

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on November 18, 2021:

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Members present: Julian (Jay ) Forgue, President; William E. Reichert, Vice-President; Walter M.O. Steere, III; Stephen Arnold; and William Worthy , Jr.

Also Present: David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; Gary Trembl, Director of Public Works; Robert Shields, Recreation Director and John Luszcz, Director of Human Services

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor Forgue stated that anyone wishing to speak on any agenda items may speak during this open forum.

Councilor Forgue stated that as a procedural note when any members of the audience wish to speak, including department heads, we ask that when you are invited up to the podium you state your name for the record. Councilor Forgue stated that we do not need you to state your address, unless it is relevant to your discussion, but we ask for your name for those people that request an audio file of the meeting.

None

V. Public Hearings - Discussion and/or Action

A. 24-HOUR VIRTUALING LICENSE RENEWAL- Discussion and/or Action

1. Chepachet Deli & Catering, 842 Putnam Pike

Councilor Forgue stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 21<sup>st</sup>, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing Open.

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the renewal of this license.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT the RENEWAL of a 24-hour Victualing License to:

1. Chepachet Deli & Catering, 842 Putnam Pike  
contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; and 6) a current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

B. VICTUALING LICENSE RENEWALS- Discussion and/or Action

1. Aegean Pizza, 1195 Putnam Pike
2. Black Forest Café, 1195B Putnam Pike
3. Burrillville/Glocester Youth Soccer Association, 1407 Putnam Pike (Concession Stand)
4. Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
5. Chepachet Farms, 226 Tourtellot Hill Road
6. DePetrillo's Pizza & Bakery, 1153 Putnam Pike
7. Dino's Park N Shop, 1020 Putnam Pike
8. Dunkin Donuts, 1006 Putnam Pike
9. Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike
10. Glocester Little League, 1011 Putnam Pike (Concession Stand)
11. Harmony Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Road
12. Harmony Lodge Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
13. Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike
14. Mr. Z's By The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike
15. Knight Farm, Farmers Omelette, 1 Snake Hill Road
16. Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
17. Paris Irons Farm, 86 Paris Irons Road
18. Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane
19. Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike
20. The Village Bean, 15 Money Hill Road

Councilor Forgue stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/ Observer on October 21<sup>st</sup> , Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> , 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the renewal of any of these licenses.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Victualing License to all applicants named above contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3). Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; and 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only and are valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; seconded by; Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

C.    CLASS A- RETAILER- Discussion and/or Action

1.    Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike
2.    Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike

Councilor Forgue stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 28<sup>th</sup> , & November 4<sup>th</sup> , 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN.

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to speak regarding these license renewals.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class A - Retailer Liquor License to:

1. Christy's Liquors, Inc., Kevin J. Kitson, d/b/a Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits, 1116 Putnam Pike
2. Kitson's Liquors, Inc., Lisa Kitson, d/b/a Kitson's Liquors, 677 Putnam Pike

contingent upon: 1) payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 6) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees; 7) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 8) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000. These licenses shall be for the interior of the premises only and are valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

D. CLASS B-V VICTUALER BEVERAGE LICENSES-Discussion and/or Action

1. Harmony Lodge Restaurant, LLC, Michael Fournier, Catherine Hamill Fournier, d/b/a Harmony Lodge Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
2. Tri State Golf, LLC, Jonathan Hoenig, Donald Hoenig, d/b/a Melody Hill Country Club, 55 Melody Hill Lane
3. Agios, Inc. , Panagiota Arsoniadis, d/b/a Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 617 Putnam Pike

4. Prickly Pear, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
5. Tyo Ristaino Corp., Stephen & Robin Tyo & Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cadys Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike
6. Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC, Albert L. Hill, Jr., Albert L. Hill, Sr. ; d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike
7. Mr. Z's By The Lake, LLC, Nikolas Zarokostas, Stavros Zarokostas, d/b/a Mr. Z's By The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor Worthy stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 28<sup>th</sup>, & November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to speak regarding these license renewals.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion: Councilor Worthy stated his recusal .

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to (GRANT, DENY or TABLE) the Renewal of a Class B-V Victualer Beverage License to all applicants named above, contingent upon:

1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L. a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; these licenses shall be for the interior of the premise only with the exception of:

- 1) Harmony Lodge Restaurant LLC d/b/a Harmony Lodge Resturant
- 4) Prickly Pear, Inc., William J. Kapanakis, d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza:
- 5) Tyo-Ristaino Corp., Stephen & Robin Tyo and Robert Ristaino, d/b/a Cady's Tavern:
- 6) Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC, Albert L. Hill, Jr., Albert L. Hill Sr., d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill:

and that the Stipulations of any outdoor consumption, service, and/or sales remain as previously granted;

these licenses are valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES-Arnold, Steere, Reichert and Forgue

