

At a meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on September 1, 2022

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; David Igliozi, Town Solicitor; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; G. Treml, Director of Public Works; G.Mosca EMA Director; Chief Delprete; K. Johnson, Building/Zoning Official; J.Luszcz, Human Services Director; and R. Shields, Recreation Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone present wished to speak on agenda items.

1. Lorraine O'Connors, resident, asked for the number of voters at the Financial Town Referendum. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk , stated just over 200. Councilor Steere added that this has been the usual amount .

MOTION was made by Councilor Laplante to move the Open Forum up; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: Councilor Reichert clarified that this open forum was for non agenda items.

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

MOTION PASSED

XII. Open Forum

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone would like to speak to please come to the microphone and state your name.

1. K. Lavoie, resident, stated that there was very loud music at Mulberry Vineyards last weekend and that the police were called as instructed to do so by the Council at a prior meeting. K. Lavoie stated the police told him that the Vineyard has a permit for music and if there is a problem to take that up with the Council. K. Lavoie added that there had been no problems during the three week period after the last meeting involving the Vineyard. K. Lavoie stated that multiple weddings have been booked at thee Vineyard and expressed his opinion that the Vineyard is turning into a venue event center in their residential neighborhood.

2. David Colantonio, resident, stated that the loud music issue is not getting better and that the residents have done what they were instructed by Council to do which is to contact the police. D. Colantonio stated the police told them to take the issue up with Council. D. Colantonio stated he does not want to live next to an event center as this is a residential neighborhood.
3. R. Dietzel , resident, stated that he is the President of the Condo Association at Country Meadows and he echoes both Kevin and David's statements. R. Dietzel stated that the residents are following the procedure they were told to follow and now wants to know what they should do.
4. Chief Delprete stated that the residents called the police and that the police did go out to the vineyard. Chief Delprete stated that once the Town Council gave the permit that unless the Vineyard goes outside the scope of the permit that there is not a lot the police can do. Chief Delprete stated that the town does not have a specific noise ordinance . Chief Delprete stated that the police will go out each time they are called with a complaint.

Councilor Worthy stated he would like the Council to consider removing the license at the time of renewal.

5. Patricia Henry, resident, stated she would like the Council to consider recognizing J. Colaluca for her efforts over the years in organizing Earth Day.

RETURN TO REGULAR AGENDA

- V. Public Hearing
 - A. New Victualing License Discussion and/or action
 - Applicant : Assados Kitchen & Bar
 - By: Jorge Diogo
 - Location: 102 Putnam Pike, Chepachet RI

Councilor Reichert stated that this Public Hearing was advertised on August 11th, 18th, & 25th, 2022.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Reichert asked if the applicant was present and if anyone on Council have any questions for applicant.

Discussion: J. Diogo, applicant stated that he is purchasing the property; that he has been in the restaurant business for 45 years and owned the company for seventeen years.

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone else would like to speak.

None

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT a Victualing License to Applicant : Assados Kitchen & Bar, By: Jorge Diogo; Location:102 Putnam Pike contingent upon:

1) payment of all Town taxes due; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 4) current Health Department approval; 5) current Food Manager Certificate; and 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only and is valid to November 30, 2022; seconded by; Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

B. New Liquor License- Discussion and/or action

Applicant: Assados Kitchen & Bar

By: Jorge Diogo

Location: 102 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814

Councilor Reichert stated that this Public Hearing was advertised on August 17th & 24th 2022.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone on Council has any questions for applicant.

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked if this was a new liquor license. J. Fecteau, Town Clerk, stated that the prior owners gave up their liquor license and therefore this license is a new license and not a transfer.

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone else would like to speak.

None

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT a Class BV Liquor License to Applicant : Assados Kitchen & Bar, By: Jorge Diogo; Location:102 Putnam Pike contingent upon:

1) Issuance of a valid Victualing License; 2) payment of all Town taxes due; 3) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 4) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; 5) current Rhode Island Certificate of Good Standing, 6) current Rhode Island Permit to Make Sales, 7) current Alcohol Service Certification for all employees, 8) copy of current menu, 9) current Rhode Island B.C.I. check; 10) Per R.I.G.L., a Certificate of Commercial, general-liability and property damage insurance for a minimum amount of \$300,000; this license shall be for the interior of the premise only is valid to November 30, 2022; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- C. New Liquor License Expansion of Service Area- Discussion and/or action
Applicant: Assados Kitchen & Bar
By: Jorge Diogo
Location: 102 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814

Councilor Reichert stated that this Public Hearing was advertised on August 17th & 24th 2022.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone on Council has any questions for applicant.

