilor Reichert stated that if there is no more discussion, Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to GRANT a Victualing License to Applicant: Balwinder Singh, by Corporation: RAJNI, d/b/a Mr. Z's by the Lake; Location: 2400 Putnam Pike contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; and 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid to November 30, 2022; seconded by; Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER- Discussion and/or Action

FROM: Mr. Z's by the Lake, LLC, Nikolas Zarokostas, Stavros Zarokostas, d/b/a Mr. Z's by the Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike

TO: RAJNI, LLC, Balwinder Singh, d/b/a Mr. Z's by the Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor Reichert stated that this application is for the transfer of an existing liquor license. Councilor Reichert stated that the Public Hearing was advertised in the Observer on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Reichert stated that for the record: a claim was received, against the current owner, this afternoon, May 5<sup>th</sup>, with an Objection to the Transfer from Horizon Beverage. Councilor Reichert stated that the claim was satisfied and the Objection was withdrawn.

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone wished to speak to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record.

D. Ursillo, Esq. stated that he represents the applicant and that all items are in order for the sale of the property with a closing scheduled for tomorrow. Attorney Ursillo stated that the seller is present and signed off on the transfer and Attorney Ursillo asked that the transfer be granted.

Councilor Reichert stated that if there is no more discussion, Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT the transfer of a Class B-V Liquor license from: a Victualing License to Applicant: Balwinder Singh, By Corporation: RAJNI, d/b/a Mr. Z's by the Lake; Location: 2400 Putnam Pike contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L. a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid to November 30, 2022; seconded by; Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. NEW ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE- Discussion and/or Action

Applicant: Balwinder Singh, By Corporation: RAJNI, LLC  
d/b/a Mr. Z's by the Lake  
Location: 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor Reichert stated that this application is for a new owner of an existing establishment.

Councilor Reichert stated that the Public Hearing was advertised in the Observer on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Reichert asked if the applicant was present to give a brief description of what they propose at that location.

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone wished to speak to please step to the microphone and state your name for the record.

D. Ursillo, Esq. stated that he represents the applicant and the applicant wanted to add entertainment in the form of a jukebox at the establishment. D. Ursillo, Esq. stated that the applicant was not planning on having any music outdoors. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, asked if the applicant was planning on having any bands or karaoke because just a jukebox does not need an entertainment license. J. Fecteau stated that her office can amend the application depending upon what the applicant requests at this meeting. B. Singh, applicant, stated they would like to be able to have at most a one man band. J. Fecteau asked D. Ursillo, Esq. to send her an email reflecting this addition to the application in order to be able to amend it.

Councilor Reichert stated that if there is no more discussion, then Councilor Reichert DECLARED

the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made to GRANT an Entertainment License to Applicant: Balwinder Singh, By Corporation: RAJNI, LLC, d/b/a Mr. Z's by the Lake; Location: 2400 Putnam Pike contingent upon 1) Payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; this license is valid to November 30, 2022 and is subject to the following stipulations:

1. That all entertainment be confined to the inside of the building
2. That all windows on the premises are kept closed when there is amplified entertainment, but not permanently, and that doors are only opened for normal ingress and egress from the premises.
3. That all live indoor entertainment cease at 1:00 a.m.
4. When there is live entertainment, the Town Council, at its discretion, may assign a supplemental police officer or officers at such time and in such a place as the Town Council deems appropriate and the license holder shall reimburse the Town of Gloucester for the expense of such police officer(s)
5. This use shall be rescinded upon determination by the licensing board with no further public hearing.
6. Any other reasonable conditions and restrictions as the Town Council may require; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VI. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes : Special Meeting of April 19th, 2022 & Regular Meeting of April 21, 2022
- B. Tax Collector's Abatements - Discussion and/or Action
  1. 2011 Receivable Tax Roll
  2. 2011 Tax Sale Fees