RECUSAL- Worthy

NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

E. CLASS BT -TAVERN- Discussion and/or Action

1. DLUM, LLC , David Lumnah, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike

Councilor Arnold stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 28<sup>th</sup>, & November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the license renewal.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class BT-Tavern License to: DLUM Restaurant LLC, David Lumnah, d/b/a Tavern on Main, 1157 Putnam Pike contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license

shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

F. CLASS B-V LIMITED- Discussion and/or Action

1. Knight Farm, LLC, Joseph Iacofano, d/b/a Knight Farm, Farmers Omelette, 1 Snake Hill Road

Councilor Forgue stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 28<sup>th</sup> , & November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the license renewal.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT the RENEWAL of a Class B-V Limited License to Knight Farm, LLC, Joseph Iacofano, d/b/a Knight Farm, 1 Snake Hill Road; contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 7) current Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

G. CLASS B -V LIMITED (NEW ) - Discussion and/or Action

1. Black Forest Café, LLC, Susanne Haubrich, d/b/a Black Forest Café, 1195B Putnam Pike

Councilor Reichert stated that this Public Hearing, for a new license, was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding this new license request.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked if the public hearing had been opened. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that Councilor Reichert as the vice president opened the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to GRANT the issuance of a Class B-V Limited License to Black Forest Café, LLC, Susanne Haubrich, d/b/a Black Forest Café, 1195B Putnam Pike ; contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 7) current Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

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



MOTION PASSED

2. M & B Variety, Inc., Brian Rea, Michelle Rea d/b/a Harmony Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Road

Councilor Forgue stated that this Public Hearing, for a new license, was advertised in the Providence Journal Legal Ads on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding this new license request.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT the issuance of a Class B-V Limited License to M & B Variety, Inc., Brian Rea, Michelle Rea d/b/a Harmony Corner Store, 365 Snake Hill Road; contingent upon: 1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing; 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; 7) current Alcohol Service Certification cards for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

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

NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

H. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE-Discussion and/or Action

1. Harmony Lodge Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Harmony Lodge Restaurant, 102 Putnam Pike
2. Prickly Pear, Inc., d/b/a Pinewood Pub & Pizza, 16 Terry Lane, Units #9-13
3. Tyo Ristaino Corp., d/b/a Cady's Tavern ,2168 Putnam Pike
4. Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC, d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike
5. Mr. Z's By The Lake, LLC, d/b/a Mr. Z's By The Lake, 2400 Putnam Pike

Councilor Forgue stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the license renewals.

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: Councilor Worthy stated his recusal

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to GRANT the RENEWAL of an Entertainment License to all applicants names above: contingent upon 1) Payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; these licenses are valid from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022 and are subject to the following stipulations:

1. That all entertainment be confined to the inside of the building except for those establishments in stipulation #5.
2. That all windows on the premises are kept closed when there is amplified entertainment, but not permanently, and that doors are only opened for normal ingress and egress from the premises.
3. That all live indoor entertainment cease at 1:00 a.m.
4. When there is live entertainment, the Town Council, at its discretion, may assign a supplemental police officer or officers at such time and in such a place as the Town Council deems appropriate and the license holder shall reimburse the Town of Gloucester for the expense of such police officer(s):

5. Establishments with current outdoor service areas, for alcohol, may have non amplified acoustical music and non amplified vocals, ceasing at 9:00 p.m. This use shall be rescinded upon determination by the licensing board with no further public hearing.
6. Any other reasonable conditions and restrictions as the Town Council may require; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

I. SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES- Discussion and/or Action

1. Tyo Ristaino Corp , d/b/a Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike  
Councilor Forgue stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on November 11<sup>th</sup> , 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to speak.

Discussion:

Councilor Forgue stated that Cady's application for Special Events for 2022 requested the following:

- 16 Fundraisers (includes Bike Runs/Car Washes
- 10 Acoustic Performances (with amp vocals)
- 4 Car/bike shows w/DJ

for a Total of 30 events

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked the applicant if the events would be held as last years between May and October. R. Tyo, the applicant, stated that the events would be held between May and October as last year.

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to GRANT the Special Events for 2022 for Cady's Tavern, location of business: 2168 Putnam Pike:

- 16 Fundraisers (includes Bike Runs/Car Washes
- 10 Acoustic Performances (with amplified vocals)
- 4 Car/bike shows w/DJ

for a total of 30 Special Events, individually licensed, with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Outdoor amplified music is allowed two times per month from May to October, on non consecutive weekends and non consecutive days for a total of twelve events limited between 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.
9. Any use outside that consist of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted.

Seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Councilor Worthy stated his recusal.

VOTE: AYES-Arnold, Steere, Reichert and Forgue

RECUSAL- Worthy

NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

2. Hill's Tavern and Grill, LLC ,d/b/a Hill's Tavern and Grill, 417 Putnam Pike

Councilor Forgue stated that this Public Hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/Observer on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Forgue asked if anyone wished to speak.