Councilor Steere asked if the applicant could describe the outdoor area.

Discussion: J. Diogo, applicant stated that the outside deck area is 40 x 20 and he plans on serving on the existing deck. J. Diogo stated that this will be a family restaurant and that he has never had any issues at any establishment he has owned. Councilor Steere asked J. Diogo to keep in mind the close neighbors. J. Diogo stated that this will not be a bar scene type place; that he owns the Roast House in two other locations and this establishment will be similar. Councilor Laplante asked if J. Diogo had any complaints in Blackstone as he knows there are homes close by and J. Diogo replied he has not had any complaints. Councilor Steere asked if there would be a bar outside. J. Diogo stated no that all serving will be inside.

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone else would like to speak.

None

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to GRANT the Expansion of Service Area, for a previously granted Class BV Victualer License, to Applicant: Assados Kitchen & Bar, By: Jorge Diogo, Location:102 Putnam Pike, with the following stipulations:

1. The updated service area diagram, on file in the Clerk's Office, shall be adhered to and not increased without further hearing.
2. The combined indoor and outdoor capacity, at any time, shall be no more than the legal capacity as sited for the interior of the building
3. The same laws and rules regarding Alcohol Service Certification that apply to indoor alcohol servers are to be strictly enforced
4. No patron shall leave the deck area with any alcoholic beverage
5. The licensee shall provide sufficient monitoring of the outside area
6. The granting of the outdoor service of alcohol is not transferable in the event that this business is sold or transferred to any other person and/or entity.

7. Outdoor service of alcohol will cease at 10:00 PM
8. Additional lighting shall not encroach on neighboring property owners.
9. Violation of these stipulations may cause for revocation of Outdoor Service with no further action necessary by Licensing Board.

Seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

D. New Entertainment License- Discussion and/ or action

Applicant: Assados Kitchen & Bar

By: Jorge Diogo

Location: 102 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814

Councilor Reichert stated that this Public Hearing was advertised on August 17th & 24th 2022.

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing OPEN

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone on Council have any questions for applicant.

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked for the type of entertainment. J. Diogo stated that he wants the license available to be able to have events inside and that there are no plans for amplified music. J. Fecteau stated that this item has been included in the licenses of all other establishments in town so it is included in this one. J. Diogo stated that he hopes to be open at the end of November.

Councilor Reichert asked if anyone else would like to speak?

None

Councilor Reichert DECLARED the Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to Grant an Entertainment License to Applicant: Assados Kitchen & Bar, By: Jorge Diogo, Location:102 Putnam Pike, contingent upon 1) Payment of all Town taxes; 2) Building/Zoning approval as needed; 3) Fire and/or Police approval as needed; this license is valid to November 30, 2022 and is subject to the following stipulations:

1. That all entertainment be confined to the inside of the building, other than as noted 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 Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VI. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action

- A. Approval of Town Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 4th, 2022 (tabled August 18, 2022); minutes of August 18, 2022 and Special Meeting August 23, 2022
- B. Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements -
 1. July Additions & Abatements (tabled August 18, 2022)
 2. June Additions & Abatements - Amendments to July 2022 approval)
- C. Finance Director's Monthly Report (tabled August 18, 2022)

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the approval of the Town Council minutes of August 4th, August 18th, and Special Meeting of August 23rd; to TABLE the Additions and Abatements of July 2022; TABLE the corrections to the June Additions and Abatements and to TABLE Finance Director's Monthly Report for July 2022; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Boards and Commissions
 1. Appointments- Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Economic Development Commission
 1. Position #4 - Two year term to expire 12/31/2022

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

Discussion: Councilor Worthy stated that the EDC has not met during the summer and that when they resume their meeting in the fall he believes the Council will get some names.