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of the Special Meeting of April 19, 2022 & the Regular meeting minutes of April 21, 2022; to APPROVE the Tax Collector's Abatement of the 2011 Receivable Tax Roll and the Abatement of the 2011 Tax Sale Fees; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Boards and Commissions

1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action

a. Recreation Commission

1. Position # 1- One unexpired term to expire 12/31/22

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation, Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #1; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Position # 5- One unexpired term to expire 12/31/22

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Recreation Commission, Position #5; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor Worthy stated there may be several candidates submitting their applications so he is hoping the Council will have some to appoint.

b. Economic Development Commission

1. Position #2 - Two year term to expire 12/31/2022

2. Position # 4- Two year term to expire 12/31/2022

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Position #2; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0  
MOTION PASSED

2. Position # 4- Two year term to expire 12/31/2022

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Position #4; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0  
MOTION PASSED

c. Budget Board

1. Position # 3- One unexpired term to end 12/31/2023

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation at this time and unless a Councilor has a recommendation Council can table.

MOTION was made by Councilor Laplante to TABLE the appointment to the Budget Board, Position #3; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0  
MOTION PASSED

d. Parade Committee

1. Alternate #1
2. Alternate #2
3. Position # 8
4. Position # 9

Councilor Reichert stated that there is no recommendation from Chair, Council can refer to talent bank listing

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE the open positions: Alternate 1 & 2; and Positions 8 & 9 on the Parade Committee; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- B. American Rescue Plan Act Funds
  - 1. INTERNAL PROGRAMS - Discussion and/or Action
    - a. Land Acquisition

Discussion: J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that there is no new information at this time.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the set aside request for Land Acquisition; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- 2. EXTERNAL PROGRAMS - Discussion and/or Action
  - a. Economic Development Commission – Marketing Materials.

Councilor Reichert stated that this item was tabled for more input on the implementation of a plan from the Town Planner. Councilor Reichert stated that the Planner couldn't be present tonight.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the set aside request for Economic Development Commission - Marketing Materials; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- C. Consideration/Adoption of Policy - Senior Center iPad Loaner Program - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that this item was tabled for more research. Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received a memo from Director which he read as follows:

4/18/2022

To The Honorable Town Council,

Attached is an updated proposed draft copy of the Gloucester Senior Center's iPad Loan Program Policy and Agreement including the IT Department's recommended Disclaimer and updated wording on who is eligible to participate.

That leaves us to decide on how to handle lost or damaged iPads. I have been informed that we do not have insurance on the units. The cost for AppleCare+ on an iPad 9 would be between \$70-\$100

per device for 2 years. Repairs are also not free, they are at a reduced rate with a minimum repair charge of roughly \$50 plus shipping fees for every unit sent out. My personal opinion is that our best bet is to include the clause stating that “Financial responsibility for lost or damaged equipment will be at the expense of the borrower”. I am asking that you please review, amend as you see fit, and adopt the GSC iPad Loan Program Policy and Agreement.

Respectfully,  
Melissa Bouvier  
(end of memo)

Discussion: Councilor Arnold stated that he knows this policy has been being worked on and that insurance is expensive. Councilor Arnold stated his belief that signing a disclaimer is sufficient enough of a deterrent for someone to take responsibility. Councilor Arnold stated his opinion that he feels most of the ipads will probably be used inside the Senior Center building and the Council should move forward on the policy. Councilor Steere stated that most people using the ipads may not be able to afford an ipad never mind be able to replace one. Councilor Steere stated his opinion that he feels people will take care of the ipads and that accidents happen. Councilor Worthy asked if Council were to adopt the policy then could language be added. J. Fecteau stated that she thought the language was included but that M. Bouvier, Senior Center Director, could amend. Councilor Laplante asked if the language could be included in the motion and J. Fecteau stated it could.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ADOPT the Gloucester Senior Center iPad Loan Program Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement to include a letter of financial responsibility for loss or damage of equipment, to be dated May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

#### VIII. New Business

##### A. Personnel

1. Appointment - Discussion and/or Action
  - a. Building/Zoning Department  
Mechanical Inspector - Part time

Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received a memo from the acting Human Resources Director which he read as follows:

TO: Honorable Members of the Gloucester Town Council  
FROM: Don Zimmerman, Acting Director of Human Resources  
SUBJECT: Appointment of Mechanical Inspector  
DATE: May 2, 2022



On behalf of Ken Johnson, Town Building Official and myself, I am submitting the name of Roland Belanger of Pascoag to fill the vacant position of Mechanical Inspector. This is an on-call position that typically fulfills 5 to 8 inspections per week, depending on the season. Compensation is based on project valuation (see attached remuneration schedule approved by Council September 4, 2008) and currently ranges between \$35 and \$85 per inspection with a maximum of three inspections per permit.

Interviews of three final candidates were conducted by Mr. Johnson, Town Clerk Jean Fecteau and me on May 2. The interviews were originally scheduled for April 22 but were rescheduled due to illness.

Mr. Belanger is currently the mechanical and plumbing inspector for the Town of Burrillville and has filled in as mechanical inspector in Glocester while the position has been vacant. Mr. Belanger also operates his own private plumbing and heating business which provides service mostly in the suburban Boston market. He is aware and has agreed that he will not inspect any work done by his firm in Glocester.

Mr. Belanger has more than 30 years of experience in plumbing and heating and holds RI Master Plumber, RI Master Pipefitter I and RI Fire Protection Master licenses, as well as registration as a RI Contractor and certification as a RI Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector.

We are also requesting that Council authorize the use of Mr. Belanger as a back-up plumbing inspector in cases of emergency or scheduling conflict, also in accordance with the attached remuneration schedule.

We request the appointment be effective May 5, 2022

(end of memo).

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked who would inspect if the applicant 's firm does work in Glocester.. K. Johnson, Building Official, stated outside help would be sought just like it was with the prior inspector. K. Johnson stated that this matter was discussed with the applicant and that the applicant was semi retired; was available due to being semi retired; and, that the company does not do much work in Glocester. Councilor Steere stated that as long as there is a plan he is fine.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPOINT Roland Belanger to the position of on call Mechanical Inspector; said position to be compensated at current fee schedule and appointment is effective May 5, 2022; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- b. Town Clerk's Office  
Authorization to advertise position, if needed

Councilor Reichert stated that due to an internal job posting the Town Clerk is asking for permission to post any vacancy that may or may not occur in the Town Clerk's Office. Councilor Reichert

stated that no position currently exists in the Clerks Office but if one should the Clerk needs to fill it as soon as possible. Councilor Reichert stated that the election cycle has already begun for that office, redistricting of all town voters is still on going with the next phase of advertising and notification to all voters pending; and all staff is training on new vital records processes.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to AUTHORIZE the Town Clerk and acting HR Director to post and advertise any position that should be needed to be filled in the Town Clerk's Office in the next three month period and, if needed, the Clerk shall submit a recommendation to Town Council; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- B. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration - Discussion and/or Action
  - 1. Approval of dates for 2022

Councilor Reichert stated that this issue was discussed at the Special meeting of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to REMOVE Item VIII. B. from the agenda; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- C. Municipal Resiliency Program - Discussion and/or Action
  - 1. Authorization to sign 2022 Community Participation Agreement

Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received a request from the Town Planner which he read as follows:

To: Town Council Members  
From: Karen Scott, Town Planner  
Date: November 22, 2021  
Re: Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank – Municipal Resilience Program

In November 2021, the Town Council voted to support an application to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's Municipal Resilience Program. The program helps communities to identify and fund projects that will improve resilience to natural and climate hazards. Acceptance and participation in this program opens up infrastructure grant opportunities to fund projects identified through this process. Specifically, I anticipate funding to be used for a program to upgrade septic systems on private property, as leaching septic systems are causing a water quality issue with both drinking water wells and the Chepachet River.

The Town has been accepted into the Municipal Resilience Program. I am seeking authorization for the Town Council President to sign the attached Participation Agreement. There is no budgetary cost to participating in this program.

(End of memo)

Discussion: Councilor Arnold stated that Glocester was 1 of 6 to be approved for this program and expressed kudos to K. Scott, Town Planner. Councilor Worthy asked if this program was part of the well program brought to Council at a prior meeting by K. Scott. Councilor Steere stated that this program is more for residential and the well program is for commercial .

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to AUTHORIZE the Town Council President to sign the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank – 2022 Municipal Resilience Program Participation Agreement; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- D. Authorization for Council member(s) to Consult with Foster representatives regarding: Animal Control - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Councilor Worthy requested this item to be on the agenda because his opinion is that a conversation is needed to obtain hard numbers as to Foster's need and if this request makes sense financially. Councilor Reichert stated that he spoke with D. Difranco, Foster Town Council president, about the possible consideration by the Council to allow sheltering of Foster animals in Glocester's shelter if Foster hired their own Animal Control Officer. Councilor Reichert stated that Foster was paying the Town of Scituate \$50,000 and that 70% of the animals in Scituate belonged to Foster. Councilor Worthy stated that he received a different story when he spoke with D. Difranco which is why he would like to get hard numbers. Councilor Laplante recommends this matter be placed on our next agenda and invite Foster to come and present as to what exactly they are looking for. Chief Delprete, Police chief, stated that he wanted to reaffirm what he told Council at the last meeting that he would have to send a police officer with the animal control officer each time they received a call from Foster. Councilor Steere stated that he is willing to listen but feels Foster needs to come up with a plan and that in his opinion Glocester has enough to handle with a new Animal Control Officer. Councilor Laplante stated that 70 % of the animals in Scituate are from Foster so

he feels that all responsibilities need to be spelled out including vet services , housing, food, etc. as well as his concerns regarding liability issues. Councilor Laplante stated his opinion that he feels it is insulting for Foster to offer Gloucester \$30,000 to take over their animal control shelter when they are already paying Scituate \$50,000. Chief Delprete stated that Gloucester’s animal control shelter is running smoothly ; that it is getting a lot of calls and he is concerned about the handling of calls if we took this matter on and calls came in from both towns at the same time .

No action taken by Council

Discussion: Councilor Reichert asked K. Johnson, Building Official, about the new Department of Environmental Management (DEM) regulations regarding wetlands. K. Johnson stated that he was planning on speaking to this matter in the Department Head section on the agenda but if Council would like to hear it then he will speak to the matter. Councilor Reichert agreed

K. Johnson stated that DEM has increased the buffer zone surrounding wetlands and that the increase basically doubles the buffer. K. Johnson stated that the new regulations become effective on July 1, 2022 and effects new buildings. K. Johnson stated that there is a process to apply for a variance or an insignificant alteration permit but they start at about \$500. K. Johnson stated that these new regulations will restrict building in town because Gloucester has many ponds, rivers, lakes and streams. K. Johnson would like time to read through all the material from DEM and then write a concise report for Council to present at the next meeting in order for Council to consider possible responses.

No action taken by Council

#### IX. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. In Council’s packet, memo from the Human Resources Director regarding his department.
2. In Council’s packet, request for Leja Field work.

Councilor Arnold stated that he and Councilor Worthy received an email in a group email regarding Leja field and a variety of issues of which many have been addressed. Councilor Arnold stated the main request is to add a roof to the dugouts. Councilor Arnold wants to know how that matter would be handled because the field is town property being used by a non profit organization and the regional school. Councilor Arnold stated that R. Shields, Recreation Director, has circulated a document specifying who is using the field and when. Councilor Steere raised the issue that a maintenance and use plan needs to be in place preferably before the season and that he is glad the field is being used. Councilor Arnold stated the school is contributing to expenses but they are not paying a use fee. G. Treml, DPW Director, stated that he will do what is needed as long as he knows what is needed. G. Treml confirmed that regular mowing is what DPW has been asked to handle but if there is anything else to let him know. R. Shields described how the Town of Burrillville handles the use of their fields as an example. R. Shields stated that the Region does not charge the town for the use of the Region’s tennis court or track. Councilor Laplante asked if there was an employee who could build the roof on the dugout. G. Treml stated that if Council wants that then he can do that.. Councilor Steere stated that for the future there needs to be a codified agreement stating who is

responsible for what. G. Trembl stated that he will look at what a roof would cost and give the Council an estimate. Councilor Reichert added that the town should be the one to build the roof if it is decided that it should be done .

X. Department Head Reports/Discussion

Councilor Steere stated he would like to ask J. Luszczyk, Human Services Director, a few questions about the food voucher grant program. Councilor Steere first clarified that the letter sent by J. Luszczyk to Council misstated that he wanted the food voucher program reinstated. Councilor Steere clarified that he had a prior conversation with J. Luszczyk at a prior council meeting about the food voucher program that was in place. Councilor Steere asked the amount being given out per month which is about \$1250 total. Councilor Steere asked the value of a food voucher which J. Luszczyk confirmed was \$10 each and that he gives out three at a time. Councilor Steere asked how many people are on J. Luszczyk's list to which J. Luszczyk stated there are 77 people and about one half come in on a regular basis. Councilor Steere asked how many the prior Human Services Director served and J. Luszczyk stated about 26-28. Councilor Steere asked about how people qualify for the program and J. Luszczyk explained the criteria and that he requires financial proof of need in accordance with TriTown. J. Luszczyk stated that his department does refer people to different programs such as the Dept. of Health, TriTown and the Salvation Army. Councilor Steere stated his concern about the rate of spending in these uncertain times as he wants the department to be able to be maintained. J. Luszczyk stated that his budget is being maintained and that donations are still coming in. J. Luszczyk stated that he has contacted the RI Food Bank to see if Glocester could participate in their program. Councilor Steere asked how people find out about the different programs in the Human Services Dept. to which J. Luszczyk stated usually by word of mouth or phone calls to the Clerk's office. Councilor Steere stated again that he is concerned about maintaining the program in these uncertain times and that he knows J. Luszczyk works from his heart to help people. J. Luszczyk stated that the rate may be so high because of COVID and the uncertain times. Councilor Steere asked about how people qualify for oil. J. Luszczyk explained the process to qualify and to receive oil. Councilor Reichert suggested a way for J. Luszczyk to make sure people are actually in need of oil and qualify in order to avoid any abuses. Councilor Reichert thanked J. Luszczyk for helping an elderly resident. J. Luszczyk explained how he keeps track of food vouchers in response to Councilor Steere's question. Councilor Steere asked why the State was concerned with the food voucher grant program. A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that the State's concern was that food vouchers are like gift certificates and the grant program prefers actual receipts for purchases.

XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

None

XII. Open Forum

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone wished to speak.

None

XIII. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to:

- A. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining - Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council
- B. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) Any discussion or consideration related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public.
  - 1. Discussion by Council, Vote or Other Action for acquisition of real estate including but not limited to Proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement and Authorization of any and all other action required to complete the purchase of real estate and appropriating APRA Funds

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Convene to Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(5) Any discussion or consideration related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

Councilor Reichert requested the Clerk to poll the Council:

Councilor Arnold -Aye  
Councilor Worthy -Aye  
Councilor Laplante -Aye  
Councilor Steere -Aye  
Councilor Reichert -Aye

MOTION PASSED

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

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Reconvene Open Session - Disclose zero (0) votes were taken in Executive Session and to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

XV. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ADJOURN at 9:45 P.M. ; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Laplante, Arnold, Worthy, Steere and Reichert  
NAYS-0  
MOTION PASSED