D. D'Agostino , Gorham & Gorham, stated he was before the council representing Hill's Tavern and Grill. Attorney D'Agostino stated the request was for 42 events of which 18 were outdoor music events and then 8 each of motorcycle runs, car shows and fundraisers.

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that Council has received correspondence from two residents to be included in the public hearing which Councilor Reichert read as follows:

November 18, 2021

Madam Clerk

I am submitting this letter to express my opposition to expanded special events being requested by Hill's Tavern. I am not able to attend the Gloucester Town Council Meeting of November 18, 2021 that is hearing the request due to a conflict as I have to attend the Harmony Fire District monthly meeting as I am an elected board member and am required to attend.

In the past I have spoken against special events, particularly those events held outside that involve amplified music.

Unfortunately during these events Hill's Tavern has not been a good neighbor. Over time the size and scope of outdoor entertainment has increased. Volleyball grew into outdoor drinking of alcohol which grew into outdoor parties. That soon grew into outdoor acoustic music only. Hill's often played amplified music in violation of the agreed to acoustic music only. Complaints were made. Hearings were held. The result? Rewarding Hill's Tavern with outdoor special events that allowed amplified music. When the music would reach a level that would vibrate my house windows on the south side of my house I would call the police. The police would come to my house and verify the noise level and the validity of my complaint and then respond to Hill's tavern to have them reduce the volume. The result? When the police would leave the volume would go UP. Way up. I would call again to file a complaint. Often during the last set or song of the night the volume would be deafening. Why do you suppose that was done? Does that sound like an establishment that should be given expanded outdoor special events?

Everyone knows the history of the business now known as Hill's Tavern. It grew from a tiny ten seat local bar to what it is now. I detailed the history of this business in a letter to Councilor Arnold dated June 16, 2021 which was submitted and read at the appropriate Council meeting. My point of going through the history was to bring out the fact that people who have lived around and near this business for

years did not knowingly move near a business playing concerts outside, but rather the business changed dramatically therefore changing the interactions of the business between the residents and the business. Hill's Tavern could have made the changes a positive between themselves and the area.

Instead they have chosen a different route as demonstrated by their frequent disregard of the limitations set by special event licensing and their reactions to requests to lower the volume of the amplified music. Note that in the past when Hill's Tavern originally requested outdoor events my wife and I did not oppose those requests as we are not opposed to businesses redefining themselves in order to make a living. Unfortunately Hill's Tavern disregarded the few simple changes they could have made which would have helped to avoid any friction, such as reduced volume and compliance with the restrictions set by special event licensing

Another concern I have is the fact that a Councilor, Wiliam Worthy who may be voting on these matters concerning Hill's Tavern has played at this venue as a musician. Councilor Worthy should recuse himself from voting on these matters. If Councilor Worthy casts any votes concerning Hill's Tavern to expand special events the matter should be reviewed and investigated by the Ethics Commission.

In closing I am opposed to any expansion of Outdoor entertainment at Hill's Tavern for my reasons given in this letter and my concerns raised in the past.

David Laplante  
47 Absalona Hill Road  
(End of memo)

Councilor Reichert read the second letter Council received as follows:

Madam Clerk,

This letter is to inform you of my opposition to the increase in special events asked for by Hills Tavern.

I can not attend the scheduled Town Council meeting on 11/18/21, to speak against this matter, due to a conflict with the Harmony Fire District board meeting, on which I serve as board member.

I have lived in the Town of Gloucester my whole life and feel that I am very attuned to lifestyle that all of us have lived with, and continue to enjoy. One of the benefits of living in Gloucester, celebrated by many, if not most residents. is its quiet, rural nature. Unfortunately, Hills Tavern seems to be working very hard against this. I

should mention that I currently live almost directly across Putnam Pike from Hill's Tavern.

I have been considered a professional musician since I was 16 years old. I play the trumpet. I have played in many different types of groups, from large orchestras, to big bands, small combos, and cover bands. I have played all over the world, and I am on many recordings. I feel that I have a very good knowledge of the type of music that Hill's tries to bring in. I AM NOT a hater of live music, I have made good money over the years performing.

When Hill's first took over Sticks, which had turned into a "biker" bar, many of us were happy. It was portrayed as a family restaurant, that was going to be a good neighborly place to go with your family. Over time, however, Hill's has shown that that was not to be the case. They brought in outdoor volleyball, which seems harmless enough. EXCEPT, that was just the beginning. It quickly grew to outdoor parties and events, and with that came amplified music. I have always said that when Hills wanted an outdoor "special" event license, I had no objection to the holiday weekends, for example, July 4th, Labor day, etc.. But that doesn't seem to be enough for the owners of Hill's. They want it ALL. It seems to me, and in talking to members of bands that play there, that Hill's wants to turn itself in an event venue. One with live bands every weekend and holidays. With outdoor parties or "concerts" if you want. This goes against what the Town of Glocester is all about, and I feel what he residents of the Town want as well.