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

MOTION PASSED

B. Resident request for reconsideration of Claim for vehicle damage - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that resident, Lenora Bonn, was not present at the last meeting so Council tabled discussion. Councilor Reichert stated that the resident has recently notified the Clerk that she is not able to attend in person, due to the recent birth of their first child, and would like the claim to be reconsidered. Councilor Reichert stated that the information has been given to Council and that Council has received a recommendation from the Town Solicitor, which is in Council's packet.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Laplante to SETTLE the claim filed with the Town on July 11, 2022, between the Town of Gloucester and Eric and Lenora Bonn of 179 Sandy Brook Rd in the amount of \$300.00 for damage to automobile tires; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

C. Update/Amend Hiring Policy - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that the HR Director has forwarded a hiring policy for Council to consider. Councilor Reichert stated that the policy addresses all "types" of employees and if passed would replace the Dept. Head hiring policy previously adopted. Councilor Reichert stated that if Council chooses the policy can be reviewed by Council members and any questions can be discussed at a future meeting and could be considered for adoption at a later date.

Discussion: Councilor Steere stated he would like more time to review.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere TABLE the Update/Amend Hiring Policy to the meeting of September 16, 2022; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

VIII. New Business

A. Boards and Commissions

1. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action

- a. Board of Canvassers - Position #3, One unexpired 6 year term to expire 3/1/26

Councilor Reichert stated that the Clerk has received the resignation of a member of the Board of Canvassers.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ACCEPT the resignation of Joyce Bulger from the Board of Canvassers, Position #3; seconded by Councilor Steere

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Tax Assessor Board of Review - Position #1, One unexpired 6 year term to expire 12/31/26

Councilor Reichert stated that the Clerk has received the resignation of Eric Croft from the Tax Assessor Board of Review.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to ACCEPT , with thanks, the resignation of Eric Croft from the Tax Assessor Board of Review; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Appointments- Discussion and /or action

- a. Foster/Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board

1. Alternate member- one year term to expire 9/2023

Councilor Reichert stated that this position is for the expired term of Elizabeth Kowal. Councilor Reichert stated that the Chair has expressed that Ms. Kowal wishes to be reappointed.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to REAPPOINT Elizabeth Kowal to the Foster/Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board for a one year Alternate term to expire 9/2023; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Board of Canvassers - Position #3, One unexpired 6 year term to expire 3/1/26

Councilor Reichert stated that the talent bank list will be updated and the Chair will be asked if there is a recommendation for the next Council meeting. Councilor Reichert stated that if Council agrees this appointment can be tabled.

MOTION was made by Councilor Laplante to TABLE the appointment to the Board of Canvassers; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- c. Tax Assessor Board of Review - Position #1, One unexpired 6 year term to expire 12/31/26

Councilor Reichert stated that Council may TABLE or APPOINT. Councilor Reichert stated that there are no recommendations at this time and that the Talent Bank list has been forwarded to the other members of the Board and to the Tax Assessor for their review.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to TABLE the appointment to the Tax Assessor Board of Review, Position #1; seconded by Councilor Laplante

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

- B. Request for reconsideration of Denial of Claim (re: 4th of July parade) - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that Council has received information regarding a claim made to the town that was denied. Councilor Reichert stated that the claimant is asking Council to reconsider the claim.

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked for the Town Solicitor to please review. D. Igliozi, Town Solicitor, stated he would review the matter and report back to Council.

C. Accept Budget for FY 2022/2023 - As of September 1, 2022 - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that the Finance Director has prepared an amended budget for FY 2022/23 for Council to consider accepting for a Financial Referendum. Councilor Reichert stated that typically, when Council receives the budget from the Budget Board it is the start of the process. Councilor Reichert stated that Council can review the proposed budget and discuss changes or ask questions at the public hearing. Councilor Reichert stated that changes can be proposed by Council from the public hearing to the point of adoption of a budget to send to a Financial Referendum

Discussion: A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated the new budget is level funded and there is no use of fund balance on the operation side. A. Muccino stated that the Budget Board met and reviewed the budget. A. Muccino stated the budget would be available to the public tomorrow on the town website and at town hall.

A. Muccino stated that the state Department of Municipal finance has reviewed the ad and given their approval for it to run..

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to ACCEPT for Public Hearing, a revised budget for FY 2022/23, dated September 1, 2022; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

D. Approval of Schedule - Financial Town Referendum - Discussion and/or Action
1. Set Financial Town Referendum Date

Councilor Reichert stated that Council can now chose to set a Financial Town Referendum for consideration, by the town's registered voters, of a revised budget for FY 2022/23. Councilor Reichert stated that the Clerk has worked up a calendar that meets all the deadlines and time periods mandated by the Charter and State Law.

Councilor Reichert stated that in order to proceed the Finance Director must get the budget public hearing ad approved by the State quickly. Councilor Reichert stated that if that happens the soonest the Referendum could occur is Tuesday, October 25th.

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to SET a Financial Town Referendum for **October 25, 2022**, for the revised FY 2022/23 budget to be adopted by Council after Public Hearing, contingent upon expedited approval of budget proposal from Municipal Finance; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

2. Set FY 2022/23 Budget Public Hearing

Councilor Reichert stated that the Public Hearing date in the Clerk’s proposed calendar is **October 4, 2022.**

MOTION was made by Councilor Laplante to SET a Public Hearing for October 4, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. for the consideration by the Town Council and attendees of a revised budget for FY 2022/23; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

Councilor Reichert stated that the Budget and ballot questions will be adopted in October.

E. Public outreach - Re: Budget failure, (including questions regarding FM Global taxation) - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Laplante stated his opinion that the information on facebook was incorrect. Councilor Steere stated his opinion that the Council did not do a good job explaining the referendum so the Council needs to think about how to get the information out to the public for this next time. G. Charette, resident, stated that transparency is very important and the Council did not do a good job explaining the issues with FM Global. Councilor Reichert explained the situation with FM including that the Council is working to get an valuation in order to be able to assess FM which is needed in order to be able to send FM a tax bill. A. Muccino explained that a tax bill can’t be sent without the valuation because the town’s bon counsel will not authorize it and if the town sends anyway then that would decrease the town’s bond rating. P. Henry, resident, stated that during her time on the Council two councilors would always go together to speak with FM so she wanted to know when the Council lost track of FM. P. Henry stated that it is shocking to be in such a situation with the town’s best neighbor. Councilor Laplante stated that corporate people are different from the local FM people. Councilor Laplante stated that the Council is working on getting a proper appraiser by a qualified company and that there have been two bids at \$250,000.00. Councilor Reichert stated that the funding would come from ARPA funds in response to a question.

No action taken by Council

F. Potential Social Media - Discussion and/or Action

1. Creation of informational Face book page for Gloucester Town Council.

Councilor Laplante stated that he feels it is time for the town Council to have a Facebook page for information only in order to reach residents. Councilor Steere asked who would monitor the page. Chief Delprete offered H. Dufany at the police department to help as she does the page for the police. Councilor Arnold stated his opinion that he feels this page would be a tremendous asset to the town. Councilor Arnold stated his opinion that no one uses the town website and that maybe the social media page could be linked back to the town website. Councilor Steere raised the concern as to how the information would be posted because the Council must act together. C. Leonard, resident, suggested the proposed page just be posts without the ability to respond as that is what the police do. Councilor Worthy stated that the town website is very antiquated and supports a social media page. Councilor Steere stated he is not against the page but is concerned about how the information is posted, who monitors and who creates. C. Greathouse, resident, stated that the majority of people did not know about the Financial Town Referendum and agrees with a Facebook page. P. Henry, resident, stated her support of a facebook page and feels that the town website is not current. D. Igliazzi ,town solicitor, stated that the Town Council would need to come up with rules as to a facebook page. Councilor Laplante suggested having a standard item on every agenda being facebook information. Councilor Arnold stated that the ability to comment on the page can be turned off so it can just be information and it could link back to the town website. R. Shields , Recreation Director, offered suggested a short term solution of putting information on an existing page until Council decides what to do. G. “Buster” Steere, resident stated to keep the post simple and not complicated.

2. Creation/Adoption of Procedures and Rules - Discussion and or action

MOTION was made by Councilor Laplante for the Town Clerk to work with Holly of the Police Department to help create and adopt procedures and rules for a facebook page for the Town of Gloucester; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: Councilor Steere asked for the town solicitor to work on how to put content on the page. L. O’Connors, resident, stated that these plans may take time so suggested using the existing robo call or mail.

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

MOTION PASSED

G. Personnel

1. Appointment - Police Department - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Part Time Dispatcher

Councilor Reichert stated that the Chief has made a request to Council. Councilor Reichert stated that the acting HR Director has expressed to the Clerk his approval of the appointment if Council agrees. Councilor Reichert read the request which follows:

To: Honorable Town Council
From: Chief Joseph DelPrete
Date: August 26,2022
CC: Don Zimmerman-Personnel Director
Subject: Part-Time Dispatcher Position

Dispatcher Sean Tikiryian resigned his full-time dispatcher position on the Gloucester Police Department on August 26, 2022 for a full-time EMT Rescue position with the Town of Lincoln. However, I would like to maintain Sean Tikiryian as a part-time dispatcher at a per-diem rate of \$18.60 per hour. He will be placed in the part-time dispatcher pool and be called upon when if needed when no other local 1322 full-time dispatchers are available.

In the past, the police department has readily maintained a part-time dispatcher pool to alleviate the burden on the regular full-time staff. Sean Tikiryian was an excellent dispatcher/employee for the police department and left in excellent standing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph DelPrete
Chief of Police
(end of memo)

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to APPOINT Sean Tikiryian to the on call “pool” of part time Police Dispatchers at a per-diem rate of \$18.60 per hour; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: Chief Delprete stated his thanks.

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

MOTION PASSED

H. Recreation Commission - Update/Report/Request - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Reichert stated that the Clerk received a report from the Recreation Commission today

for Council.

Discussion: T. Lemos, Recreation Commission secretary and acting Chair, spoke as to their report on Leja Field. T. Lemos gave a detailed report stating the commissions findings of the condition of the field and thier recommendations. T. Lemos stated that the field will be more popular as improvements are made including possible funding and he stated the Commission had a quote from Smithfield Peat for work. T. Lemos asked the Council to get the field to something the town can be proud of. T. Lemos also described the calendar of the Rec. Comm during the year with a list of proposed events. A. Dunn , Rec. Comm. Member , described how he would run the cycling proposed event and also stated the need for work to be done on Leja field. S. Sabatos, stated that he was the assistant coach for Ponaganset Middle School baseball team and that he was asking for help with the field as the team used it often last year. G. Treml, DPW Director stated that the field was mowed all summer; the infield was changed three times; the infield has sprinklers; and described other work done by the department. G. Treml stated that his department was given a schedule for mowing and they did it for the entire season. S. Sabatos stated the grass is being cut and the middle school team uses the field about four times per week from March trough November.

No action taken

- I. Gloucester Memorial Park, Leja Field - Discussion and/or Action re: Funding/private and/or Grants - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: Councilor Worthy stated that K. Scott, Town Planner, explained to him that grants are typically offered every other year and she will look for grants that come up next year. Councilor Worthy stated that he has received information about private citizens wanting to donate to fixing Leja field. Councilor Worthy stated that he reached out to a friend who does fundraisers and feels confident that there is a potential for money from grants and private donations. A. Muccino verified that there is a separate Leja field account so any money would go directly to that account. Councilor Steere thanks the Rec. Comm. And for them to keep the budget cycle in mind for when they meet with the Budget Board. C. Leonard asked about the use of the other fields and if the regional school is using the field if they could help with maintenance. Councilor Steere asked about use and charging a fee if federal funds were used. J. Dipietro, resident, stated that federal funds and grants were used in building Gloucester Memorial Park. D. Iglionzi stated that there must be a transparent tracking of money for the Leja field account.

No action taken by council

- IX. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion
No Correspondence.

- X. Department Head Reports/Discussion
Councilor Reichert asked if any Dept. Heads wished to speak?

G. Mosca, EMA Director, stated that he has received the last COVID 19 reimbursement from FEMA. G. Mosca stated that he is working with the DPW and the Finance Dept. To get reimbursement for the blizzard in January which would be about \$60,000.00.

XI. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion

Councilor Reichert asked if any Boards. or Commissions wish to address Council?

None

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to add Open Forum for agenda items; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED

None

XIII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to ADJOURN at 10:00 p.m. ; seconded by Councilor Arnold

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSED