

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - JANUARY 2, 2008

PRESENT: Marshall, Cordeiro, Parella, Barboza and Herreshoff

ALSO PRESENT: Nancy Letendre, Esq., Assistant Town Solicitor

ABSENT: Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator
Marshall J. Netto, Town Sergeant

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening, January 2, 2008 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 PM, Council Chairman Marshall presiding:

Council Chairman Marshall noted that this was the first Council meeting of 2008 and wished all present a Happy New Year.

Council Chairman Marshall also explained that the Council will soon host a workshop with the local members of the General Assembly. He further explained that the date of this workshop will be announced at a later time.

Council Chairman Marshall informed those present of the upcoming Council Workshop (January 9, 2008) concerning the Recreation Board and suggested that those members of the Recreation Board, most recent past and present, might be specifically invited to attend same. The Clerk agreed to send letters of invitation.

Council Chairman Marshall also informed those present of an upcoming public meeting hosted by the Rhode Island Bridge and Turnpike Authority concerning Mount Hope Bridge tolls, etc. This meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Burnside Memorial Building.

Council Chairman Marshall also announced that Town Solicitor Ursillo was absent this evening due to a death in his family. He extended condolences on behalf of the Council. He also explained that several members of the Administration, including Town Administrator Mederos were absent this evening due to illness.

Town Clerk re Deputy Town Clerk - Oath of Office

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Jennifer Walsh who assumed her new duties as Deputy Town Clerk.

The Council expressed their well wishes to Ms. Walsh for a successful term.

MOTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA - TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

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Cordeiro/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda; withholding items R20 and R21 for further discussion.

A. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. Town Council Meeting - December 12, 2007

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007 as prepared and presented.

(CA) AA. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES-Boards and Commissions

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place these items on file."

1. Harbor Commission - December 3, 2007
2. Bristol County Water Authority/Board of Directors - November 15, 2007
3. Bristol County Water Authority/Audit Finance Committee - December 5, 2007
4. Bristol County Water Authority/Engineering Committee - December 5, 2007
5. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - November 26, 2007
6. Bristol Housing Authority - November 8, 2007
7. Historic District Commission - November 1, 2007
8. Planning Board - November 13, 2007
9. Bristol County Water Authority/Public Relations/Personnel Committee - December 5, 2007

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Patricia Thompson, 116 State Street - request for handicap parking designation, **2nd reading**

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to consider this action
to be the 2nd reading of this
petition for approval.

2. Town Solicitor Ursillo - request to rescind
the August 29, 2007 motion to rename a
portion of Tower Road to Pokanoket Place

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to rescind the vote of
August 29, 2007 per the request of
the Town Solicitor.

Prior to the vote taken, it was noted for the record that
the previous Council action was taken in error and the road
in question was actually not a public road but was rather a
private right of way; outside of the jurisdiction of the
Council. The Clerk noted that the various parties, including
the original petitioner have been informed of this error.

BB. SPECIAL /STATUS REPORTS

1. Town Administrator Mederos - Monthly Reports
from Town Departments
 - a. Bristol Fire and Rescue - December
 - b. Rogers Free Library - December
 - c. Public Works - October
 - d. Public Works - November
 - e. Human Services and Welfare - August
 - f. Building Inspection - November
 - g. Tax Assessor - December

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Council members expressed their
appreciation for receipt of these informative reports.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

D. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #2007-31, CHAPTER 29, Soil Erosion, Runoff, and Sediment Control, Article III, Soil Erosion, Runoff and Sediment Control Plan, Section 29-59, Performance Principles, (version 1), **2nd reading for adoption, continued from December 12, 2007**

- a. Director of Community Development and Principal Planner - revision

LATE ITEM

- b. John Barker, ES Products re Tanyard Brook Stormwater Ordinance

Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously to continue the Second Reading of this Ordinance until the meeting of January 23, 2008 and to forward same to Director of Community Development Williamson for further revision based upon the testimony presented this evening and with the express desire that the various parties will review same in advance of said meeting.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall explained that the ordinance amendment was the result of several meetings including the Mr. Tanner, Director of Community Development Williamson, Town Solicitor Ursillo, and others in consideration of the immediate needs of the area business owners. He suggested that the Council adopt the ordinance, as amended, with the express desire to eventually recognize the issues of other watershed areas. He further explained that this ordinance proposal is to provide options where there are apparently none at present. He also stated that it is designed to provide incentives for low impact designs such as the use of pervious surfaces.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that it makes sense to take action and implement a stop-gap measure and improve the ordinance over time.

Councilwoman Parella and Councilman Barboza also noted that the proposal provides options for developers.

Assistant Town Solicitor Letendre expressed concern that the ordinance proposal might have "procedural issues."

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Councilman Barboza noted that Town Solicitor Ursillo reviewed the proposal and appears to be in agreement with its approach.

Assistant Town Solicitor Letendre questioned as to whether or not Mr. Ursillo reviewed the matters central to the proposed user fees and suggested that the Council might wish to withhold action on this matter until the question is resolved.

Andrew Tyska stated that he was in agreement that the ordinance was a "work in progress" and that it will likely "help for now" but he questioned the amount of the impact fee of \$2 since he was unaware of any impact fees exceeding \$.68.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she was concerned and disappointed that all of the various parties did not appear to be "on-board" with this matter since it has already been discussed at length at earlier meetings.

Councilman Barboza asked where the \$2 fee was derived with Council Chairman Marshall explaining the calculation of same.

Mr. Tyska stated that he was of the opinion that the ordinance as drafted was "okay" for the current situation but that it would likely negatively impact other future projects. He also expressed concern that there was insufficient time to review the proposal prior to this meeting.

Councilman Herreshoff asked Mr. Tyska if he would prefer if the Council delayed action with Mr. Tyska responding affirmatively.

Councilman Herreshoff also expressed concern that the calculation of the impact fee might be arbitrary. He suggested that specific rules for calculation of the fee might be put in place.

Mr. Tanner explained that the fee was developed based upon the costs of conformance per the soil erosion ordinance and that those in compliance would pay nothing and those who comply to a lesser degree would pay accordingly. He also explained that the fees charged by other communities might not be accurately compared.

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Council Chairman Marshall explained that the fee structure might also reward "green" projects with appropriate tax credits versus fees.

Mr. Tyska stated that he was of the opinion that the Town's soil erosion, runoff ordinance was not enforced at all. He asked why this might be the case.

A discussion ensued concerning the "zero runoff" regulations.

Stephan Brigidi of Save Bristol Harbor informed the Council that his organization is opposed to the ordinance as presented.

Ronald Blanchard explained that he, too, has a "problem" with the ordinance. He suggested that paragraph (a) should be amended to change the word "shall" to "should" and further suggested that the last sentence of this paragraph should be stricken.

Mr. Blanchard suggested that the substitution of the word "shall" to "should" will allow the property owner to "do the best he can without obligation" to do so.

After the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the "staff" should rewrite the ordinance and incorporate other consideration as applicable.

John Barker of ES Products, a manufacturer in the affected area, stated that he was concerned that the Council was taking "shots" at the problem and that it should repeal the entire Soil Erosion and Runoff ordinance and start anew.

Council Chairman Marshall stated that he appreciated everyone's input but that he was concerned that the "perfect" ordinance will not be forthcoming to everyone's satisfaction.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that everyone should be "realistic" and that the goal is to balance the needs of economic development with the Town's drainage problems.

2. Ordinance #2007-40, CHAPTER 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-143, Parking prohibited at all times, 15 Wheeler Avenue
2nd reading for adoption

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Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted unanimously to consider this action to be the Second Reading of Ordinance #2007-40. Advertise in local newspaper.

3. Ordinance #2007-41, CHAPTER 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Section 2-161, Appointment and term, North and East Burial Grounds Commission, **2nd reading for adoption**

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to consider this action to be the Second Reading of Ordinance #2007-41. Advertise in local newspaper.

4. Ordinance #2007-42, CHAPTER 11, Fees and Charges, Section 11-1, Comprehensive Schedule of fees, (43) Moorings and docking fees, **2nd reading for adoption**

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to consider this action to be the Second Reading of Ordinance #2007-42. Advertise in local newspaper.

5. Ordinance #2007-43, CHAPTER 8, Boats, Docks and Waterways, Article II, Harbor Regulations, Section 8-57 through 8-67, **2nd reading for adoption**

- a. Andrew Tyska et al re petition for Public Hearing pursuant to Town Charter Sec. 208 (c)

LATE ITEM

- b. Recommendation - Harbormaster's Office

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing regarding this matter to be held during the regular Council Meeting of January 23, 2008. Advertise in local newspaper.

Prior to the vote taken, it was noted that the Council will receive testimony concerning this matter at the public hearing.

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Councilman Barboza expressed concern regarding the filing for a public hearing since the matter was discussed at a public workshop in detail.

Andrew Tyska, one of the petitioners informed the Council that the public hearing was sought since none of the suggestions raised at the earlier workshops were incorporated into the ordinance.

(CA) E. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these adjustments."

(CA) F. APPOINTMENTS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve advertising these Appointments."

1. Public Service Appointments
 - a. North and East Burial Grounds Commission
(Auxiliary member 5-year term expires 1/2013 - conditional)
 1. Charles Cavalconte, 88 Church Street - interest/appointment
 2. Edward Carusi, 64 Mt. Hope Avenue - interest/appointment

Councilman Barboza nominated Charles Cavalconte for appointment.

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Rev. Cavalconte, term to expire in January, 2013.

G. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. Kevin Silva, d/b/a A Leg Up Bowtique & Barkery (formerly Woof), 54 State Street - request for Holiday Sales License
 - a. Recommendation - Police Chief

Cordeiro/Herreshoff - Voted
unanimously to grant this license
per the recommendation received.

H. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS

(CA) I. UTILITY PETITIONS

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these
petitions."**

1. Road Cut Permits - DPW
2. Sewer Permits - WPCF

J. PETITIONS - OTHER

1. Michael Mendes, 170 Hayden Avenue, Tiverton -
petition re damages to auto on Roma Street,
December 15, 2007

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to refer this matter to
the Rhode Island Interlocal Trust.

K. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

1. Linda Rhynard, President, Coggeshall Farm
Museum - Thank you for grant and update on
activities

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

Council members stated that they were pleased that
Coggeshall Farm was doing well and extended wishes for
another good year to the museum.

2. Susan Kennedy re condition of sidewalk near
Guiteras School after recent snow storm

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, a discussion ensued regarding the
removal of snow from sidewalks.

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Councilman Cordeiro expressed concern that property owners used to remove snow from the sidewalks adjacent to their own properties and were no longer doing so. He stated that the removal of snow from sidewalks should be the responsibility of the residents of the neighborhood and that he removes the snow from the sidewalks near his home.

Councilman Barboza stated that the situation as described and discussed was a "no-win" and that he was of the understanding that the issue of snow removal is being addressed.

3. Council Chairman Marshall re paying seniors to work off taxes

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to continue this matter
until the meeting of January 23,
2008 in anticipation of a report
from Councilman Cordeiro and
Councilwoman Parella.

Prior to the vote taken, a discussion ensued about the difficulty experienced by many seniors on fixed incomes who must pay increasing property taxes.

Council Chairman Marshall relayed some of the points made in the article provided, noting that some other communities provide jobs for seniors who may receive tax credits for contributing work hours in exchange for their taxes. He suggested that the Town Treasurer and Tax Assessor might provide information as to the viability of such a program in Bristol. Council Chairman Marshall also stated that the members of the General Assembly might support such a program.

Council Chairman Marshall also stated that the Mosaico CDC may also participate and that the organization may have funds available to pay senior mentors and those who might assist with job training. He further stated that seniors have a wealth of experience that might be shared with those who are underemployed and that these instructors could be compensated for their teaching.

Council Chairman Marshall cautioned that any such program must be carefully developed so as to prevent the participants from being "double-taxed" in that additional income may usurp their ability to collect senior benefits.

Councilwoman Parella stated that this program might resemble

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"VISTA" or "Americore" and questioned if it may require legislative approval if tax credits are considered.

Assistant Town Solicitor Letendre stated that a tax exemption generally requires legislative approval. She further stated that implementation of such a program may be challenging but worthy of study. She stated that she would be willing to investigate the legal issues should the Council wish her to do so.

Councilman Cordeiro stated that he would be happy to work on such a program to benefit senior citizens. He also suggested that those interested might serve as coaches and/or officials for youth sports leagues.

Councilman Barboza expressed concern that such a program may be difficult to implement and suggested that the Council study the possible consequences carefully. He also suggested that the Council might consider adjusting the elderly exemption in general, since this would be easier to administer.

Councilman Cordeiro suggested that the Council might contact Rita Ayres-Gaulin at the Senior Center and others who might be familiar with the needs of seniors.

Councilwoman Parella stated that the program discussed might be effectively designed and researched by a graduate student, perhaps one from Roger Williams University. She further stated that the student might investigate programs used successfully in other states and that these might be used as a model for a Rhode Island program.

Councilman Cordeiro stated that he would investigate the availability of a graduate student intern from Roger Williams University.

Council Chairman Marshall suggested that the Council might refer this matter to Town Treasurer Day, Town Administrator Mederos, Rita Ayres-Gaulin and Candace Pansa.

Councilman Barboza stated that this type of program requires the commitment of someone who will "take the ball and run with it."

4. Rhode Island Turnpike & Bridge Authority -
Study of Options re maintenance of Mount Hope
Bridge

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Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff stated that he found the Bridge and Turnpike financial dilemma to be "puzzling" since the revenues from Newport Bridge tolls were known to exceed expectations.

Council Chairman Marshall agreed, stating that the report did not appear to make good sense.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that a plan to privatize toll collection on the Newport Bridge appeared to be equally peculiar.

Councilman Cordeiro stated that he opposes a program with EZ-Pass toll collections.

Councilwoman Parella and Councilman Barboza stated that the Council was generally opposed to the elimination of the tolls on the Mount Hope Bridge and also opposed the demolition of the toll booths.

Councilman Herreshoff noted that the tolls did not cover the collection of same with Councilman Barboza noting that the tolls were only ten cents per trip and a modest increase would have maintained the toll program and provided additional funds for bridge maintenance.

All agreed that a substantial toll on the Mount Hope Bridge appeared ludicrous.

Council Chairman Marshall suggested that all should attend the special workshop hosted by the Bridge and Turnpike Authority on January 14, 2008 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Burnside Memorial Building.

L. BILLS & EXPENDITURES

1. Bid #649 - Aerial Ladder Fire Apparatus

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted
unanimously to refer this
matter to the Town
Administrator and Fire Chief
so that they may act in the
best interest of the Town.

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Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk announced the receipt of one bid from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles of North Attleboro, Massachusetts in the amount of \$698,854.

(CA) M. ROUTINE REPORTS

(CA) N. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place this item on file."

1. Town Treasurer - Revenue and Expenditure Report, December 26, 2007

P. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

1. Commendation - Colonel Edward O. Cyr

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to adopt this Commendation as prepared and presented.

2. Resolution - Jane M. Centazzo

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to adopt this Resolution as prepared and presented as follows:

**Town of Bristol, Rhode Island
Resolution**

Be it hereby known to all that:

Whereas, Jane M. Centazzo has been a good and faithful employee of the Town of Bristol for thirty years, serving for more than three years in the trusted and respected position of **Deputy Town Clerk**; and

Whereas, Jane M. Centazzo, has provided exemplary service to all citizens who have sought her help and in particular has been extraordinarily obliging to all of the members of the past fifteen Town Councils; and

Whereas, Jane M. Centazzo, has met the challenge of assisting Town Hall customers - even the most difficult ones - with consistent responsiveness, dignity, and understanding.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that since **Jane M. Centazzo** has announced her retirement effective December 28, 2007, the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, individually, collectively and by these presents acknowledges, and expresses heartfelt thanks for, her many years of superior work and dedication, and further recognizes her years as **Deputy Town Clerk**, taking notice of service well beyond the call of duty, and

Be it, further Resolved, in consideration of the commendable service of **Jane M. Centazzo**, decrees that a copy of this Resolution shall be recorded forever after in its official annals; and

Be it, further Resolved, that the Honorable Town Council, as duly elected representatives of all of the citizens of the Town of Bristol, do hereby extend the sincerest congratulations and best wishes of a grateful community to **Jane M. Centazzo**, her husband Butch; her children, parents, siblings, family, friends, and associates upon this most auspicious occasion.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island on adoption this 27th Day of December, A. D. Two-Thousand and Seven.

/s/ Kenneth A. Marshall, Chairman
/s/ Raymond Cordeiro, Vice-Chairman
/s/ Mary A. Parella, Councilwoman
/s/ David E. Barboza, Councilman
/s/ Halsey C. Herreshoff, Councilman
Attest: /s/ Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Town Clerk

(CA) R. DISTRIBUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS (to be received and filed by Council)

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place these items on file."

1. Council Clerk Cirillo to Michelle Mascena, et al - Recreation Board appointment held in abeyance

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2. Council Clerk Cirillo to Alfred J. Moscola, General Manager, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority re Providence/Newport Ferry - Bristol Stop
3. Bruce P. Gladstein, Esquire for Antonio Cardoza - claim for injuries and damages
4. Town Administrator Mederos to Federal Properties of RI, Inc - Award of Bid #647, dump truck
5. Town Administrator Mederos to Mark Coelho - Award of Bid #647, pickup truck
6. Council Clerk Cirillo to Caitlin Chaffee, RI Coastal Resources Management Council - support of Silver Creek Salt Marsh Restoration grant application
7. Warrant - Robert Aldrich, 2nd Alternate to Redevelopment Agency
8. Warrant - Lindsay Green, Alternate Member of Open Space Committee
9. Warrant - Clifford Woods, Open Space Committee
10. Warrant - Anthony Morettini, Open Space Committee
11. Warrant - Marcia Bickford Torrey, North and East Burial Grounds Commission
12. Warrant - Oryann Lima, Juvenile Hearing Board
13. Warrant - Cynthia Bruneaux, Conservation Commission
14. Warrant - Raymond Payson, Conservation Commission
15. Warrant - Albert Proffitt, Board of Tax Assessment Review
16. Council Clerk Cirillo to Rev. Charles Cavalconte, et al - consideration of candidacy for alternate position of North and East Burial Grounds Commission

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17. Resolution - Open Space Committee
18. Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, Coastal Resources Management Council - Notice of intent to change management plans, policies, procedures and regulations
19. Coastal Resources Management Council - Public Notice re boating facility of Gunter Hafer, 333 Poppasquash Road, Plat 178 Lots 10 & 87
20. Frank J. Alfano, Warren Town Council President - Resolution re Veterans health care

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Cordeiro noted the information provided in the resolution. The Clerk informed the Council that the resolution was forwarded to the members of the Rhode Island congressional delegation on the Council's behalf and endorsement of same.

21. Council Clerk Cirillo to all Alcoholic Beverage License Holders - Food service to the public

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Barboza thanked the Clerk for sending this letter on behalf of the Council and suggested that the Town should remain vigilant concerning this matter.

(CA) RR. DISTRIBUTIONS/NOTICE OF MEETINGS
(office copy only)

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place these items on file."

1. Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director, Coastal Resources Management Council - Notice of intent to change plans, policies, procedures and regulations

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2. Bond Project Building Committee - December 18, 2007
3. Bristol County Water Authority - Annual Meeting, December 12, 2007
4. Bristol County Water Authority - Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, December 12, 2007
5. Bristol County Water Authority - January 2008 Meetings
6. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Workshop/Meeting, December 10, 2007
7. Bristol Warren Regional School District - Schedule of Meetings and Events, week of December 10, 2007
8. Bristol Warren Regional School District/Committee/Budget/Facilities - Subcommittee Meeting, December 17, 2007
9. Bristol Warren Regional School District - Schedule of Meetings and Events, week of December 10, 2007
10. Coastal Resources Management Council - Schedule of 2008 Monthly Meetings
11. Municipal Court - Meeting Schedule for 2008
12. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Workshop/Meeting Schedule for 2008
13. Historic District Commission - Meeting Schedule for 2008
14. Planning Board - Meeting Schedule for 2008
15. Fourth of July Committee - Meeting Schedule for 2008
16. Harbor Commission - Meeting Schedule for 2008
17. Zoning Board of Review - Meeting Schedule for 2008
18. Conservation Commission - Meeting Schedule for 2008

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19. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Meeting Schedule for 2008
20. Redevelopment Agency - Meeting Schedule for 2008
21. Coastal Resources Management Council - January 2008 Calendar

S. TOWN SOLICITOR

1. Motorola, Inc. re equipment lease-purchase agreement

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to approve this agreement and to authorize the signatures of the Town Solicitor, Town Administrator, and Town Treasurer on behalf of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken, Assistant Town Solicitor Letendre informed the Council that the Fire Department is in need of the equipment provided and that the vendor appears to be the sole-source.

Fire Chief Martin explained that some of the equipment is over eight years old and should be replaced. He further stated that the new contract will require a slight increase in cost over the existing contract.

Z. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

1. MARSHALL
 - a. Happy New Year - Council Chairman Marshall expressed best wishes for a Happy New Year to those present.
 - b. Thank You Mike Davis and Steve Roth - Council Chairman Marshall expressed thanks to Messrs. Davis and Roth for filming this evening's meeting.
 - c. Annual Legislative Workshop - Council Chairman Marshall suggested that the Council set a date for the annual legislative workshop with the local members of the General Assembly.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that this workshop should include a specific agenda with time limits, lest the group might not have time to discuss all of its issues.

Councilman Barboza suggested that this workshop might be held after the budget figures are known.

Councilwoman Parella stated that the Council should likely assume that no additional funding will be available from the State and plan accordingly.

Councilman Barboza noted that he has been speaking with the School officials forewarning that this will be a "tough year."

Councilwoman Parella stated that if the Council plans to talk to the legislature concerning other than financial matters it might hold its workshop in the near future. She also stated that if finance is the main topic, the workshop will be better held later in the year.

Councilman Cordeiro noted that an "outstanding" meeting was held with State officials at Oliver School regarding the use of "mini buses" and expressed concern that "nothing has been done" with this program to date. He questioned as to who was "dragging their feet - the school district or the State?"

Councilman Barboza noted that he believed that the program was somewhat implemented and that full implementation would take some more time with Councilman Cordeiro stating that evidence of an implementation was scarce.

d. "Nuisance" Hunting - Council Chairman Marshall expressed concern that "nuisance" hunting licenses were issued by the Town and that persons were discharging firearms in a manner that might be unsafe. The Clerk explained that his office issues Rhode Island state hunting licenses but not a "nuisance" license. It was noted that these licenses might be issued by the State DEM. The Clerk also noted that Town Ordinance Sec. 17-7 appears to allow hunting on owner's private property and that several individuals have inquired of this ordinance recently. The Clerk

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agreed to investigate the matter and report back to the Council.

2. CORDEIRO

a. Library Tour - Councilman Cordeiro noted a recent tour of the new library by the Board of Trustees and explained that the project is "coming along nicely." He also explained his understanding that the building's "cover" will be removed in the near future so as to reveal the new masonry exterior.

3. PARELLA

a. Happy New Year - Councilwoman Parella extended her wishes for a happy 2008.

b. Difficult Finances - Councilwoman Parella stated that she was of the opinion that the town will face a difficult financial year and suggested that constituents might send suggestions for cost savings to the Council via the Clerk.

4. BARBOZA

a. Happy New Year - Councilman Barboza extended greetings for a Happy New Year.

5. HERRESHOFF

a. Happy New Year - Councilman Herreshoff extended greetings for a Happy New Year.

b. U.S. and State Deficits - Councilman Herreshoff noted the State and National deficit and explained that the Town must balance its budget. He suggested that all must "pitch in" and further suggested that there should be no salary increases for Town employees.

ZZ. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)

CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM

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There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Herreshoff, seconded by Councilman Barboza and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 9:11 o'clock PM.

Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk