

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - AUGUST 7, 2013

PRESENT: Parella, Herreshoff, Calouro, Stuart, and Sweeney

ALSO PRESENT: Antonio A. Teixeira, Town Administrator
Michael A. Ursillo, Esq., Town Solicitor
A. Archie Martins, Town Sergeant

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening, August 7, 2013 in the Town Hall Council Chambers, beginning at 7:02 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Parella presiding:

Prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda, Council Chairman Parella announced that the Quinta-Gamelin Army Reserve Center was transferred to the Town for use as a recreation center. She reported that the Town received a ceremonial key to commemorate the transaction and that the Town will be undertaking plans for the renovation of the building for public use.

Council Chairman Parella thanked the U.S. Government for conveying the property to the Town, and also thanked the public for its support of the recent bond issue; explaining that a portion of this bond issue will be allocated toward the repair of public buildings including this one.

Council Chairman Parella asked that the Clerk might prepare a list of the pending special meeting topics and that these should include a discussion with Recreation Director Burke regarding a multi-year plan for the Quinta-Gamelin center. She added that she is hopeful that the new center will provide indoor space for the annual Bristol Recreation Summer Camp.

MOTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA - TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted
unanimously to approve the Consent
Agenda withholding agenda item AA7
for further consideration.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff suggested that Consent Agenda item AA7 might be withheld for further consideration.

- A. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 1. Town Council Meeting - June 26, 2013 (to include Council and Administrator prerogatives)

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Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted
unanimously to approve these
minutes as prepared and presented.

2. Town Council Meeting - July 17, 2013 (action items only)

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted
unanimously to approve these
minutes as prepared and presented.

3. Town Council Special Meeting - July 25, 2013 (action items only)

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted
unanimously to approve these
minutes as prepared and presented.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

C. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #2013-13, Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, (new) Article XIII, Damage to vehicles, (new) Section 16-383, Damage caused by potholes - claims against the town, **1st reading**

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2013-13. Advertise in local newspaper.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo reported that this ordinance appears upon the recommendation of the Insurance Committee and that it parallels an ordinance in effect in the City of Providence.

He added that the proposed ordinance follows the State limit of \$300 for a pothole claim.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know how much may be claimed typically with Town Solicitor Ursillo responding that the claims are usually for one tire.

He explained the Insurance Committee's procedure in determining the validity of a claim.

Councilman Stuart asked to know if the amount was a

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"standard" in Rhode Island and also if the amount was recommended by the Interlocal Trust.

Town Solicitor Ursillo responded that, beyond Providence, he was not sure if other cities and towns have similar ordinances with similar limits. He added that the Interlocal Trust does not apply to this particular matter since its minimum claim is for \$2,500.

Council Chairman Parella suggested that the Council should continue with first reading of the proposed ordinance and anticipate that the Town Solicitor will return with further supporting information including the average claim.

D. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. B. Peter Sebring, Bristol Oyster Bar, LLC, d/b/a Bristol Oyster Bar, 200 Gooding Avenue - request for transfer of Class BV Intoxicating Beverage License to new location, 448 Hope Street, **call for public hearing August 28, 2013** (see agenda item I3)

LATE ITEM

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police (approve)

LATE ITEM

- b. Recommendation - Department of Water Pollution Control (approve with conditions)

Calouro/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to call for a public hearing concerning this matter to be held on Wednesday evening, August 28, 2013 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 o'clock PM.

Councilman Herreshoff expressed concern that licensees should be in conformance to the water pollution control regulations.

Councilman Stuart expressed concern that the proposed premises may not be sufficiently distant from St. Michael's Church.

It was agreed that these matters will be fully considered before any transfer is approved.

E. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS

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F. PETITIONS - OTHER

1. Susan M. Rossi, 24 Prospect Street - request for accessible parking space in vicinity of residence, **1st reading**

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police (approve)

Calouro/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of a request for an accessible parking space based upon the recommendations received and to continue this matter to the meeting of August 28, 2013 for second reading.

2. Monica Chartier, 36 Platt Street re petition to pave area in front of 26 Magnolia Street

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police (deny)
- b. Recommendation - Director of Public Works (deny)

Herreshoff/Stuart - Voted unanimously to deny this petition based upon the recommendations received.

Prior to the vote taken, the Council expressed concern that granting this petition would set a poor precedent.

3. Kathleen Seguin, President, Bristol Merchants Association re petition to have live music at events to be held through June 30, 2014 (see attached list)

Herreshoff/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to grant this request provided, however, that this shall be for a trial period only through September 18, 2013 and that the music will be from unamplified acoustical instruments only, that the Town shall be provided with a

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list of businesses having musicians nearby their premises no later than seventy-two hours prior to the commencement of the performance and also that these same businesses shall provide certificates of insurance indemnifying the Town, that there shall be no more than five (5) total musicians on any one day and all music will conclude by 9:00 o'clock PM.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff expressed concern that the proposed music may be loud and disturbing to the neighbors.

Ms. Seguin noted that the Merchants Association is sponsoring several defined events including TGIFIB (Thank Goodness it's Friday in Bristol), Sidewalk Sales, and the Holiday Stroll and would like the opportunity to have certain merchants provide live music on the Town sidewalk in front of their businesses. She added that she anticipates that the music will not be disturbingly loud and that it will likely be a single musician at each location playing an acoustical instrument without amplification.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know the time of day when music will be played with Ms. Seguin responding that she anticipates that music will be played from 5:00 o'clock PM until 8:00 o'clock PM or perhaps from 5:00 o'clock PM until 9:00 o'clock PM and that it will be in front of the various stores and that it will be "nice music."

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if this will be done in the same location each time with Ms. Seguin responding that the musicians may be located in different places during each event.

Councilman Herreshoff asked if this was done previously with Ms. Seguin responding that it had been done previously but that the activity was curtailed by the Police Department since the merchants did not possess a public entertainment license.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know the last time this activity took place with Ms. Seguin responding that it took place during the first week of the July 4th concert series (concerts began June 21).

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Councilman Herreshoff stated that he was not in favor of approving "a long list."

Council Chairman Parella suggested that the Council might limit the number of musicians.

Ms. Seguin agreed with Council Chairman Parella and suggested that the member-merchants might be required to provide information concerning their individual participation prior to the event so that the Town may be informed of the extent of the activity. She added that the Merchants Association might voluntarily limit the number of musicians overall.

A discussion ensued regarding the various Merchants Association events.

Councilman Sweeney stated that he believes the addition of music to the various events to be a good idea and wishes to support the idea.

Councilman Stuart expressed concern that sidewalks have varying widths and that he is uncertain if musicians will obstruct safe traversal of the narrower sidewalks.

Ms. Seguin stated that she will provide a list of music locations to the Town for review.

Town Solicitor Ursillo informed the Council that it is within its purview to "experiment" with the proposal.

Councilman Stuart noted that the proponents of Art Night would like to have music also.

Stephan Brigidi informed the Council that Art Night is in receipt of a grant from RWU to expand its programming to include a storyteller at Rogers Free Library during Art Night. He added that there also may be a dance show at Independence Park.

Town Solicitor Ursillo suggested that the Council's approval might be best considered in "baby steps."

Councilman Calouro asked to know how many performers were expected by Ms. Seguin on any one date with Ms. Seguin responding that there would be four (4) or five (5) performers and each of these would be performing in different areas so as to avoid a comingling of the music.

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Linda Arruda, of 159 High Street, informed the Council that she was interested in supporting those performers who may be Mt. Hope High School students through this opportunity.

4. Bryan Labao, 9 Jewett Avenue re request for firearms dealer license

LATE ITEM

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police (deny)

LATE ITEM

- b. Zoning Enforcement Officer Tanner to Bryan K. and James G. Labao re Retail Gun Sales

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted unanimously to deny this petition based upon the recommendations received and the opinion of the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

G. APPOINTMENTS

1. Public Service Appointments

- a. Harbor Commission Advisory Committee (3) (terms to expire August 2016)
 1. Andrew A. Noronha, 19 Monroe Avenue - interest/reappointment
 2. Barbara Healy, 10 Dolly Drive - interest/reappointment
 3. Robert S. Hamel, 859 Hope Street - interest/reappointment

Councilman Stuart nominated Mr. Noronha, Ms. Healy, and Mr. Hamel for reappointment

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot each in favor of the three nominees with terms to expire in August 2016.

At this point in the agenda, Councilman Stuart reminded the Council of its intention to have a workshop to include the

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members of the Town boards and commissions for general discussion.

- b. Post Retirement Benefits Fund Board of Trustees (2) (term to expire August 2016 and to fill expired term to expire August 2015)

- 1. Jeffrey Luiz, 7 Tobin Lane - not seeking reappointment (ineligible - served maximum number of terms)

Calouro/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to send a letter of thanks for service to Mr. Luiz.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Parella noted that there were two vacancies on this board and suggested that those with experience in investments might consider applying for the positions.

- c. Harbor Commission (to fill unexpired term to expire March 2014)

- 1. Daniel Eagan, 3 Everett Street - interest/appointment

Councilman Herreshoff nominated Mr. Eagan for appointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Eagan with term to expire in March 2014.

- d. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees

- 1. Elizabeth G. Brito, Chairman, Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees re recommendation for appointment - David Swanson

Herreshoff/Stuart - Voted unanimously to confirm the appointment of Mr. Swanson as recommended by the Board of Trustees.

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H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Sweeney re crosswalks and striping, **continued from July 17, 2013**

LATE ITEM

- a. Town Administrator Teixeira re update on crosswalks and striping

At this point in the agenda, Council Chairman Parella reminded those present that the Council prefers to have agenda items available on time.

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

Prior to the vote taken, Town Administrator Teixeira noted that the State DOT's position appears to be clear concerning its explanation about additional crosswalks.

Councilman Herreshoff reported that although he agrees that more crosswalks would be preferable, he understands that creating same might result in a marked loss of parking spaces since a new crosswalk at the area of Hope Street near Rogers Free Library may require a clear area of seventy (70) feet.

Councilman Sweeney noted that there are few, if any, crosswalks along the northern portion of Hope Street toward Warren and explained that there is signage for some crosswalks with none in place.

Town Administrator Teixeira reported that the State is now developing a sidewalk plan for the portion of Hope Street from Washington Street to the Warren town line and that the plan will consider ADA compliant crosswalks along this route.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know the timeline for this plan with Town Administrator Teixeira responding that the work on the plan has begun and that the plan will include engineering, landscape, and ADA considerations with the project being completed during 2015. He added that the construction phase may begin next year.

Councilman Sweeney asked to know when a conceptual plan will be available with Town Administrator Teixeira responding that he was uncertain of when the conceptual plan will be available.

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Councilman Herreshoff noted the current sidewalk plan in Warren and expressed concern that the sidewalks should be pitched toward the road to avoid water collecting on the sidewalks.

Council Chairman Parella asked about the removal of the bus boxes with Town Administrator Teixeira responding that the Town must pass a new ordinance to reallocate the spots back to parking and that this has to be approved by the State Traffic Commission.

Councilman Calouro reminded those present that the State informed the Council of its intention to "re-educate" the bus drivers to use the bus boxes since these are a new concept and that the RIPTA officials agreed to return to the Council to discuss the success or failure of the re-education step.

Town Administrator Teixeira stated that he will arrange for representatives from RIPTA to attend a future Town Council meeting to resolve this issue.

Council Chairman Parella noted that it is a goal of RIPTA to remove some of its stops to save money and that it should be receptive to removing some of the stops with bus boxes.

Councilman Stuart noted that the Council agreed to the removal of certain stops along Hope Street already.

Council Chairman Parella agreed with Councilman Stuart and stated that there should be an effort made to expedite the removal of the stops as previously discussed and to eliminate the unneeded bus boxes and return the parking spaces.

David Barboza, of 92 Constitution Street, expressed concern regarding the intersection of Hope and State Streets and informed the Council that the crosswalks are not used properly and that he did not anticipate citizens adapting to the crosswalks as currently configured.

Council Chairman Parella noted that the crosswalks are designed to meet Federal guidelines.

Councilman Stuart noted that Congressman Cicilline will be visiting and that he might be shown the problems with the crosswalk.

2. Director of Community Development Williamson re Planning Board recommendation concerning

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proposed Ordinance #2013-10 (non-household domesticated animals), **continued from July 17, 2013**

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

Prior to the vote taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo agreed to prepare an ordinance in amendment to the Zoning Code to consider non-household domesticated animals for the next agenda.

3. Town Treasurer Goucher re Recommended Account Re-appropriations (carry forwards), **continued from July 17, 2013**

- a. Town Administrator Teixeira re Economic Development Plan

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted
unanimously to continue this matter
until the meeting of August 28,
2013.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Administrator Teixeira provided an overview of the proposal including an organizational chart.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if there was an intention to hire someone.

Town Administrator Teixeira noted that the proposal is to carryover \$21,000 from the 2012-2013 budget with Councilman Herreshoff stating that he was concerned that if the proposal goes forward, the \$21,000 will be overspent. He asked to know if the person who will be hired will be considered part-time.

Town Administrator Teixeira responded that the previous person (Alan Crisman) cost very little.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know if the plan is to handle some of the proposed tasks in-house and some with a paid consultant with Town Administrator Teixeira responding affirmatively

Council Chairman Parella asked to know if the requested funds will pay for accomplishing the list of tasks with Town Administrator Teixeira responding affirmatively. He added

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that Director of Community Development Williamson will be overseeing the activity.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if Geraldine Turbeville can do this with Town Administrator Teixeira responding that Ms. Turbeville is a part-time employee.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that perhaps Ms. Turbeville may be able to assume additional tasks.

Council Chairman Parella stated that it is difficult to take on projects without resources and that it may be to the Town's advantage to hire a consulting expert rather than to attempt utilizing current employees without specific experience.

Councilman Calouro reminded the Council that its honorable body discussed the matter at length during budget deliberations and decided to spend \$30,000 on Explore Bristol which he believes makes sense. He stated that he believes that the Economic Development Commission is underutilized and that this Commission serves at no expense to the Town.

Councilman Calouro added that the Town pays for a website person and that he questions as to whether or not the Town gets enough for its money. He suggested that the Town should save the \$21,000 and utilize the services of the Economic Development Commission for free.

Director of Community Development Williamson stated that the matter was discussed with the Economic Development Commission and that there are costs associated with any undertaking - for printing, etc.

Director of Community Development Williamson added that the Town should have carefully developed strategies and that it needs guidance and direction to have this. She suggested that this may be best achieved through the services of an outside consultant. She added that some of the matters discussed are on parallel paths and need to be coordinated and that the consultant facilitator will explore ways to unite the Town's efforts.

Council Chairman Parella stated that she believed it to be short-sighted to reject this recommendation and that she believes the Town's allocation for economic development this year was short-sighted also. She stated that she believes that the Town should be providing some funds for economic development planning and that the various committees cannot

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work effectively without staff support. She added that Explore Bristol is a public relations vehicle to promote the Town for tourism and that it is not directly addressing the idea of bringing new businesses.

Council Chairman Parella added that the Council should approve the carry-forward of the proposed \$21,000 since there are many ways that these funds may be used for economic development purposes.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the Council may wish to hear from Redevelopment Agency Chairman Peter Calvet who was present.

Councilman Stuart expressed concern that he did not see presented a plan for expending the \$21,000 and that he is concerned for the taxpayers. He added that he believes that the Town is not adequately utilizing its economic development resources (i.e. Economic Development Commission).

Director of Community Development Williamson explained that the Town needs a plan and that there are defined steps including utilization of the proposed funding to retain a consultant/facilitator. She added that this action will result in a workable plan and that this plan would constitute the "product" - a document which will be available for the Council to consider and adopt.

Councilman Stuart asked to know why this is not part of the CDBG and why Ms. Turbeville is not acting as the facilitator.

Council Chairman Parella noted that the facilitator must be able to examine all aspects of the problem and look at the "big picture" in order to help build an effective plan. She again explained that the purpose of the re-appropriation is to assure that the needed technical assistance will be available.

Councilman Stuart noted that the Town has invested \$60,000 in "Explore Bristol."

Stephen Katz, of 42 River Street, stated that he agreed that there is a need to have a strategic plan and agreed to help with same.

Council Chairman Parella asked Mr. Katz if the plan would require a financial commitment with Mr. Katz responding that he was uncertain as to what the funds would be used for. He

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added that the Town is in need of guidance and a framework for its efforts.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he believes that the Town should expand the industrial park and relocate the golf course.

Council Chairman Parella stated that she does not believe that Director of Community Development Williamson will have sufficient time to do all of her regular duties and provide resource guidance for an economic development strategic plan.

Councilman Stuart suggested that the proponents should "call it what it is" and admit that the funds are for personnel.

Council Chairman Parella stated that the proposal indicates that the funds are needed to pay for a consultant to facilitate the development of the economic plan.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed that consultant(s) are needed to work with the various Town personnel and boards and that these consultants would be retained only for a specific purpose for a short time.

Councilman Calouro suggested that the matter should be continued until the next meeting to allow the Council to obtain a "cleaner" document since the current proposal appears to be too vague to him.

Peter Calvet, a member of the Redevelopment Agency, suggested that the Town is in need of a vision and a strategic plan to learn "what we want to be when we grow up."

Mr. Calvet volunteered to work with Mr. Katz on this matter and to come up with a vision statement. He suggested that the task might be assigned to a small group.

Director of Community Development Williamson stated that the Comprehensive Plan provides the "vision" for the Town with Council Chairman Parella adding that the Town is now working on an update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Chairman Parella added that the Town has supplemental plans which complement the Comprehensive Plan such as the Harbor Management Plan and the Affordable Housing Plan.

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Mr. Calvet agreed that the Town should provide funds for the necessary research.

Councilman Sweeney suggested that there might be a workshop to consider economic development along with the Explore Bristol efforts.

Director of Community Development Williamson stated that the goal is "to have everyone on the same page." She added that she recommends having an independent facilitator to "organize the path" for the Town. She added that she has looked for grant opportunities and that she believes that the Rhode Island Foundation may have a grant available to help with this. She added that Explore Bristol is a marketing tool that is working within a certain niche and that it is necessary to work toward other economic development opportunities outside of what is addressed by Explore Bristol. She also advised that it may be necessary for the Town to invest in order to reap a future benefit.

Councilman Stuart noted that the Town has already spent money on Explore Bristol.

4. Council Clerk Cirillo re Town Solicitor's opinion concerning fire suppression

Calouro/Stuart - Voted unanimously to receive and place this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo explained his position as outlined in the memorandum. He added that the BCWA cannot be compelled to provide hydrants for free and that whoever requires the hydrants typically pays for them.

Town Solicitor Ursillo noted that Roger Williams University paid for the water tower that is on the campus which helped the water pressure problem in the southerly end of Town.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he believes that the Water Authority will share in the cost of the eight-inch line since it intended to replace the existing six-inch line in-kind.

5. Town Administrator Teixeira re Harbor Patrol Department Audit

Herreshoff/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to continue this matter

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until the meeting of August 28, 2013.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Administrator Teixeira suggested that the matter should be continued to allow him additional time to consider this matter.

I. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

1. Cid Harper, Executive Administrative Assistant, BCWA re request to schedule meeting (October 9, 2013) to present CDM report for Pawtucket Supply Connection

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Clerk to schedule the meeting at a time convenient to the parties.

Prior to the vote taken, it was noted that October 9, 2013 is a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting.

Council Chairman Parella suggested that the matter might be combined with a discussion of the Poppasquash Phase II as outlined in agenda item I2 following and the Administration and BCWA delegation should be invited to attend.

2. Council Clerk Cirillo re scheduling of special meeting/workshop concerning Phase II of BCWA Poppasquash area improvements

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Clerk to schedule the meeting at a time convenient to the parties.

3. Steve Parrott, General Manager/Operating Partner, Gooding Grill, LLC re request for Council consideration to create a Class BV Intoxicating Beverage License for premises located at 200 Gooding Avenue (see agenda item D1)

Calouro/ Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he may draft an ordinance in amendment to the Town Code to allow for an

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additional Class BV Intoxicating Beverage License and to continue this matter until the meeting of August 28, 2013.

Prior to the vote taken, Mr. Parrot explained that he has an agreement with Frank Andrews, the property owner, and that he (Mr. Parrott) is a "35-year veteran" of the restaurant business and that he never had a problem relating to the sale of alcohol. He added that he plans a "family restaurant" with a good value. He also explained that his last restaurant, Grille 58 in Halifax, Massachusetts employs 20 people. He added that he anticipates that 13-15% of his income will be derived from the sale of alcohol.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know when Mr. Parrot would plan to open with Mr. Parrott responding that he anticipates opening 60 days after receipt of the various permits.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know if the financing was in place with Mr. Parrott responding that financing is not an issue and that he would have to clean-up the building.

Councilman Sweeney stated that he was open to the idea to consider creating a new license with Councilman Calouro stating that he anticipates that the Police Department will do their due diligence concerning this matter.

Councilman Herreshoff agreed that he would like Town Administrator Teixeira and Police Chief Canario to provide recommendations and that he was concerned that the Town should avoid a "slippery slope" concerning too many liquor licenses.

Councilman Stuart asked to know why Mr. Parrott decided to open an establishment in Bristol with Mr. Parrott responding that he operated previously in Brewster, Massachusetts and that he likes smaller seaside communities. He added that he plans to live in Bristol.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know more details of Mr. Parrott's plans with Mr. Parrott responding that he operated an expensive restaurant in the past and would prefer to open a new place with a \$5-15 price structure. He described his past business ventures.

Council Chairman Parella suggested that the Council may wish to place this item on the next agenda for further consideration and suggested that Mr. Parrott should provide

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a "packet of materials" prior to that time for consideration.

4. Peter Calvet, Chairman, Redevelopment Agency re Bristol Industrial Park progress

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

Prior to the vote taken, Mr. Calvet reported that the Redevelopment Agency is running out of work. He noted that the Bristol Industrial Park project is moving along and that it has incredible space and it is a "strategic (economic development) plan waiting to happen."

5. Town Administrator Teixeira re request for support of local chef Rizwan Ahmed

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted unanimously to receive and place this matter on file with congratulations to Mr. Ahmed and to consider a commendation at an upcoming meeting at the convenience of the parties.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Administrator Teixeira noted that Mr. Ahmed is one of fourteen chefs in the United States asked to participate in this competition in New Orleans.

He added that Mr. Ahmed will have to close his restaurant in order to compete and that he (Town Administrator Teixeira) is asking the Council to provide support during this time.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know what type of support Town Administrator Teixeira is seeking and explained that she was concerned about setting a difficult precedent if the Town were to become to closely involved.

Councilman Sweeney asked to know how much money has been raised thus far in support of Mr. Ahmed.

Councilman Stuart reported that Persimmon Chef Champe Spiedel was also participating in an important competition and he was concerned that the Town might be "picking and choosing" to support one proprietor versus another.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he believes it to be commendable that Mr. Ahmed was chosen to compete.

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Councilman Stuart suggested that the Town may wish to promote the award winning establishments.

6. Councilman Stuart re request to schedule workshop concerning Town waterfront properties

Calouro/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to receive and place this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Stuart informed the Council that he believes that this discussion should be handled administratively and not by the Council.

J. **BILLS & EXPENDITURES**

1. Bid #777-2 - Inflow Source Relocation and Associated Drainage System Improvements

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control Superintendent to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken the Clerk read the following bids as received:

William Anthony Excavating	N. Kingstown, RI	\$737,675
Rosciti Construction	Johnston, RI	\$775,177
C. B. Utility Co.	Bristol, RI	\$709,670
East Coast Landscaping	Portsmouth, RI	\$739,000

2. Bid #786 - Mount Hope Pumping Station Improvements

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted unanimously to reject all bids.

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted unanimously to authorize rebidding of this project.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk read the following bid as received:

Hart Engineering Corp.	Cumberland, RI	\$1,487,943
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Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if this was an emergency with Water Pollution Control Superintendent DaSilva explaining that the bid is to replace a pump from 1985 and that the pump has been troublesome. He added that it was not necessary to consider this on an emergency basis but that it must be addressed.

Town Solicitor Ursillo suggested that the Town may wish to negotiate with the sole bidder. He added that it would be possible to reject the bids and start over.

K. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Allan Klepper re BCWA Monthly Report for August

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

2. Stephan Brigidi, Bristol Representative,
Discover Newport re Semi-Annual Report

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

Prior to the vote taken, Mr. Brigidi reported that the problem appears to be related to the number of bedrooms available for tourists. He added that Blithewold seems to lose business since those wishing to have functions on the property would prefer to have an overnight stay in Town.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know if there is an effort to attract a small hotel with Mr. Brigidi responding that Charles Cavalcante and Michael Byrnes (Explore Bristol) are working on this.

Councilman Sweeney asked to know if it was possible to arrange "floating beds" with the Blount tour company with Mr. Brigidi responding that there were personnel impediments to this option.

Councilman Calouro thanked Mr. Brigidi for a concise report.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to receive information regarding the bed and meal tax provided to the Town.

L. TOWN SOLICITOR

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M. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

1. Parella

a. Thanks Mike Davis - Council Chairman Parella thanked Mr. Davis for his videographer services.

b. Maritime Center Grant - Council Chairman Parella congratulated Director of Community Development Williamson upon the Town's receipt of a grant of \$860,000 toward the rehabilitation of the former Naval Reserve Armory (Community Center) into a maritime center.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that she had a "great steering committee" and that the grant is forthcoming from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). She added that the Town was invited to apply outside of the regular grant cycle and that the Town scored the highest number of points in the U.S. for its application. She added that there was much work to do.

Council Chairman Parella suggested that there was a need to "pull together" an appropriate advisory group and that that the Town was fortunate to have Harbormaster Gregg Marsili to participate.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the project should not lose focus of its mission to provide practical facilities for transient boaters; showers, etc.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know if the grant will cover repairs to the outside structure of the building with Director of Community Development Williamson responding that the Town must be cautious in determining the uses for the grant funds.

Council Chairman Parella asked to know how long the Town has to fulfill the requirements of the grant with Director of Community Development Williamson responding that the project must be completed within four (4) years.

c. Recycling - Council Chairman Parella reported that the Save Bristol Harbor "ad-hoc" recycling

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committee will be continuing to "flesh-out" its program.

2. Herreshoff

a. Slanting Flagpole - Councilman Herreshoff reported that the flagpole at the junction of Hope and Thames Streets remains as "slanting" and asked that it should be repaired. He suggested that once this is accomplished the Town should construct a "strong barrier" to prevent automobile contact with the pole in the future.

Town Administrator Teixeira agreed to work on this request with Councilman Herreshoff suggesting that the Department of Public Works should be able to repair the flagpole.

Councilman Herreshoff requested that this matter should be placed on the next Council agenda (August 28, 2013) for follow-up.

Town Administrator Teixeira reported that there was some work accomplished already to prepare the flagpole for use during the Fourth of July Celebration and that the work will continue.

b. Weathervane on Town Common Gazebo - Councilman Herreshoff reported that he will present a plan for the Town Common gazebo weathervane in the future.

c. Sequoia Trees - Councilman Herreshoff noted that a report on the care and treatment of the Town Common sequoia trees is forthcoming.

d. Quinta-Gamelin Planning and Discussion - Councilman Herreshoff noted that the rehabilitation of the Quinta-Gamelin center will need funding and that he anticipates that the facility must be "first class." He added that the Town is also embarking on the Maritime Center project, Tanyard Brook rehabilitation Phase II, etc. He suggested that there should be a plan to phase the various design and rehabilitation costs for these projects since funds are limited and further suggested that the Town was in need of some system to draw the projects together.

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Council Chairman Parella agreed that the funds available are insufficient to complete all of the projects currently under consideration and suggested that the Council might have a workshop to consider a future bond issue.

Town Treasurer Goucher reported that the Town is working on a five (5) year capital plan and there is a plan for the various department managers to meet to discuss same and to make some recommendations for a future workshop to be held in September or October of this year.

Councilman Herreshoff cautioned that the Town cannot "rest on its laurels" in maintaining its status as the "best Town."

3. Calouro

a. National Anthem - Councilman Calouro congratulated Lexi Lanni for her rendition of the National Anthem at the Quinta-Gamelin transfer ceremony.

4. Stuart

a. Recycling Committee - Councilman Stuart stated that the Conservation Commission is also interested in the recycling initiative and will join with the ad-hoc committee.

b. Tanyard Brook - Councilman Stuart reported his attendance at the recent neighborhood session concerning the Tanyard Brook and that this session yielded many good questions. He noted that there will be another meeting in the future with representatives from Beta Group.

c. Event Recycling - Councilman Stuart reported that having recycling at public events presents a good opportunity to increase recycling in Town.

d. Reader's Poll - Councilman Stuart congratulated those who were recognized by the Rhode Island Monthly Readers' Poll.

e. Bristol Theater Company - Councilman Stuart congratulated the Bristol Theater Company for its successful activity this past weekend.

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f. Regatta - Councilman Stuart noted that the Herreshoff Classic Regatta will be held Friday, August 23, 2013 through Sunday, August 25, 2013 and that this activity would bolster tourism.

g. Thanks for Attending - Councilman Stuart thanked those who attended this Council meeting.

5. Sweeney

a. Quinta-Gamelin - Councilman Sweeney congratulated those who worked on the Quinta-Gamelin acquisition.

b. Recycling - Councilman Sweeney reported that the recycling committee has begun with its recommendations and that he hopes to have something to report at the next Council meeting.

c. Animal Shelter Award - Councilman Sweeney noted that the Animal Shelter received funding for its capital campaign from the Kraft Foundation.

N. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)

a. Congratulations to Director of Community Development Williamson - Town Administrator Teixeira offered congratulations to Director of Community Development Williamson upon her receiving a grant for the Maritime Center.

b. Quinta-Gamelin - Town Administrator Teixeira congratulated Recreation Director Burke for the successful transfer ceremony at the Quinta-Gamelin center.

c. Police Accreditation - Town Administrator Teixeira recognized Police Chief Canario concerning the recent Police Department Accreditation visit. Police Chief Canario reported that the exit interview went well and that he anticipates receiving the results of the accreditation within ten (10) days.

d. Capital Project Discussion - Town Administrator Teixeira reported that the various department managers will be discussing priorities for the Town's capital projects.

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e. Poppasquash Water Main - Town Administrator Teixeira reported that the project has begun with clearing of brush, etc., with construction scheduled to begin on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

f. Victory Day - Town Administrator Teixeira announced that the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, August 12 in observance of Victory Day.

g. Dock Hands - Town Administrator Teixeira provided a brief memorandum concerning the Town's new "dock hands" with Harbormaster Marsili reporting that some of the new hires are students. Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if the dock hands are required to take lines with Harbormaster Marsili responding that the dock hands do take lines as part of the Town's service provided.

Councilman Herreshoff reported that he receives positive feedback about the Harbor Department. He asked to know if there have been any problems with Harbormaster Marsili reporting that there is a need to have a 50 amp electrical service at the end of the dock and that he is getting quotes to install same.

Councilman Sweeney asked to know if the new "welcome packet" program is in place with Harbormaster Marsili reporting that the new dock hands are distributing the welcome packets.

Council Chairman Parella asked if there was any feedback from the merchants on the use of the coupons, etc., found in the welcome packets with Harbormaster Marsili responding that he plans to meet with the merchants in the near future regarding this matter.

Councilman Stuart suggested that the cash issue was being expedited.

Town Administrator Teixeira reported that he is receiving many positive comments regarding the cleanliness and safety of the docks.

CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM

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Consent Agenda Items:

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

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

1. Harbor Commission - July 8, 2013
2. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - May 29, 2013
3. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - June 10, 2013
4. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - June 24, 2013
5. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - June 27, 2013
6. Animal Shelter Capital Project Committee - June 20, 2013
7. Animal Shelter Capital Project Committee - June 27, 2013

Herreshoff/Calouro - Voted
unanimously to place Animal Shelter
Capital Project Committee minutes
both in the Boards and Commission
Minutes (AA) section and in the Old
Business (H) section of the agenda.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff stated that he believes there is a need to consider the actions of the Capital Project Committee as part of the regular agenda in the future. He also expressed concern about the possibility of having heated floors in the animal shelter.

Council Chairman Parella suggested that the Council might receive regular "highlights" reports from the Committee.

Police Chief Canario noted that the Committee meetings are open to all and that public participation is very welcome.

8. Board of Fire Engineers - July 29, 2013

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9. Planning Board - May 14, 2013
10. Planning Board - June 11, 2013

(CA) BB. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

1. Tax Assessor/Collector Belair re Abatements

(CA) CC. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. (Town Treasurer Goucher) re Revenue and Expenditure Statement - August 2, 2013
2. Town Treasurer Goucher re Budget Report Summary - Monthly/Quarterly Period Ending June 30, 2013

(CA) DD. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS & CITATIONS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to adopt these Proclamations, Resolutions and Citations as prepared and presented."

(CA) EE. UTILITY PETITIONS

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

1. Department of Public Works - Road Cut Permits

(CA) FF. UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS

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

(CA) GG. CITY & TOWN RESOLUTIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED

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

(CA) HH. DISTRIBUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Reimbursement Resolution (signed June 26, 2013)
2. Private Investigator's License Renewal Petitions - Veronica Ramos, Arthur DeFusco, Isidro Cabral, Frank Vento, Jr., and Charles Galligan (granted July 17, 2013)
3. Class F Alcoholic Beverage License - Columban Fathers, 65 Ferry Road, July 28, 2013
4. Council Clerk Cirillo to Public Works Director Galuska re "Accessible Parking" space added, 562 Wood Street
5. Dottie Santagata, Administrator, Cornerstone Adult Services, Inc. to Town Administrator Teixeira re thank you for support
6. Zaheer Abbas, Midland Farms, Inc., d/b/a Midland Farms, 429 Wood Street re change of corporation name to New Midland Farms, Inc.
7. Mooring, Dock and Dinghy Rack Permit Lists (July 25, 2013)
8. Coastal Resources Management Council - Semi-monthly Meeting Agenda, July 30, 2013
9. Warrant - David F. Guertin, Auxiliary Harbormaster
10. Warrant - Mary C. Millard, Historic District Commission
11. Town Administrator Teixeira to Insituform Technologies, Inc., Chesterfield, MO re Award of Bid #783 - Bristol Sewer Rehabilitation

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

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

1. Bristol Warren Regional School District Schedule of Meetings - Week of July 21, 2013

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2. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee - July 22, 2013
3. Bristol County Water Authority Board of Directors - July 24, 2013
4. Bristol County Water Authority Management Development and Compensation Committee - July 31, 2013
5. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees - August 1, 2013
6. Harbor Commission - August 5, 2013
7. Bristol Warren Regional School District Schedule of Meetings - Week of August 4, 2013
8. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee - August 5, 2013

(CA) JJ. CLAIMS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to refer these items to the Insurance Committee and at its discretion to the Interlocal Trust."

1. Pamela J. Camara, 3 Wapping Drive re claim for property damage

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Herreshoff, seconded by Councilman Calouro and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 10:22 o'clock PM.

Louis P. Cirillo, CMC
Council Clerk