There are many times during the summer months when Hills has an event that I can hear every song played by whomever is performing there. Loud enough that I could easily write down the set lists all night. I have hearing loss, so when I say something is loud, it must be really loud. I will gladly invite any member of the Council to come over and hear for themselves what takes place. This is just about the music. I won't go into what happens at the end of the night when people are leaving.

Many other Towns within the State of RI are having issues and regrets with bars and clubs with outdoor entertainment licenses. Do we learn our lessons from them, or do we have to learn our lessons the hard way? I do not want Glocester to turn into anything other than Glocester! It has always been a peaceful, quiet and tranquil Town. Celebrated and spoken of very highly by both residents and guests. I strongly believe that we need to keep this way of life. Once it's gone, it's gone forever.

In conclusion, at this time, I would stop ANY outdoor event license request from Hill's Tavern. They have shown, repeatedly, that when given an inch, they take a yard.

David J. Piccirillo  
456 Putnam Pike  
Harmony, RI  
(end of memo)

Discussion: Attorney D'Agostino stated several points in defense of Mr. Hill in that Mr. Hill has done a good job in the last 3 years to run a good business and that there are going to be people who are not happy with a business all of the time. Attorney D'Agostino stated that some of the comments in both letters referred to practices that occurred at the premises prior to Mr. Hill owning the premises. Attorney D'Agostino stated that there have been issues in the past which have been addressed; that outdoor music is part of Mr. Hill's business plan; that he is trying to be a responsible neighbor; and he is asking Council to evaluate based on what Council knows about Mr. Hill's operation. Attorney D'Agostino stated that the tavern is in a commercial corridor and it is also surrounded by rural areas. Attorney D'Agostino rejects the comments that were made that Hill's would be disrespectful to the police.

D.LaPlante, resident, stated that his letter referred to present issues with Hill's Tavern and that the main issue is the excessive volume of the music. D. LaPlante stated that the music is so loud that his windows vibrate. D. LaPlante stated he is not opposed to outdoor music but is requesting that it be held to a reasonable volume. D. LaPlante also asked the Council to consider the number of special events being asked for and stated his opinion that special events should not be held every weekend or every night. Mr. LaPlante stated that he did not call to complain to the police this year as the volume was mostly reasonable.

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, confirmed with Council the stipulation put in last year and this year that these events would run from May to October for a total possible of 12 events. J. Fecteau asked the Council to clarify the number as the applicant is requesting 18 events.

Councilor Worthy asked if he could ask a question if he was recusing himself. Attorney Igliazzi stated that he could ask a question but he cannot influence anyone. Councilor Worthy asked for the number of events licensed last year and the answer was given as 12.



Councilor Arnold stated he is puzzled by the math being requested as it is more than the 12 given last year. Attorney D'Agostino stated that they would be open to reducing the amount to 12 from 18. Attorney D'Agostino spoke about the times last year when an applied for event was not held due to poor weather. J. Fecteau stated the town does not charge if an event can't be held due to weather. Attorney D'Agostino recognized that .

Councilor Arnold stated that last year Hill's was granted a total of 32 events. Councilor Arnold stated that this year Hill's is asking for 36 events even with the reduction to 12 outdoor events. Councilor Forgue stated to continue respecting the neighbors and keeping the volume somewhat quieter.

Councilor Steere stated that the people who live in the neighborhood have been complaining to the Council on a yearly basis and the Council 's job is to help the people of the town. Councilor Steere stated he does not have a problem granting the same number of events as last year but is opposed to granting more than last year. Councilor Reichert stated the great job Cady's Tavern is doing to be a good neighbor. Councilor Reichert stated the residents come first and need to be protected. Councilor Reichert agreed with Councilor Steere in keeping the events the same as last year. Councilor Steere stated the Council needs to be mindful of the infrastructure of the town when granting licenses to the town's establishments in order to not stretch the infrastructure like police and fire too thin. Councilor Arnold brought up the community fund raiser held that was above and beyond the number granted. Attorney D'Agostino agreed that there was a special Council meeting where the Council granted the additional event due to special circumstances. J. Fecteau stated that the individual, not Mr. Hill, came to her and that situation won't happen again.

Hill's application for Special Events for 2022 requests the following:

- 8 Motorcycle Runs
- 8 Car shows
- 8 Fundraisers
- 18 Outdoor music events

Total 42 events

Councilor Forgue asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak.

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED.

Discussion: Councilors discussed the number of events being requested for clarification. Attorney D’Agostino stated that his client was agreeable to reducing the car shows requested from 8 to 4.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to GRANT the Special Events for 2022 for Hill’s Tavern, location of business: 417 Putnam Pike:

- 8 Motorcycle Runs
- 4 Car shows
- 8 Fundraisers
- 12 Outdoor music events

for a total of 32 Special Events, individually licensed allowed, with the following stipulations:

1. The filing of an application 6 business days prior to each event.
2. Crowd management and parking plan filed with each application.
3. No on-street parking allowed on Route 44.
4. The approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.
5. This approval may be rescinded by the Town Council for just cause.
6. Alcohol is only allowed in previously approved areas.
7. Compliance with the Special Event Ordinance.
8. Outdoor amplified music is allowed two times per month from May to October, on non consecutive weekends and non consecutive days for a total of twelve events limited between 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.
9. Any use outside that consist of amplification of music or entertainment, shall be considered a special event requiring a license, and shall count against the total number granted.

Seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: Councilor Worthy stated his recusal

VOTE: AYES-Arnold, Steere, Reichert and Forgue

RECUSAL- Worthy

NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

J. Public Hearing - CONTINUED from November 4, 2021

1. Code Of Ordinance Proposed Amendment

Chapter 350, Zoning Article I, Section 350-4 Compliance with use, dimension and density regulations required- New Section D- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that the first reading of this proposed amendment was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Councilor Forgue stated that this public hearing was advertised in the Valley Breeze/ Observer on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> and the proposed amendment was forwarded to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion per Chapter 350-7 of the Code of Ordinance.

Councilor Forgue stated that the Town Council Public Hearing was opened on November 4, 2021 and continued until tonight awaiting the Planning Board opinion.

Councilor Forgue stated that the Planning Board has forwarded the following opinion which he read as follows:

**Amendments to Definitions and Table of Use Regulations**  
**Zoning Ordinance Revision**  
**Advisory Opinion of the Planning Board**  
**November 8, 2021**

At their November 8, 2021 meeting, the following motion was made by Planning Board Vice Chairman Calderara:

After careful consideration and discussion at the November 8, 2021 regular meeting, the Gloucester Planning Board hereby recommends that the Town Council enact revisions to the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance as detailed in the attached Draft Article I, Section 350-4 Compliance with use, dimension and density regulations, dated 11/03/21, attached hereto. Said revisions add a section to Section 350-4 that states “Notwithstanding any provision of this ordinance, structure, buildings, and land may be erected and/or used by the Town of Gloucester, or any agency or department thereof, for public or municipal purposes in any zoning district, and said structures, buildings, and lands so erected or used shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance. Prior to exercising the exemption, the Town Council shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Section 350-7 E (8).”

The Board’s recommendation is based upon the following Findings of Fact Relating to Consistency with the Gloucester Comprehensive Community Plan and Purposes of Zoning per RIGL Title 45 Chapter 24, the Zoning Enabling Act of 1991 as noted

below.

### **Findings of Fact**

#### Consistency with the Comprehensive Community Plan

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the goal of the Services and Facilities Element: Provide a well-planned, economically sound and functionally adequate community facility and service network for Gloucester's current and expected future population needs.

#### Consistency with the Purposes of Zoning

The Planning Board finds that the proposed zoning amendments are consistent with the following general purposes of zoning ordinances per RIGL § 45-24-30:

1. Promoting the public health, safety and general welfare.
2. Providing for a range of uses and intensities of use appropriate to the character of the city or town and reflecting current and expected future needs.
3. Providing for orderly growth and development which recognizes:
  - (i) The goals and patterns of land use contained in the comprehensive plan of the city or town adopted pursuant to chapter 22.2 of this title;
  - (ii) The availability and capacity of existing and planned public and/or private services and facilities; and
  - (iii) The use of innovative development regulations and techniques.
4. Providing for the control, protection, and/or abatement of air, water, groundwater, and noise pollution, and soil erosion and sedimentation.
5. Providing for the protection of public investment in transportation, water, stormwater management systems, sewage treatment and disposal, solid waste treatment and disposal, schools, recreation, public facilities, open space, and other public requirements.
6. Promoting a high level of quality in design in the development of private and public facilities.
7. Promoting implementation of the comprehensive plan of the city or town adopted pursuant to chapter 22.2 of this title.
8. Providing for efficient review of development proposals, to clarify and expedite the zoning approval process.

In making this recommendation, the Board has considered the following:

1. Discussions held at the November 8, 2021 regular meeting

Based on the above findings, I hereby make a motion to recommend approval of the draft zoning ordinance revisions, dated November 3, 2021 to the Gloucester Town

Council.

The motion was seconded by Planning Board member Stephen Clifford. Ayes – (Calderara, Clifford, Furney, Pitocco).

(end of opinion)

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue asked if there is there anyone else wishing to speak.

Councilor Forgue DECLARED the Public Hearing CLOSED

Discussion: None

Councilor Forgue stated that if Council agrees with the amendment, as presented, we would need a motion to adopt the amendment:

MOTION was made by Councilor Reichert to ADOPT an amendment to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance, as follows:

Addition to Article 1, Administration & Procedures, Chapter 350, Zoning Section 350-4 Compliance with use, dimension and density regulations required: New Section D as follows: “Notwithstanding any provision of this ordinance, structure, buildings, and land may be erected and/or used by the Town of Gloucester, or any agency or department thereof, for public or municipal purposes in any zoning district, and said structures, buildings, and lands so erected or used shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance. Prior to exercising the exemption, the Town Council shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Section 350-7 E (8).”; this amendment shall be effective upon passage; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

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

NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

#### VI. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular meeting of November 4, 2021
- B. Tax Assessor’s Additions and Abatements - October 2021
- C. Finance Director’s Report - October 2021

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to APPROVE the Town Council minutes of November 4, 2021; the ADDITIONS to the 2021 Tax Roll in the amount of \$2,113.70; ABATEMENTS to the 2021 Tax Roll in the amount of \$3,790.91, the 2021 Supplemental Tax Roll in the amount of \$204.83; and to APPROVE the Finance Director's Report for October 2021; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

## VII. Unfinished Business

### a. Recreation Department- Discussion and/or Action

1. Plan for amendment and/or clarification to charge of Recreation Commission and Recreation Director's role with the Recreation Commission

Councilor Forgue stated that the Acting HR Director forwarded his final report to the Council yesterday. Councilor Forgue asked if the Council needed more time to review. Councilor Forgue stated that this item can be tabled unless Councilors are ready to discuss the recommendations.

Councilor Steere stated he would like more time to review.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to table the amendment for clarification to charge of Recreation Commission and the Director's role with the Recreation Commission to December 2, 2021; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

NAYS- 0

MOTION PASSED

### B. Boards and Commissions

Councilor Forgue stated that for all Boards and Commissions with vacancies Council has received a current talent bank listing.

1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action

a. Recreation Commission

1. Position # 1- one unexpired term

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

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

Discussion: Councilor Arnold stated he hopes the recommendation from Don Zimmerman, (acting HR director), comes through soon in order for the Council to fill the vacant positions.

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Position # 5- one unexpired term

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

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

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

b. Economic Development Commission

1. Ad Hoc Non Voting member- term to expire  
12/31/2022

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

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Ad Hoc Non Voting Member position; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

c. Budget Board

1. Position # 7- 3 year term to expire 1/31/2023

Councilor Forgue stated that there is a recommendation from the Finance Director from the current talent bank list, Kristy Bonoyer. Councilor Forgue stated that unless a Councilor has a different recommendation Council can consider this appointment.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPOINT Kristy Bonoyer to the Budget Board, Position #7; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

d. Historic District Commission

1. Alternate - term to expire 11/2022

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

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to TABLE the appointment to the Alternate position of the HDC for a term to expire 11/2022; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A. Board and Commissions

1. Resignation(s) - Discussion and /or Action



- a. Economic Development Commission
  - 1. Position #3 - 2 year term to expire 12/31/2022

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received the resignation of Melissa Czerwein from the Economic Development Commission.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ACCEPT, with thanks, the resignation of Melissa Czerwein from the Economic Development Commission, Position #3; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- 2. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action
  - a. Conservation Commission
    - 1. Alternate- One year term to expire 2/01/2022

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

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Alternate position on the Conservation Commission for a term to expire 2/2022; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Economic Development Commission
  - 1. Position #3 - Two year term to expire 12/31/2022

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

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Economic Development Commission, Position #3, for a term to expire 12/31/2022; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. American Rescue Act Funds: Consideration of Dept. Head grant requests- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that at the last Council meeting where this item was explained it was agreed that the projects presented by the department heads would be discussed and considered individually as the first part of the process. Councilor Forgue stated that we have two of the proposals tonight.

1. Finance Director: Loss of Revenue

A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that he is requesting the Council set aside half a million dollars for lost revenue from the Town's ARPA funds until such time as he has completed the study accurately calculating the final amount. A. Muccino stated that any excess money set aside can be reallocated to other projects. A. Muccino stated that he hopes to have the final calculations completed by next meeting. A. Muccino stated that the town has until 12/31/2024 to use the money when asked by Councilor Worthy.

2. Town Clerk: Retrofit of three (3) rooms at Town Hall for sound and audio

J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that at the last council meeting, K. Scott, Town Planner, explained how the funds could be used. J. Fecteau stated that her request is a good fit because it addresses public access to government for the residents of the town. J. Fecteau explained how the town quickly responded during the pandemic to provide two way public meetings despite the difficulties in doing so. J. Fecteau stated that part of the problem was that the sound system was an issue before the pandemic; that we could not live stream and the system badly needed upgrading in all three meeting rooms. J. Fecteau stated that she would periodically over the years obtain cost information for addressing the problems in the sound system but that something else would take precedence in the budget process. J. Fecteau stated that these funds are an opportunity to upgrade the system in all three meeting rooms as well as to add the openness of hybrid meetings. J. Fecteau stated that the future most likely will include hybrid meetings being required by legislation. J. Fecteau stated that this money is free and if we don't take advantage of this opportunity now then the taxpayers will need to be asked to pay for these badly needed upgrades and most likely future cost of

holding hybrid meetings. J. Fecteau stated the proposal is to set up council chambers and one room to provide two way meetings and to outfit the third room to live stream at a minimum. J. Fecteau stated that she and M. Floor, ITT Director have looked into this proposal and talked to vendors about the costs. J. Fecteau stated that she is asking for \$85,000.00 to cover the equipment, installation and training. A. Muccino offered his opinion that one of the vendors is on the state bid list so this could be moved quickly. A. Muccino gave his opinion as to a hypothetical infrastructure use of funds when asked by Councilor Worthy and stated that any use must qualify.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to set aside \$500,000.00 for lost revenue to be expended by 12/31/2024 ; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to set aside \$85,000.00 through the American Rescue Act Fund to go towards capital investments in public facilities to meet the pandemic operational needs including adaptations in public buildings to implement COVID 19 mitigation tactics specifically retrofitting rooms in the town hall for sound and audio; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

C. Personnel

1. Dept. of Public Works

- a. Employee request for advance of future sick leave -  
Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received the following request from Gary Rogala, Public Works Employee which he read as follows:

November 10, 2021

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Gary Rogala

Due to a temporary medical condition I will be out of work until further notice. I will exhaust all of my sick and vacation time before I am able to return to work. I am requesting a 30 day advance on future sick leave until I am released from the Doctor to return to work.

Sincerely,

Gary Rogala

(end of request)

Councilor Forgue stated that Council has received a recommendation from the Acting HR Director which he read as follows:

TO: Members of the Gloucester Town Council

FROM: Don Zimmerman, Acting Director of Human Resources

SUBJECT: Request for advance on paid sick leave

DATE: November 16, 2021

Gary Rogala, Custodian for the Town Hall and Police Station, has been out of work for a medical condition since October 18, 2021. As of November 29th he will have exhausted all of his accumulated sick and vacation time. He does not have a return to work date yet. He has requested an advance on future sick leave not to exceed thirty (30) days until he gets clearance from his doctor to return to work full duty. Mr. Rogala is currently a non union employee covered by the Employee Handbook. The Handbook provides that Council may approve an advance on sick leave (see Page 8 of the Handbook):

B. Sick leave pay out and advances

Any employee with at least ten (10) years of continuous service who contracts a serious illness may be granted, at the discretion of the Town Council, an advance on future sick leave not to exceed thirty (30) days in addition to his/her accumulated sick leave as of the date such illness occurs.

In my opinion any medical condition that incapacitates an employee for over a month qualifies as a "serious illness", and Mr. Rogala has the requisite ten (10) years of continuous service.

(End of memo)

Discussion : None

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to GRANT the Request for advance on

paid sick leave for DPW Employee, Gary Rogala, not to exceed thirty days to in addition to his/her accumulated sick leave as of the date such illness occurs; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

D. Recreation - 2021 Winter Events

1. Ice Rink location - Discussion and/or Action

R. Shields, Recreation Director, stated that the ice rink the town purchased last year will be placed behind the town hall as it is a better location than the Pavilion. R. Shields stated that there are some additional expenses to get the rink up and running and gave council a handout. R. Shields stated the additional expenses included \$1500.00 to purchase side pieces to make the rink larger; a new liner at \$700.00 ( and that would be a recurring yearly cost); a temporary fence at \$2200.00; and portajohns at a cost of \$600.00. G. Treml, DPW Director, stated that the DPW will make the benches and provide a rubber mat as well as take care of running electricity from the town hall and clearing the ice after other DPW responsibilities. R. Shields stated that signs and rules will be put in place. Councilor Steere asked about liability issues. A. Muccino stated that certain signs satisfy the Interlocal Trust. Councilor Steere stated his concern about parking so employees would not be impacted and if the well field which is behind the town hall would be effected. G. Treml stated the well field would not be impacted. Councilor Arnold asked if the fire department would be filling the ice rink and R. Shields stated that the fire department would fill the rink in stages to get a smooth finish. Councilor Steere stated that the times of use should be such that the people using it are being good neighbors to those who live close by. G. Treml stated no generator would be needed for lights as the lights could run from the town hall. Councilor Worthy asked for dates and times. R. Shields stated that the rink would be closed at dusk except for scheduled times at night if events are held. R. Shields stated that the Recreation materials budget could be used to buy the new parts. Councilor Arnold stated that he felt this was a good thing for the community. Councilor Steere expressed concern that many from out of town would come to use and there is not a lot of parking . R. Shields stated that there may not be as many people from other towns as towns close by are also putting in outdoor rinks and some have indoor rinks too. Councilor Steere asked if the town's liability insurance was sufficient. A. Muccino stated that he spoke to the Interlocal Trust and that the signs

suggested by R. Shields are satisfactory according to the Trust. Councilors discussed the total amounts and possible ways to pay. J. Fecteau asked about the rink going up before the Council has determined how to include a fence. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that he felt the Council could authorize the purchase described by R. Shields as the vendor, EX Ice was on the state purchasing list and the cost was under \$5000.00.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to authorize the purchase described by R. Shields from EX Ice, a master price agreement vendor, at a cost not to exceed \$1600.00; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

Discussion: D. Igliazzi stated that Council may want to authorize funds for the DPW to rent the fence even if the town may be seeking contributions for the fence.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to authorize DPW to rent the fencing needed; seconded Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Update to Council

Provided in 1.

E. G.B.A. Candlelight Shopping - 2021

1. Request and consideration of Town assistance - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: C. Wilson, Chair of Candlelight shopping, stated that he is before the Council to request the Council pay for a police detail for one of the nights of candlelight shopping. Councilor Forgue asked the amount. C. Wilson stated approximately \$238. C. Wilson clarified that Gloucester Heritage Society sponsors

candlelight shopping.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to AUTHORIZE the expenditure of funds from the Town Council Contingency Account not to exceed \$ 250.00 , to assist the Gloucester Heritage Society Candlelight Shopping 2021 with one night of a police detail; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

#### IX. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion

1. Council received correspondence from the Gloucester Business Association asking for the Pavilion to remain open during candlelight shopping. Councilor Steere asked when G. Treml anticipated closing the Pavilion. G. Treml stated that the Pavilion will be closed after the Christmas season.

2. Councilor Arnold stated that the Council had received correspondence from a vendor regarding a land trust matter; but after communication and explanations, all parties are satisfied.

3. Councilor Reichert stated that he had received a call from a resident asking about having a road designated as a Purple Heart highway. Councilor Forgue stated that it was a great idea and would honor veterans. Councilor Forgue asked if the state representatives might be helpful and asked J. Fecteau to draft a letter to the representatives. J. Fecteau stated she would draft the letter.

4. Councilor Steere thanked J. Fecteau and C. Mathieu for their efforts in putting forth the Veterans Day commemoration ceremony.

#### X. Department Head Reports/Discussion

1. G. Treml stated that the basketball court at Gloucester Memorial will be closed starting tomorrow ( Nov 19, 2021) for test holes to be done as part of the renovation plan in order to proceed in the spring.

Councilor Worthy asked about issue in the Waterman Lake area as to rocks. G. Trembl stated that the rocks will be staying and there is no issue.

2. A. Muccino stated that call for bids for the appraisal work Council approved last meeting has been sent out. A. Muccino stated that he is working with the Providence Journal and Boston Globe but as this is a more involved appraisal than in the past the ads may be a bit more expensive . A. Muccino stated the Finance Department could handle the expense.

A. Muccino stated that the new Clerk started in the Assessor's office this week and all seems to be going well.

3. J. Fecteau stated that she and C. Mathieu would be handing out the Golden Cane on Monday and will let Council know the identity of the recipient at the next Council meeting as it is a surprise.

J. Fecteau stated that she received several calls from residents on Indian Trail during the height of the storm last Friday because the bottom of Indian Trail had turned into a river. J. Fecteau stated that she notified B. DeCorte at DPW and within one half hour she was notified that the problem had been solved. J. Fecteau offered thanks to G. Trembl and his department.

4. J. Luszc, Human Services Director, stated that starting tomorrow (Nov 19<sup>th</sup>) he will be handing out baskets to feed 31 families for Thanksgiving. J. Luszc stated his thanks to Dino's, the DPW for transporting the food and all their help.

XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion  
None

XII. Open Forum

1. G. Steere , resident, stated that he was not in favor of the state union employees receiving a possible \$3000.00 incentive stipend for getting the COVID vaccination. G. Steere asked the Council to consider sending a letter or resolution opposing it. Council discussed adding it to the December 2, 2021 agenda for consideration.

2. G. Steere voiced his complaints about the church in town that has had outdoor services and music . G. Steere stated the noise and lights can be an issue which he knows because he is a neighbor . G. Steere stated that he feels the outdoor



services should be licensed just like all other outdoor entertainment. D. Igliazzi stated that assistant town solicitor, W. Bernstein, received notice that the services would be going back inside this week. D. Igliazzi discussed the possible actions that may be taken if the church services do not go inside. J. Fecteau voiced her opinion that all churches in town could be held to the town's special event license. J. Fecteau stated that she drafted a letter to the church and sent it to D. Igliazzi to review.

3. C. Wilson, Historic District Chair, spoke of the potential good changes that are coming to town near the rotary. C. Wilson stated that he has seen the recent plans and felt they looked good.

XIII. MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to Adjourn at 9:48 p.m.; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED