

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - JULY 15, 2009

PRESENT: Marshall, Cordeiro, Parella, Barboza, and Herreshoff (arrived at 7:25 o'clock PM)

ALSO PRESENT: Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator
Andrew Teitz, Assistant Town Solicitor
Marshall J. Netto, Town Sergeant

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening, July 15, 2009 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers beginning at 7:05 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Marshall presiding:

Prior to the commencement of this evening's published agenda, Council Chairman Marshall informed those present that he was particularly pleased to have a seat on the Council since he was able to see many "inspiring" things first-hand.

Council Chairman Marshall also recounted a recent meeting with U. S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi; discussing with her some of the issues currently facing the Town.

Council Chairman Marshall also took the opportunity to "diffuse" a recent incident involving the 4th of July Committee and a citizens group. Council Chairman Marshall read the statement of 4th of July Chairman David Burns as follows:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

As Chairman of the Fourth of July Committee for the past two years, I would like to clear up any misunderstanding regarding this year's Fourth of July Parade and the Rhode Island Tea Party float.

The Fourth of July Committee regrets and apologizes for any miscommunication to the Rhode Island Tea Party group and assures them that they are not banned from future parades. In addition, it has not been determined that materials were distributed from the Rhode Island Tea Party Float.

It is not the policy of the Fourth of July Committee to "ban" floats, marching units or parade participants. The parade units participate in the parade upon invitation only. If a particular organization violates policy the committee would investigate the violation. The Chairman of the Float Committee did not and does not have the authority to ban floats from the parade in future years.

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The Fourth of July Committee will investigate all of the organizations that may have distributed materials along the route this year and provide such organizations with an opportunity to present their side of the story to the committee before taking any further action.

*David Burns, Chairman
Bristol Fourth of July Committee*

July 14, 2009

Council Chairman Marshall noted that all of the 4th of July Committee members are volunteers and that it was certainly understandable that mistakes might be made.

He further congratulated the Committee upon its resolution of the problem.

Council Chairman Marshall thanked Town Administrator Mederos and the various department heads for a very successful and orderly 4th of July weekend.

Council Chairman Marshall also noted that he has been in contact with several business owners who wish to expand local businesses or relocate their businesses to Bristol since the community is "uplifting."

Councilwoman Parella congratulated Council Chairman Marshall and his son Anthony Marshall for the recent Eagle Scout project restoring spartina (sea grass) to the island in the center of Silver Creek west of the Guiteras Memorial School. Councilwoman Parella noted that this Eagle Scout project is part of the Silver Creek restoration project.

Councilman Cordeiro echoed the sentiments of Council Chairman Marshall concerning the successful and orderly 4th of July and drew particular attention to the clean up completed by the Department of Public Works. Councilman Cordeiro noted that his out of town guests were impressed by the quality of the clean-up.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the clean-up efforts in recent years have been greatly improved through the Town's supply of rubbish bags made available along the parade route. It was noted that parade goers have been very cooperative in utilizing the available rubbish bags.

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Council Chairman Marshall noted the devastating fire which occurred on July 11-12 consuming the property at 363 Poppasquash Road owned by Brian A. Sadler. Council Chairman Marshall noted that it was fortunate that no injuries were reported.

Councilman Barboza commented that the Fire Departments of Warren and Portsmouth provided mutual aid. He congratulated and thanked these departments on behalf of the Council.

Council Chairman Marshall congratulated the East Bay Energy Consortium upon their receipt of \$140,000 from the State to study the possibility of a nearby wind farm. Council Chairman Marshall also noted that the consortium represents the collaborative efforts of nine (9) local communities.

Council Chairman Marshall also noted that the Rhode Island Foundation contributed \$40,000, "partnering" toward this effort also and that the Foundation was particularly impressed by the fact that there are many communities involved and working together on this project.

Council Chairman Marshall also noted the recently completed "revival" of the easterly Franklin Street area where new industrial buildings have replaced blighted ones. Council Chairman Marshall congratulated the property owners and various Town boards, staff, etc. who worked toward the completion of these improvements.

Commendation - Anna Mack, St. George's Medal 2009, **continued from June 24, 2009**

Council Chairman Marshall read the commendation into the record as follows:

*State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Town of Bristol
Commendation
awarded to*

Anna Mack

in proud recognition of her accomplishment in receiving the St. George's Medal.

Anna Mack was named recipient of the prestigious St. George's Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon a student at St. George's School. Anna Mack's advisor Katie Titus best describes this remarkable young woman

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as follows: "We hope our students will engage in their learning both in the classroom and beyond; we want our students to be motivated learners with a genuine desire to make connections between their classroom efforts and the world around them; we want them to be determined athletes with appreciation for their opponents; we want them to be kind and generous in the way they interact with others. Anna embodies all of these things..."

As the duly elected representatives of all of the citizens of the Town of Bristol, the Honorable Town Administrator and Honorable Town Council of said Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, individually, collectively, and by these presents, extends greetings and offers sincerest congratulations to Anna Mack. We applaud her many successes, and express admiration for her effort, character, athletics, and scholarship, bringing honor to herself, her family, and her home Town; and further extend best wishes on behalf of all of the people of Bristol to Anna Mack's proud family, friends, and associates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Bristol, this 15th Day of July, A. D. 2009.

/s/ Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator
/s/ Kenneth A. Marshall, Town Council Chairman
/s/ Raymond Cordeiro, Town Council 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

Ms. Mack thanked the Council and the people of Bristol for their support during her secondary school career.

Commendation - Bristol Youth Soccer Association Girls U12
Bristol Colts, Rhode Island State Championship, **continued
from June 24, 2009**

Council Chairman Marshall read the commendation into the record as follows:

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Town of Bristol
Commendation
awarded to

*Bristol Youth Soccer Association
Girls U12 Bristol Colts*

*in proud recognition of the team's achievement as Rhode
Island State Champions.*

*The Bristol Youth Soccer Association has always been a
source of pride for the Bristol community. The hundreds
of participants; volunteers, coaches, athletes,
parents, and families are well deserving of the many
accolades the organization has received due to the
excellence of its program in service to our youth.
This year, again as in the last, our community is
particularly proud to recognize the achievement of
Bristol Youth Soccer's Girls U12 Bristol Colts as State
Champions.*

*As the duly elected representatives of all of the
citizens of the Town of Bristol, the Honorable Town
Administrator and Honorable Town Council of said Town
of Bristol, State of Rhode Island and Providence
Plantations, individually, collectively, and by these
presents, extends greetings and offers sincerest
congratulations to Bristol Youth Soccer. We applaud its
many successes, and express admiration for its many
contributions to youth activities and athletics in
Bristol; and further extend best wishes on behalf of
all of the people of our Town to the team members of
Bristol Youth Soccer's Girls U12 Bristol Colts, to
Coach John DaSilva, and to the entire Bristol Youth
Soccer Association.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hand and
affixed the Seal of the Town of Bristol, this 24th Day
of June, A. D. 2009.*

*/s/ Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator
/s/ Kenneth A. Marshall, Town Council Chairman
/s/ Raymond Cordeiro, Town Council 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
Coach DaSilva introduced all of the players present and
thanked the Council on behalf of the Association.

Mosiaco, 2009 Sense of Pride Program - Presentation to
Council

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Samantha Faria, representing Mosaico's Sense of Pride program presented the Council with a plaque in gratitude for its support of the program.

Ms. Faria noted that the program provides 4th grade students with an opportunity to learn about Town history and architecture and that the program was extremely successful this year.

Councilwoman Parella noted that viewing the local school children with their Sense of Pride t-shirts is a true "harbinger of spring." Councilwoman Parella also congratulated the Clerk who developed part of the program's curriculum.

MOTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA - TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Parella/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to approve the Consent
Agenda withholding agenda items R1
and R17 for further consideration.

Prior to the vote taken Councilman Barboza suggested that the Council may wish to further consider docket items R1 and R17.

A. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

**1. Town Council and Recreation Board Joint
Special Meeting - June 10, 2009**

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to accept these minutes
as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Cordeiro reminded the Council that it plans to have a workshop with the Recreation Board in order to discuss any pending issues noted as a result of this joint meeting. Councilman Cordeiro suggested that the workshop should be held during the month of September.

2. Town Council Meeting - June 24, 2009

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to approve these
minutes as prepared and presented.

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- Late Item Add** 3. Town Council Executive Session (sealed - Council only) - January 7, 2009

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to unseal the minutes of the Executive Session.

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to approve these minutes 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. Bristol Housing Authority - May 14, 2009
2. North and East Burial Ground(s) Commission - March 23, 2009
3. Board of (Fire) Engineers - June 29, 2009
4. Fire Department Capital Project Committee - May 28, 2009
5. Fire Department Capital Project Committee - June 11, 2009
6. Redevelopment Agency - May 28, 2009
7. Bristol County Water Authority - June 10, 2009
8. Bristol County Water Authority, Audit/Finance Committee - July 2, 2009
9. Bristol County Water Authority, Engineering Committee - July 2, 2009
10. Bristol County Water Authority, Public Relations/Personnel Committee - July 2, 2009

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. C. Lynne Turnbull, d/b/a 195 Franklin, 195 Franklin Street - request to hold Farmer's market in parking area on Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, **continued from June 3, 2009**

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- a. C. Lynne Turnbull, d/b/a 195 Franklin, 195 Franklin Street to Town Clerk Cirillo re withdrawal of request to hold Farmer's market until the fall

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

2. Stephen Cornwall, (Rogers Free) Library Capital Project Committee re completion of project, **continued from June 24, 2009**

Cordeiro/Parella - Voted unanimously to recognize that the Capital Project Committee has completed its assignment and to discharge the Committee with thanks and praise; sending letters of thanks individually to the members and also to refer any unresolved issues to the Town Council and to continue this matter until August 5, 2009.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall asked to know if the Contractor had forwarded the "as built" drawings and also the Operation and Maintenance (O and M) manuals to the Town with the Clerk responding that the as-built drawings were forwarded to his office by Director of Community Development Williamson but that there were no O and M manuals. The Clerk also noted that Library Director Prescott had enquired regarding same indicating that she was not in receipt of the manuals either.

Council Chairman Marshall agreed to follow-up with Armand Lusi concerning the O and M manuals.

3. Director of Community Development Williamson re proposed amendments to Subdivision and Development Review Regulations, **continued from June 24, 2009**
 - a. Director of Community Development Williamson re Draft Update to the Subdivision and Development Review Regulations (summary listing)

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

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff noted the he was pleased to have the "white paper" from Director of Community Development Williamson with Councilwoman Parella commenting that it might be useful for the Council to receive 'executive summaries' whenever a detailed policy or regulation document is submitted to its honorable body for approval or information.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the purpose for the new regulations was to place controls and guidelines on private development occurring along Metacom Avenue. She further noted that these guidelines, etc. do not specifically address any of the future improvements to the road itself.

Councilman Herreshoff asked that the Council might consider its expectations for improvements to the road in a future workshop arranged for that purpose. He further suggested that any ideas the Council may have for improving the road should be forwarded to the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the Metacom Avenue Committee met during 2007 and did not recommend widening the road since this change might result in even greater traffic congestion. She did note, however that the committee recommended turning lanes and roundabouts in order to improve the road. Director of Community Development Williamson further explained that the local delegation to the General Assembly is working with the State DOT based upon the findings of the Metacom Avenue Committee.

Councilman Herreshoff asked that a copy of the Metacom Avenue Committee findings might be provided to each Council member.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if the Town Council approved the current plan with Director of Community Development Williamson responding that the plan is incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan which was approved by the Town Council.

Councilman Herreshoff asked if there were component parts of the Draft Update to the Subdivision and Development Review Regulations that were particularly onerous with Director of

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Community Development Williamson responding that the purpose of the plan is to avoid future problems.

4. Councilman Herreshoff re Tree Infestation,
continued from June 24, 2009

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to continue this matter
until the meeting of August 5,
2009.

Councilman Herreshoff noted that this matter was awaiting a plan of action to be submitted by the Tree Warden.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the Council was particularly interested to learn about the potential availability of the predatory wasp that was described by Tree Warden Kinder and Mr. Desjardins at the last meeting.

5. Rep. Raymond E. Gallison, Jr. re FERC
meetings

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to refer this matter to
the Town Solicitor so that he may
prepare a report concerning the
Town's pending action items.

Prior to the vote taken, Assistant Solicitor Teitz reminded the Council that the solicitor's office continues to represent the Towns of Bristol and Tiverton in regard to the LNG terminal/transportation in Narragansett Bay opposition.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz also noted that there were "economies of scale" in this representation since the firm of Ursillo, Teitz and Ritch represents both towns.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know Assistant Solicitor Teitz's opinion concerning the "restraints" protested by Rep. Gallison with Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that certain filings are considered to be "proprietary" but that most of the so-called secret information is already "out there" in the public domain.

6. Tax Assessor re Recent Sales Data

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to continue this matter
until the meeting of August 5,
2009.

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Prior to the vote taken, Tax Assessor Spagnolo distributed reports outlining the sales versus assessment data as previously discussed.

Council members suggested that the Council might take some time in order to "digest" the materials prior to discussing them further.

Tax Assessor Spagnolo noted that the sales vs. assessment report will be distributed to the Council on a regular basis going forward.

Tax Assessor Spagnolo also commented that the sales data indicates that the real estate market in Bristol remains strong as compared to other cities and towns locally.

BB. SPECIAL /STATUS REPORTS

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Gildon Stillings, 44 Harrison Street - request for a License to Maintain Town Property

Late Item

- a. Recommendation - Director of Public Works

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously to grant this license provided that the petitioner remains responsible and liable for all aspects of the stone wall and its component parts.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall opened the public hearing.

Speaking in favor of the petition was Mr. Stillings who informed the Council that he has lived in Bristol for approximately seven (7) years.

Mr. Stillings added that his property slopes on its western side and that he placed the stone wall on town property approximately three (3) years ago and continues to maintain same.

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Mr. Stillings also informed the Council that the wall is located along the "widest" portion of Harrison Street.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know who would be responsible were the stone wall to be hit by snow plows, etc. With Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that the responsibility for the wall including liability for damage and maintenance must be included in the terms of the license to maintain.

Councilman Herreshoff expressed concern that the existing wall may be too close to the paved street and that it was "customary" for retaining walls to be constructed further away from the roadway.

Mr. Stillings replied that the wall is away from the pavement with Councilman Herreshoff responding that the wall still appears to be much closer to the roadway than is "customary" and that the installed reflectors appear also to be placed on the wrong (inward) side of the wall.

A discussion ensued regarding the stone wall's potential hazard during snow storms.

Mr. Stillings informed the Council that the wall has been in place for three (3) winters and that there have been no problems with plowing the roadway, etc.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know how far from the traveled roadway was the stone wall with Mr. Stillings responding that the wall was approximately ten (10) feet from the traveled roadway.

Peter Mayhew of 48 Harrison Street informed the Council that he was in support of the petition to maintain since the installed stone wall appears to "work" in that the wall retains soil from the adjacent slope.

Jack K. Baillarger of 7 St. Theresa Avenue suggested that the Department of Public Works might install more permanent reflectors along the outer portion of the wall to prevent concern for snow plowing. He further suggested that the cost to install same would be minimal.

No remonstrance was presented to the Council in opposition to the petition.

2. Director of Community Development Williamson re proposed expansion of Historic District, **2nd reading for adoption**

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Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted
unanimously to close the public
hearing.

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted
unanimously to consider this action
to be the Second Reading for
adoption of the expansion of the
Historic District per the
advertised map effective
immediately. Advertise in local
newspaper.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall opened
the public hearing.

Councilman Cordeiro noted that his wife, Oryann Lima, was a
member of the Historic District Commission but was advised
by Assistant Solicitor Teitz that this did not appear to
cause a conflict of interest. Assistant Solicitor Teitz
suggested that Councilman Cordeiro should provide the
Council record with the ethics form outlining his
circumstances for participation in the discussion and vote.

Speaking in favor was Director of Community Development
Williamson who informed the Council that the idea to expand
the Historic District was part of the adopted amended
Comprehensive Plan of 2008.

Director of Community Development Williamson further
informed the Council that the group who recommended
amendments to the Comprehensive Plan was sub-divided into
several committees and that each of these committees
expressed an opinion that the northern portion of the
downtown area - the "gateway" into the Town from the north,
as outlined in this proposal, should be protected.

Director of Community Development Williamson also explained
that this particular recommendation for expansion of the
Historic District was "phase one" of a multi phase
expansion of the historic district as outlined in the
Comprehensive Plan and that the Planning Board and Town
Council directed staff to move forward with this
implementation after the amended Plan was adopted.

Director of Community Development Williamson outlined the
process utilized in the development of the recommendation to
expand the Historic District:

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1. Review existing data concerning the structures in the proposed expanded district.
2. Update the historic survey of the proposed expanded district with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission and local Historic District Commission.

Director of Community Development Williamson explained that the Town hired Arnold Robinson of the Newport Collaborative to assist in the surveying of the buildings within the proposed expanded district and that both the Planning Board and Historic District Commission reviewed the proposal and provide a positive recommendation toward passage of same.

Arnold Robinson of 129 Constitution Street informed the Council that he is certified by the National Park Service to serve in the capacity of surveyor of the proposed expanded district.

Mr. Robinson explained the difference between a National Register Historic District and the local Historic District is that the National Register provides protection to the preservation of the district and the local Historic District provides for certain rules and regulations protecting the appearance of the Historic District.

Mr. Robinson further explained that the survey of the proposed expanded district revealed that the area was essentially "historically intact" per the guidelines established by the Rhode Island Historical and Heritage Commission and equal to the existing local Historic District in terms of its significance.

Mr. Robinson outlined his process in justifying the designation as a historic district.

1. Most of the area is on the National Register of Historic Places and appears to have the same significance as the existing local Historic District. There have been some changes to the area and some of these have been "drastic."
2. Buildings within the proposed expanded Historic District fit within the "period of significance;" "telling the story of Bristol" with many buildings dating from the 18th through the mid 20th centuries. (Mr. Robinson noted that the National Register of Historic Places generally recognizes buildings that are

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50 years old or older; this would include most of the buildings within the proposed area.)

3. The area north of Washington Street contains a significant public building (Guiteras Memorial School - built 1925) and the "Oldest House" (Bosworth-Bourne-Perry-Rego House built 18th Century).

Mr. Robinson agreed to answer "technical" questions were these to arise.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know why the entire National Register Historic District was not being proposed for inclusion in the local Historic District with Mr. Robinson responding that the decision was made that it was determined to recommend expansion of the district in "manageable chunks."

A discussion ensued regarding the various requirements imposed by historic district commissions with Mr. Robinson explaining that "every community wrestles with choices" but most agree that there is a "base line" for protection and preservation of a "sense of place."

Mr. Robinson also informed the Council that the area from Oliver Street to Washington Street has lost some of its historic character. He provided photographs of a particularly fine historic house that was severely and unsympathetically made-over and barely recognizable today versus its circa 1980 appearance.

Councilman Cordeiro asked to know how the Town might justify the additional expense of architecturally "correct" renovations versus those that a historic district commission might find inappropriate with Mr. Robinson responding that historic districts have been in place since the 1930s and that it is the goal of the various Historic District Commissions to provide assistance to minimize the additional cost.

Mr. Robinson also noted that one of the goals of a historic district commission should be to exercise commonsense and view properties on a case by case basis.

Councilwoman Parella expressed concern that the present Historic District Commission might be overstepping their authority since it was not first anticipated that the Historic District Commission would concern itself with landscaping, plantings, etc.

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Mr. Robinson and Mr. Teitz informed the Council that the State enabling legislation allows the local commission to set its own rules and regulations.

Mr. Robinson informed the Council that in Providence the Historic District Commission views the buildings on College Hill differently than those within the Armory District since the significance of the two districts varies. Mr. Teitz further explained that the State law provides for a "broad brush" and the local historic district commissions are allowed to establish guidelines; lessening and/or widening same.

Councilwoman Parella noted the example of the severely renovated house and termed it a "stunning example of what should not happen."

Assistant Solicitor Teitz noted that some financial assistance was available to property owners intended to defray a portion of any up-charges related to historically appropriate repairs.

Mr. Robinson stated that certain repairs are eligible for a 20% income tax credit provided through the State and income producing property is eligible for Federal tax credits.

It was noted that the Town of Gloucester allows for a local property tax abatement and that this is provided for within State law although no other communities have allowed same.

Council Chairman Marshall commented that the Historic District is an asset for the Town and not a burden.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the Historic District encourages good development and does not prevent same.

Councilwoman Parella expressed concern that there was a need to control development along the Town's "gateway" since this area could change dramatically without controls. It was also noted that the gateway area might warrant more limiting height restrictions with Director of Community Development Williamson reporting that her office was working with Assistant Solicitor Teitz concerning this issue.

Derwent Jean Riding, President of the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society, informed the Council that she was in support of the expanded Historic District and was hopeful that the District would be some day extended to Colt State Park.

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Ms. Riding noted that Bristol was named Tree City USA, a Preserve America Town, and one of a Dozen Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She further explained that these awards were made possible due to the Town's commitment to historic preservation through its bona fide Historic District and that the expansion of same would further enhance the Town's position for youth, etc.

Anthony Margiotta, a member of the Historic District Commission and resident of 736 Hope Street stated that the proposed expansion area was a "true asset" for the Town and that he was hopeful that the Historic District Commission would play a "positive role" in its administration.

Mr. Margiotta concluded that some regrettable buildings might not have been built were the Historic District in place earlier.

Mr. Margiotta also concluded that his particular property value has stabilized due to its inclusion as a named historic property when other properties have lost value during the same time frame.

Susan Dolan of 693 Hope Street informed the Council that she has been a resident of Bristol for five (5) years and her house was built in 1780. Ms. Dolan stated that her experience thus far with the Historic District Commission has been "user friendly" and that she enjoys the tax advantages of the Historic District.

Steven Dolan also of 693 Hope Street informed the Council that he found the Historic District Commission to be "reasonable and not intimidating."

David Andreozzi a member of the Historic District Commission informed the Council that he has been a member of the Commission for approximately ten (10) years and that property valuations have been stabilized in the historic areas of Bristol due to the existence of the Historic District.

Mr. Andreozzi commented that ninety-five percent (95%) of the applications presented to the Historic District Commission go smoothly and that many of the remaining five percent (5%) are for "sub-standard" projects proposed by "slipshod" contractors.

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Mr. Andreozzi informed the Council that the Commission occasionally provides the property owner with "more than they asked for" in terms of renovation leniency.

Mr. Andreozzi stated that one of the largest problems the Commission faces is in terms of those applications that might come forward too late in the process to effectively make the needed changes. He encouraged those within the Historic District to bring concepts to the Commission prior to expending large sums of money or entering into contractual agreements.

George White of 224 Hope Street informed the Council that he supported the Historic District and that his experience with the Historic District Commission "went very smoothly." Mr. White also stated that he was concerned that his neighbor's non-compliance with the regulations of the Historic District would result in a diminished value for his own property.

Mr. White also expressed concern that some of the requirements imposed by the Historic District Commission might be disproportionate to the value of the property and suggested that the Town might maintain "some line" concerning same.

Mr. White thanked the Historic District Commission for preventing "something outrageous" from happening within the historic neighborhoods and that the Commission should keep in mind that it is a "resource, partner, and not an authority."

Councilwoman Parella suggested that Mr. White "summed up" her concerns about the Historic District Commission and encouraged same to establish a "realistic approach." Councilwoman Parella also noted that many of the Town's citizens agree with the "big picture" of historic district zoning.

Kevin Jordan of 23 Summer Street informed the Council that he did not think it unreasonable to impose certain restrictions upon personal property concerning its historic appearance since similar government regulations forbid the use of lead paint or outline height limitations. Dr. Jordan explained that there are "tons of regulations" and that these are more of the same enacted to protect property owners.

Dr. Jordan noted that property owners have some responsibility to "pass on" architectural history to succeeding generations and that new construction is

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generally allowed within historic districts with a good amount of leniency on a case by case basis. He also noted that there are twenty (20) volumes of information interpreting the guidelines for historic district improvements as provided by the Secretary of the (US) Interior. He suggested that the Town should purchase these volumes had it not already done so.

Dr. Jordan also explained that it is the responsibility of the Town to educate its Historic District Commission members and suggested that the Town might provide funding for education within its budget.

Dr. Jordan further explained that the tax credits available within the laws of Rhode Island are there to aid homeowners in completing repairs correctly. He also stated that the idea to expand the Historic District was a good one and "long overdue."

Lombard John Pozzi of 1226 Hope Street informed the Council that he is the owner of several properties within the existing Historic District.

Mr. Pozzi noted that it is not at all unusual to have regulations that impose certain restrictions these being related to food and drink and also use zoning. He also stated that historic district zoning assures residents a consistent "sense of place" and outlined some history of the buildings within the proposed Historic District expansion.

Speaking against the proposal were:

Jack K. Baillarger on of 7 St. Theresa Avenue who informed the Council that he was a 22 year resident of Bristol and was fundamentally opposed to the idea of mandatory historic districts and that his feelings were recently outlined in a letter to the editor of the Bristol Phoenix.

Mr. Baillarger on further informed the Council that he was not opposed to the concept of historic districts but was of the opinion that these should be voluntary and not mandatory as they are in Newport, Rhode Island and that he was particularly in opposition to the Historic District Commission in that city since he had a difficult personal experience with same.

Councilman Barboza asked to know if Mr. Baillarger on had a difficult experience with the Historic District Commission in Bristol with Mr. Baillarger on responding that his problem occurred in Newport.

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Mr. Baillarger on informed the Council that his statements appeared to be unpopular and expressed concern that he would be "hated" for making these statements.

Council Chairman Marshall explained that this was a public hearing and that everyone's opinions were most welcome and that the Council was interested to learn of his (Mr. Baillarger on's) experiences. Council Chairman Marshall also stated that he would be in favor of a workshop with Historic District Commission members to review some of the "gray areas" of the regulations concerning property improvements.

Mr. Baillarger on stated that he "has faith" in the judgment of the Council.

Judith Anderson of 117 Constitution Street informed the Council of her opinion that Historic Districts should be voluntary and that she preferred to have a choice as to what improvements she might make to her property.

Ms. Anderson expressed concern that her home has "makeshift" windows and that these should be replaced and that historically appropriate windows will likely be too costly for her.

Ms. Anderson stated that she was of the opinion that the Council would soon consider Phase III of the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and that her property on Constitution Street was within the Phase III area.

Ms. Anderson informed the Council that the improvements to buildings are a matter of taste and that taste should be a personal choice.

Councilwoman Parella stated that new technology may provide cost saving materials that appear the same as historically appropriate ones and that these new materials might be allowed when budgets are limited.

Frances Pray of 724 Hope Street stated that she did not acquire her property with "covenants" and that the imposition of the Historic District was taking her rights away.

Timothy Pray, also of 724 Hope Street, suggested that the Historic District regulations should be non-mandatory until a property is transferred and then the requirements of the Historic District could be mandated.

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Mr. Pray also observed that the area in question was not otherwise treated as a "gateway" since the area roads and sidewalks are in poor condition and that he is often removing trash from the area that originates at Independence Park.

Council Chairman Marshall and Councilman Cordeiro stated that the Town is working with the State to improve Hope Street road and sidewalks.

Kim Berretto of 18 Patricia Ann Drive informed the Council that her family owned property within the proposed Historic District expansion area. She stated that she was "on the fence" concerning the proposal and recommended that the Historic District Commission should be more willing to compromise.

Joseph Moniz who owns rental property at 17 Franklin Street stated his opinion was that the Historic District expansion would take away his property rights.

John "Jack" Barton of 692 Hope Street stated that he was neither for nor against the expansion of the Historic District but suggested that the Historic District Commission should be more "lenient" in its requirements.

There was no further remonstrance presented at the public hearing.

After the close of the public hearing, Councilman Herreshoff stated that he was in support of the expansion of the Historic District since those "better" towns with historic districts such as Salem, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard have been preserved due to community activism.

Councilman Herreshoff speculated that the Town of Bristol may have begun its Historic District too late since many buildings have been irreparably damaged in the absence of same and that it was necessary to continue with the ideas presented and approved in the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Herreshoff agreed with some of the testimony presented that the Historic District Commission should adopt a sense of practicality.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that his personal experience with the Historic District Commission over the past 20+ years has been quite good and that the group appeared to do its best to minimize unnecessary expenses.

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Councilman Barboza stated that he was in agreement with Councilman Herreshoff in that the past twenty-two (22) years of the Historic District Commission have been generally positive and despite some "glaring missteps" the system has been a benefit to the Town. Councilman Barboza noted that his questions for potential members of the Historic Commission considers those individual's flexibility and hopes that the Commission will try to be "user friendly."

Councilwoman Parella stated that she did not understand the value of a "voluntary" historic district and that it would be extremely difficult to undo the current arrangement.

Councilwoman Parella also stated that she was in favor of preserving the quality of the Town "gateway" and that the before and after photographs of the severely renovated house made a "compelling case." She also stated that the cost of energy, etc., should be factored in to the Historic District Commission decisions and also that "reversible" items should not be disallowed.

Council Chairman Marshall suggested that certain improvements might be handled "administratively;" these including driveways, landscaping and painting.

Council Chairman Marshall agreed with Councilwoman Parella that it would be impossible to make the Historic District voluntary since it has been mandatory for twenty-two years.

Council Chairman Marshall further suggested that the Council should have the aforementioned workshops with the Historic District Commission so as to look at ways to streamline their procedures.

Council Chairman Marshall also stated that future plans might include tax stabilization or local grant in aid programs for home owners.

D. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #2009-08, CHAPTER 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-142, Overnight parking prohibited (property located on leased lot at corner of Thames and Church Streets), **2nd reading for adoption**

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for

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adoption of Ordinance #2009-08.
Advertise in local newspaper.

2. Ordinance #2009-09, CHAPTER 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-158, Parking of boats and trailers (property located on leased lot at corner of Thames and Church Streets), **2nd reading for adoption**

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of Ordinance #2009-09. Advertise in local newspaper.

3. Ordinance #2009-10, CHAPTER 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article II, Alcoholic Beverage Establishments, Division 2, License, Section 17-82, Number of licenses, **1st reading**

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the First Reading of Ordinance #2009-10. Advertise in local newspaper.

It is hereby noted for the record that the action on the above item took place as part of item G1.

(CA) E. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

1. Tax Assessor re Recommended Abatements and Additions - June 10, 2009

(CA) F. APPOINTMENTS

Approval of consent agenda= "Motion to approve advertisement of these appointments."

1. Public Service Appointments
 - a. Redevelopment Agency - Michael A. DeMello (3rd Alternate) - resignation

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept this resignation wishing Mr. DeMello every success with his appointment to the Charter Review Commission.

2. Public Service Appointments (August)

G. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. Karen Alegria, d/b/a King Philip Inn, 400 Metacom Avenue, re surrender of Class BT "Tavern" alcoholic beverage license in favor of Majestic Catering, Inc.

a. Jeff L. Eaton, d/b/a Majestic Catering, 400 Metacom Avenue - Request for a BV Intoxicating Beverage License, **call for a public hearing on August 5, 2009**

Cordeiro/Parella - Voted unanimously to call for a public hearing concerning this matter for August 5, 2009 beginning at 7:00 o'clock PM.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk noted that he discussed this matter with Town Solicitor Ursillo and that it was essentially a transfer of license since the property has a Class B license already albeit one specified for a "tavern." The new proprietor will operate a "victualling house" and not a tavern; that being a place with sleeping accommodations so the existing "tavern" license was obsolete in this case.

The Clerk noted that Town Solicitor Ursillo advises that the current license holder may "surrender" the license in favor of the creation and issuance of a new Class BV license in this case.

Councilman Cordeiro asked to know what would happen to the license were the new licensee to be unsuccessful with the Clerk responding that this license would essentially remain with the property since it was premises dependent and would be transferred to a new owner by the Council should its honorable body so choose.

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2. Jeff L. Eaton, d/b/a Majestic Catering, 400 Metacom Avenue - Request for a Victualling License

Late Item

- a. Recommendation - Water Pollution Control Facility

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to continue this matter until the meeting of August 5, 2009.

3. Jeff L. Eaton, d/b/a Majestic Catering, 400 Metacom Avenue - Request for a Dancing and Entertainment License

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to continue this matter until the meeting of August 5, 2009.

4. Topside Lounge, Inc., 805 Hope Street, Bruce Seveney, petition for transfer of Class BV alcoholic beverage license to Liberatos Lounge and Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Topside Restaurant, 805 Hope Street, Dennis Liberatos
call for a public hearing on August 5, 2009

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to set a public hearing regarding this matter for August 5, 2009 beginning at 7:00 o'clock PM.

H. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS

1. Private Investigator's License Renewals for 2009-2010

Late Item

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to approve these license renewals per the recommendations received.

(CA) I. UTILITY PETITIONS

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

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

J. PETITIONS - OTHER

1. Luis-Jared Medeiros, 15 Gray Street - request for No Parking across from driveway on St. Elizabeth Street

Late Item a. Recommendation - Director of Public Works

Late Item b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he might draft the proper ordinance language.

2. Nat V. Squatrito, 9 Dreadnaught Avenue, et al, re petition to limit parking to one side only Wayland Road between Westwood Road and Dreadnaught Avenue

Late Item a. Recommendation - Director of Public Works

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he might draft the proper ordinance language.

K. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

1. Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary, Governor's Commission on Disabilities re opportunity for individuals with disabilities and their families to be heard at public forums, July 27 - 30, 2009

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

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2. Warren Town Council Resolution re support of House Bill H5039 re crack down on drunk drivers

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to include a copy of the proposed legislation if possible when resolutions requesting Council support of same are presented.

3. Director of Community Development Williamson re request for Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a) (2)

It is hereby noted for the record that action on the above item took place at the conclusion of the public agenda.

4. Rep. Raymond E. Gallison, Jr., re Mount Hope Bridge Tolls
 - a. (draft) Resolution opposing Mount Hope Bridge Tolls
 - b. David A. Darlington, Chairman, Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority re bridge tolls

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to adopt the draft resolution as prepared and presented and to forward same to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority with a certified copy to Rep. Gallison.

5. Council Chairman Marshall re Turbine Sites in Bristol and update on Wind Energy Consortium

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

6. Council Chairman Marshall re bonding for road projects

Cordeiro/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and the Clerk for follow-up.

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Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall expressed concern that the work in process along Ferry Road was inferior and that the repairs may not be completed to the satisfaction of the Town. He suggested that the Clerk might write to the State to relay the Council's concern with the Clerk agreeing to work with Town Administrator Mederos concerning this matter.

Town Administrator Mederos agreed that the condition of the road was "horrendous" and that the officials of Roger Williams University might also be made aware of and participate in the resolution of the Town's concerns. She agreed to contact University officials and to also work with the Clerk concerning the letter to the State DOT.

7. Council Chairman Marshall re condition and use of Town Common

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to Town Administrator Mederos and Recreation Director Burke and to continue said matter to the meeting of August 5, 2009.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall noted that this was a "particularly" wet season and the Town Common was seriously damaged. Council Chairman Marshall speculated that it would be very difficult for the grassy areas to recover during the remainder of the season; particularly in light of the planned future events including the Touch a Truck and fall carnival.

Recreation Director Burke noted that the 4th of July Carnival left a \$3000 damage deposit with Town Administrator Mederos reporting that the damage to the grass far exceeded the damage deposit.

Town Administrator Mederos also reported that the 4th of July Committee's Edward Correia was looking into alternate carnival sites since the activity has outgrown the present one.

Councilwoman Parella observed that certain areas were completely dug-up and rutted again after being repaired once the carnival left the area. She attributed this to the illegal parking on the Town Common during church service time. Councilwoman Parella also noted that the cars

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illegally parked appeared to be larger than average and this was exacerbating the problem.

It was suggested that the repaired areas might be surrounded by temporary snow fences in order to allow the area time to recover and new grass to grow. Town Administrator Mederos agreed to investigate same.

Councilman Barboza suggested that those illegally parked on the Town Common should be given a parking fine summons with Town Administrator Mederos reporting that new no-parking signs have been posted.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the problem was precipitated by the length of time the carnival was allowed to place its vehicles on the Town Common. She suggested that next year's contract should be for a much shorter duration. She, too, expressed concern that the pending autumn carnivals, etc., would preclude any recovery of the damage to the grassy areas.

Councilwoman Parella also stated that she did not believe that the church feasts operating upon the Town Common were the main problem but rather the presence of large trucks caused the irreparable damage.

Town Administrator Mederos reported that she will be meeting with representatives of the 4th of July Committee and that she would welcome Council participation in this meeting also.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if Town Administrator Mederos met with the local church officials with Town Administrator Mederos responding that she did meet with the church officials. Town Administrator Mederos further reported that the pastors were of the opinion that the problem was solely that of the Town and not theirs.

Councilman Barboza again suggested that the police should give citations to those who park illegally with Town Administrator Mederos stating that she would prefer to take other action to deter the illegal parking first.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that any of those who park illegally across Town sidewalks should definitely be tagged and/or towed since this poses a safety concern.

8. Principal Planner Tanner re Stormwater Phase II, Year 5 Annual Report **first reading and call for a public hearing for August 5, 2009**

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Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to consider this action
to constitute the First Reading of
the Stormwater Phase II, Year 5
Annual Report. Advertise in local
newspaper and call for a public
hearing for August 5, 2009.

L. BILLS & EXPENDITURES

(CA) M. ROUTINE REPORTS

(CA) N. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. (Town Treasurer) re Revenue and Expenditure
report - June 2009

P. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

1. Commendation - Bristol Youth Soccer's Girls
U12 Bristol Colts, RI State Champions

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

2. Commendation - Anna Mack, St. George's Medal
2009

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

3. Proclamation - Joseph Coelho Sr. and Joseph
Coelho Jr., co-Chief Marshals for 2009 Fourth
of July Celebration

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to adopt this
Proclamation as prepared and
presented.

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It is hereby noted for the record that the Council's Proclamation orders the inclusion of same in the record as follows:

*State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Town of Bristol*

Resolution

Be it hereby known to all that:

WHEREAS, Joseph Coelho, Sr. and Joseph Coelho, Jr. have been selected as Chief Marshals of the Bristol Fourth of July Celebration for the year 2009, and will lead, and hold the place of highest honor in, this year's grand Civic, Military and Firemen's Parade; and

WHEREAS, much like the many of those who have held this distinction before them, Joseph Coelho, Sr. and Joseph Coelho, Jr. are respected and successful businessmen, fulfilling the promise of the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the paramount importance of family is evident in the works and deeds of Joseph Coelho, Sr. and Joseph Coelho, Jr. and is keenly apparent and particularly relevant in their sharing, together, of this great honor; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Coelho, Sr. and Joseph Coelho, Jr. have been recognized for their community mindedness, volunteer spirit, and devotion and respect for their home Town; and

WHEREAS, in the role of leading the greatest parade on our Town's greatest day, Joseph Coelho, Sr. and Joseph Coelho, Jr., through their industry, success, and high regard; rightfully join the ranks of those venerated men and women who have held this position in Bristol's second to none celebration of the birth of our Country and our utmost symbol of National pride.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Honorable Town Council and Honorable Town Administrator of the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, by virtue of the authority vested in them by the citizens of Bristol, on their behalf, and by these presents, proclaim and extend to Chief Marshals Joseph Coelho, Sr. and Joseph Coelho, Jr., the sincerest and heartfelt congratulations on this honor

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bestowed upon them by the Fourth of July Committee, and further sends greetings and best wishes to their wives Dorothy and Celeste, and their family, friends and associates upon this most exceptional and memorable occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Town Council does hereby order and further proclaim that these proceedings, as written, sealed, and attested, shall be forever after recorded in the annals of said Town of Bristol in commemoration whereof.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Bristol on adoption this 4th Day of July, A.D. Two-thousand Nine.

*/s/ Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator
/s/ Kenneth A. Marshall, Town Council Chairman
/s/ Raymond Cordeiro, Town Council 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. A. Ralph Mollis, Secretary of State to Town Clerk Cirillo re award of Local Government Records Grant

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file with
congratulations to the Clerk for
obtaining this grant on behalf of
the Town.

2. Bob Urquhart, Chairman, RING Retirees Association Memorial Committee - Town's support re RI National Guard Living Memorial

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3. Town Administrator Mederos to Kevin Richards, Shanix, Inc. re award of Bid #679 - Camera Monitoring System
4. Warrant - Oryann Lima, Historic District Commission
5. Warrant - John Allen, Historic District Commission
6. Warrant - Reginald L. McCarthy, Historic District Commission
7. Warrant - Michael W. Rossi, Auxiliary Member to Planning Board
8. Warrant - Nathan T. Calouro, Auxiliary Member to Planning Board
9. Warrants - Special Constables/Fire Police for 2009 Fourth of July Celebration
10. Warrant - Kenneth Altice, Special Constable/Fire Police
11. Warrant - Anthony Sousa, Special Constable/Fire Police
12. Warrants - Special Constables for 2009 Fourth of July Celebration
13. Resolution re establishment of The Newport and Bristol County Visitor's Bureau (signed copy)
14. Warren Town Council Resolution re opposition to rate hikes proposed by Blue Cross and United Health
15. Warren Town Council Resolution re opposition to National Grid's pending application to increase electric rates
16. Town Clerk/Council Clerk Cirillo to Michael DeMello re Redevelopment Agency resignation
17. Owen Heleen, Vice President for Grant Programs, Rhode Island Foundation to Town Administrator Mederos re approval of grant for \$40,000 to support the East Bay Energy

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Consortium's Regional Wind Turbine
Feasibility Study

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

18. Jared Rhodes, Chief, Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program re State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
19. Town Treasurer Day to Raymond J. Dubord re denial of personal injury claim
20. Rhode Island Ethics Commission re withdrawal of general commission advisories
21. Council Clerk to Zsolt Orban, M.D. and Richard V. Simpson re thank you for donation to fire and rescue building project
22. John Olson, Bristol Mustangs, to Town Administrator Mederos et al re thank you for storage building
23. Parker Lacoste, President, Ocean State Policy Institute re request for open records "binding arbitration"
 - a. Council Clerk to Parker Lacoste re availability of collective bargaining records
24. Council Clerk to Commissioner Christopher F. Koller re Blue Cross and Blue Shield and United Healthcare rate increases
25. Council Clerk to Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission re electrical rate increases
26. Council Clerk to Edward P. Mara re Council concern for electricity expenses

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

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

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1. (Bristol Warren Regional School Committee)
Personnel/Contract Subcommittee - June 25,
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2. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee -
Special Meeting, June 25, 2009
3. (Bristol Warren Regional School Committee)
Personnel/Contract Subcommittee - June 30,
2009
4. Bristol Warren Regional School District
Schedule of Meetings, Week of June 29, 2009
5. Bristol Fire Department Rescue/Training
Headquarters Capital Project Committee - June
30, 2009
6. Bristol County Water Authority/Board of
Directors - July 8, 2009
7. Bristol County Water Authority/Public
Relations/Personnel Committee - July 2, 2009
8. Bristol County Water Authority/Engineering
Committee - July 2, 2009
9. Bristol County Water Authority/Audit Finance
Committee - July 2, 2009
10. Harbor Commission - July 6, 2009
11. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee
Policy/Community Affairs Sub-committee - July
6, 2009
12. Economic Development Commission - July 9,
2009
13. Coastal Resources Management Council - July
2009 Calendar
14. Fire Rescue/Headquarters - July 16, 2009
15. Bristol Warren Regional School District -
Schedule of Meetings week of July 13, 2009
16. Bristol Warren Regional School District -
Regular Business Meeting - July 13, 2009

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17. (Bristol Warren Regional School District - Personnel/Contract Subcommittee Meeting - July 13, 2009
18. Bristol County Water Authority - August 2009 meetings

S. TOWN SOLICITOR

Z. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

1. MARSHALL

a. Thank you Davis and Roth - Council Chairman Marshall thanked Messrs. Mike Davis and Steve Roth for filming this evening's meeting.

b. 4th of July Celebration - Council Chairman Marshall stated that the various individuals and organizations did a "great job" with this year's Independence Day celebration.

c. Bristol County Water Authority - Council Chairman Marshall suggested that the Town might host a tri-town meeting with the Water Authority. He asked that the Clerk might send letters to Barrington Council President June Speakman and Warren Town Council President David Frerichs recommending same.

Council Chairman Marshall further suggested that the agenda for this special meeting would include the hydraulic study, water pressure, future infrastructure improvements, tank painting and bringing the Warren treatment plant on-line.

d. Project Clean Sweep - Council Chairman Marshall reported that Bristol Marine will hold "Project Clean Sweep" on July 20, 2009 beginning at 10:30 and will announce a new partnership with Save the Bay at that time.

e. Eagle Project - Council Chairman Marshall thanked Recreation Director Burke for helping arrange the Eagle Scout grass-planting project with his son Anthony Marshall.

2. CORDEIRO

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a. Skate Boarders - Councilman Cordeiro expressed concern that many individuals, children and adults, are operating skate boards unsafely posing hazards to themselves, motorists, and pedestrians. Councilman Cordeiro suggested that the police department might monitor the situation and that the Town might also sponsor some sort of educational program to change this behavior.

b. Harbor Workshop - Councilman Cordeiro expressed concern that a newly enacted outhaul ordinance and resulting Harbor Patrol policy was inordinately onerous. He suggested that the Council should have a workshop with the Harbor Master's office and also Harbor Commission to discuss same.

c. Church Street Dock Parking - Councilman Cordeiro noted that there has been illegal overnight parking adjacent to the Church Street Armory and the Bristol resident spaces on the Church Street Dock.

d. Rogers Free Library Programs - Councilman Cordeiro noted that the Rogers Free Library is offering adult education and GED classes and also helping young people to write resumes and providing suggestions for proper job-interview attire, etc.

3. PARELLA

4. BARBOZA

a. Department Congratulations - Councilman Barboza offered the congratulations of the Council to all of those departments that assured a successful celebration.

5. HERRESHOFF

a. Outerlimits Championship - Councilman Herreshoff noted that the Outerlimits Company recently achieved a boating championship and was deserving of public credit.

b. "Terrific 4th" - Councilman Herreshoff commented that this year's 4th of July Celebration was "terrific" except that the fireworks were "poor."

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c. Jewel From the Air - Councilman Herreshoff commented on a recent airplane flight over Bristol and he found the town to be a most attractive "jewel."

ZZ. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)

a. Harbormaster - Town Administrator Mederos reported that in a recent letter to the Editor she inadvertently neglected to recognize the Harbor Master and Harbor Patrol for their participation in the 4th of July Celebration's success.

b. Tax Rate - Town Administrator Mederos reported that the new tax rate is set at \$10.37 per \$1000 of assessed valuation up \$.02 from last year. Town Administrator Mederos further noted that the new tax bills will be in the mail shortly and that the Council will receive its "Resolution to Levy" on August 5, 2009.

CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted
unanimously to adjourn into
Executive Session pursuant to RIGL
42-46-5 (a) (2) at 11:00 o'clock
PM.

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted
unanimously to resume open session
and seal the minutes of the
Executive Session at 11:39 o'clock
PM.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Barboza, seconded by Councilwoman Parella and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 11:40 o'clock PM.

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Louis P. Cirillo, CMC
Council Clerk