

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING- WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

The council met on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

PRESENT: Council Chairman, Nathan Calouro
Vice-Chairwoman, Mary Parella,
Councilman, Antonio "Tony" Teixeira
Councilman, Timothy Sweeney
Councilman, Aaron Ley

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, Steven Contente
Town Solicitor, Michael Ursillo, Esq
Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared and presented.

A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A1. Town Council Meeting, May 10, 2023

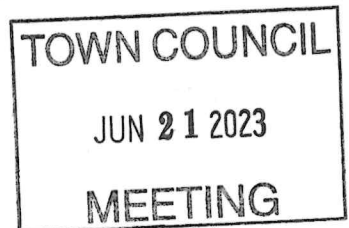
Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted unanimously to approve May 10, 2023, Council minutes, as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

C. Ordinances

C1. Ordinance #2023-07 Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-148 Handicapped Parking (amend to read Accessible Disability Parking)
(2nd reading)

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the



Second Reading for the adoption of
Ordinance #2023-07. Advertise in the
local newspaper

- C2.** Ordinance #2023-08 Chapter 16, Article II Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 16-45 - Informal procedure for payment of parking fines (amendment to update Parking Violations Schedule) **(2nd reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2023-08. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C3.** Ordinance #2023-09 Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Section 16-143 Parking Prohibited at all times (amendment to add no parking on Thames Street at pump station) **(2nd reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2023-07. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C4.** Ordinance #2023-10 Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-146 - Parking time Limited in designated area (to add a 30 min parking restriction on Bradford Street) **(1st reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2023-10. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C5.** Ordinance #2023-11 Chapter 16, Article IX Residential Parking, Section 16-343 Residential Parking Zone (to correct language of lower State Street parking) **(1st reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2023-11. Advertise in the local newspaper

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

D1. Donna Chabot, Bristol Fourth of July Committee - Request for Mobile Food Truck Establishment Event Permit for Outdoor Concert Series, June 20, 2023 - July 2, 2023, from 6PM - 10PM

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Parks and Recreation
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Teixeira stressed the importance that the Fourth of July Committee should review and follow all recommendations provided.

D2. Stephen Dion, SS Dion, 520 Thames Street - Request for a Dancing and Entertainment License

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations

received and subject to
conformance to all laws and
ordinances and payment of all
fees, levies, and taxes.

Prior to the vote being taken, owner Stephen Dion addressed the council. He explained that the entertainment license would be used on occasion for small events. He explained that he was aware that he was within a residential neighborhood and expressed his consideration to be mindful of the local residents and that he had no intention to play loud music or have entertainment in the late hours.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that the SS Dion would be making their 40th year anniversary and Members of the council present the following proclamation to the Dion Family:

WHEREAS the Dion family has owned and operated the SS Dion Restaurant, a beloved and cherished family-owned business in our town for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the SS Dion Restaurant has served as a gathering place for families, friends, and community members, providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere that has become a staple of our community; and

WHEREAS, the owners, Steven and Sue Dion, and their children Nick, Mandy, and Aly Dion, as well as their staff, have worked tirelessly to provide excellent food, service, and hospitality to all who enter their doors, and have established a reputation for quality and dedication;

WHEREAS, the SS Dion Restaurant has played a significant role in supporting local charities, events, and initiatives, and has demonstrated a commitment to giving back to the community that has supported them over the years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Town Council and Honorable Town Administrator of the Town of Bristol recognize and celebrate the Dion family and the SS Dion Restaurant on the occasion of their 40th anniversary as a family-owned business;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town expresses gratitude for the many years of exceptional service and dedication to our community, and we wish the SS Dion Restaurant continued success in the years to come.

Members of the Council congratulated Mr. Dion and his family for his contribution to the community and wished him much success. Town Clerk Cordeiro noted that she had the pleasure of working at the SS Dion for 18 years and thanked the Dion's for always treating her, and all the customers, like family.

D3. Edmund Woods, Pearl Holdings dba The Nest (fka Tinkers), 29 State Street - Request for Sidewalk Use License with Alcohol Service

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance

e. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes.

D4. Zack Rivers, Judge Roy Bean, 1 State Street - Request for State Street Seasonal Outdoor Expansion with Alcohol Service License

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development

e. recommendation - Town Administrator and Building Inspector

Sweeney/ Parella -Motion to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and conditions of the ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes. Voting in favor of this motion were Vice Chairwoman Parella, Councilman Sweeney, and Councilman Ley. Abstaining were Council Chairman Calouro and Councilman Teixeira.

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo explained that the council adopted an ordinance back in March 2023 permitting seasonal outdoor dining. Within that ordinance there are 11 conditions that the restaurants are subject to prior to issuance. One of those conditions, particularly #7, it requires that the establishment must be ADA compliant and accommodate a handicapped person(s) in the outside dining area, etc. He further explained, similarly to liquor license issuance, the outdoor seasonal expansion would be granted subject to conformance of all laws and ordinances. The license will only be issued once all 11 conditions outlined in the outdoor seasonal expansion area are met. He specified, for clarity of ALL applicants, that the outdoor seating area would be required to be ADA compliant noting that there shall be provisions for ADA access to bathroom facilities and access to the dining area(s).

Councilman Teixeira noted his observations of the outdoor seating used during Memorial Day weekend, stating that he did not see much activity on lower State Street and expressed his concerns and disappointment of limiting parking in the already dense area of lower State Street. Councilman Teixeira further requested to abstain for voting on the matter.

Council Chairman Calouro also abstained noting that while he believes that the applicants have followed the correct process and the council had passed the ordinance to allow for the State Street Outdoor seasonal dining, he wanted to remain consistent with his beliefs in the matter.

D5. Peter Carvelli, Foglia, 31 State Street - Request for State Street Seasonal Outdoor Expansion with Alcohol Service License

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development
- e. recommendation - Town Administrator and Building Inspector

Sweeney/ Parella -Motion to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and conditions of the ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes. Voting in favor of this motion were Vice Chairwoman Parella, Councilman Sweeney, and Councilman Ley. Obtaining were Council Chairman Calouro and Councilman Teixeira.

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Solicitor emphasized that the same terms apply to Foglia and any other outdoor dining petition as mentioned in item D4 for applicant Zack Rivers for Judge Roy Bean.

Council Chairman Calouro and Councilman Teixeira abstained from voting in the matter for the same reasons as outlined in agenda item D4.

D6. Tina Micheletti, M&T's Pizzeria dba Pio's Pizzeria, 381B Metacom Avenue - Request for a Victualling License (also see **F1**)

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

Teixeira/Parella - Voted
unanimously to grant this license
based upon the recommendations
received and subject to
conformance to all laws and
ordinances and payment of all
fees, levies, and taxes.

Prior to the vote taken, members of the council noted that they
were happy to see the success of the business to allow for
expansion to another location.

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

E1. Sidewalk Use License Renewals 2023-2024

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development

Teixeira/Sweeney -Voted
unanimously to grant renewal of
these licenses based upon the
recommendations received and the
receipt of all necessary renewal
paperwork from the licensees and
also subject to conformance to all
laws and ordinances and payment of
all fees, taxes, and levies

E2. Sidewalk Alcohol Use License Renewals 2023-2024

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted
unanimously to grant renewal of
these licenses based upon the
recommendations received and the
receipt of all necessary renewal
paperwork from the licensees and
also subject to conformance to all
laws and ordinances and payment of
all fees, taxes, and levies

F. Petitions - Other

F1. Tina Micheletti for M&T's Pizzeria dba Pio's Pizzeria,
381B Metacom Avenue - Request for One Additional Class
BV Limited Liquor License

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of
Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department
of Community Development

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted
unanimously to refer the matter to
the Town Solicitor to draft an
ordinance for council
consideration on June 21, 2023;
and schedule the public hearing
for the July 12, 2023, council
meeting.

Prior to the vote taken, members of the council noted Pio's
sister company, Pomodoro's, business owners were in good
standing and that they were happy to see the success of the
business to allow for expansion to another location.

F2. Wayne Marshall, 33 Cooke Street - Request removal of
no parking box in the vicinity of residence

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of
Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Teixeira/ Sweeney- Voted unanimously to deny the petition per the recommendations received and per the petitioner's agreement with the police department to withdraw the petition.

Prior to the vote taken, Chief Lynch explained that after the police department performed standard parking testing, as used in all parking prohibit action requests, it was concluded that the parking box was still necessary to allow for driveway exiting access across the way. He explained that after a discussion with the petitioner, both Mr. Cabral and Mr. Marshall agreed that the petition should be denied.

F3. Jodi Traghella, 71 King Philip Avenue re - Request for no parking box in the vicinity of residence

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he may draft ordinance language for Council consideration on June 21, 2023.

F4. Dennis Isadore, 19 Congregational Street - Request for accessible parking space **(1st reading)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to deny the accessible

parking space petition at 19
Congregational Street as off-
street parking is available.

F5. MaryKae Wright for Arts in Common - Request to close
portion of High and Walley Streets for Annual
Porchfest Music Event, September 17, 2023 from 2:30PM
- 6:30PM (raindate September 24, 2023)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of
Police

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department
of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to
approve the petition per the
recommendations received and subject to
conformance to all laws and ordinances
and payment of all fees, taxes, and
levies

Prior to the vote being taken, Nancy Kellner of 10 Hope Street
addressed the council. Mrs. Kellner noted that this would be
the 5th Porch Fest and welcomed all members of the community to
participate.

G. Appointments

G1. Harbor Commission (1 term set to expire March 2023,
2026, and 1 vacant term set to expire March 2026)

a. John McDonald, 15 Stephen Drive,
interest/reappointment

Teixeira/Parella-Voted unanimously
to reappoint John McDonald to the
Harbor Commission with the term to
expire in March 2026.

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted a typo
in the term appointment explaining that the term ends in March
2026, not 2023.

H. Old Business

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

11. Susan Morettini, 46 Highland Road, Request for Support of Proclamation Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Ley/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to support the Proclamation Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day, with the amendments to change the word(s) mayor to "local government officials", and send to the 38 other Rhode Island municipalities

Prior to the vote being taken, Susan Morettini of 46 Highland Avenue addressed the council. Mrs. Morettini emphasized the need for a proclamation to raise awareness of the escalating gun violence crisis in the United States. She shared alarming statistics, citing the CDC, stating that gun violence has surpassed motor vehicle accidents, cancer, suffocation, and drowning as the leading cause of death for American children and teenagers. Additionally, she highlighted that approximately 90% of suicide attempts involving firearms result in fatality. The concerning rise in suicides among teenagers, veterans, and middle-aged white men was also brought to attention.

Mrs. Morettini further informed the council that there have been over 200 mass shootings in the country so far this year, defined as incidents where four or more people are injured or killed according to the Gun Violence Archive. She added that in the past three years alone, there have been more than 600 mass shootings, averaging almost two incidents per day.

Expressing the significance of the proclamation, Mrs. Morettini urged Bristol to join other towns, cities, and states across the nation in honoring and remembering gun violence victims and survivors. She emphasized that as a country, more must be done to combat this pressing public health crisis.

Vice Chairwoman Parella recommended amendments to change the word(s) mayor to "local government officials" and other mention of mayor in the proclamation better reflect Bristol's government officials as the town's elected official structure is different from other towns that have mayors. Mrs. Morettini agreed with the amendments.

Councilman Ley expressed gratitude towards Susan for attending and taking part in the discussion. He acknowledged that speaking up on this topic was challenging but he felt compelled to share his personal experience of losing a friend to gun violence this

year. He emphasized the profound impact this loss has had on him and stressed the critical importance of raising awareness about gun violence.

Councilman Ley proceeded to present two significant statistics supporting the need for awareness. The first statistic, derived from the Journal of Public Health, highlighted that an estimated 4.6 million American children reside in homes where at least one loaded and unlocked gun is present. This underscored the importance of educating individuals about safe firearm storage practices to prevent children from accessing them.

Councilman Ley further noted another statistic that focused on the precursor signs of gun violence, with data from a report by the US Department of Education and Secret Service revealing that in 4 out of 5 shootings, someone had prior knowledge of the planned attack. Ley emphasized the need to raise awareness about these warning signs and urged individuals to fulfill their moral duty by reporting any suspicions or information anonymously to a hotline.

Mrs. Morettini acknowledged the presence of Kathy and Steve Coblin, who resided in Sandy Hook and experienced the tragic Sandy Hook Mass Shooting firsthand. Kathy, being a school nurse, understands the profound devastation a community endures in such circumstances. Regrettably, that community has struggled to recover, and Mrs. Morettini genuinely wishes to prevent any further occurrences like it.

Councilman Sweeney noted we are the only country in the world facing this problem. It is astonishing to note that last year alone, we had a staggering 647 mass shootings, and this year we are already at 264. This situation demands immediate action. We cannot afford to turn a blind eye and hope for improvement. It is crucial that we stay informed and vigilant. He emphasized that raising awareness is of utmost importance in addressing this pressing matter.

Councilman Teixeira stated over the course of his 31-year career in education, time seems to have flown by, and it is easy to lose track of specific moments. However, he distinctly recalls an incident during the 1987-1988 school year. At that time, he was on cafeteria duty at the high school when the school experienced what was perhaps one of the earliest high school shootings in the country. Shockingly, it took place right here in Bristol, unfolding in the school courtyard while he was in the cafeteria. He vividly remembers the event, and back then, it was an incredibly rare occurrence.

It was noted that it was unfortunate, such incidents have become all too common nowadays, sometimes involving students themselves; and that the memory of that shot being fired remains disheartening that stories like these have become part of our reality.

Town Clerk Cordeiro noted that a letter of opposition was received by Mr. Peter Hewett. Council Chairman Calouro noted that it is rather peculiar to encounter opposition towards this matter. He clarified that in the letter, it expressed opposition but actually touched upon what Councilman Ley had already mentioned, which is the need to change behaviors. This is because a gun, inherently, is a dangerous object, but its danger lies in the hands of whoever possesses it. He wanted to highlight that the letter supported your proclamation with a stronger emphasis on shifting habits and attitudes.

**12. (Town Treasurer Hassell) re Hague, Sahady, & Co., P.C.
- Presentation of FY 2022 Annual Financial Statements**

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to accept these financial statements as presented for the FY ending June 30, 2022.

Prior to the vote being taken, Treasurer Hassell noted that the Town Financial Statements could be found on the Town's website.

Taylor Matthews, audit supervisor for the Town of Bristol from Hague, Sahady, & Co., addressed the council and provided the following presentation:

On page one of the financial statements in the auditor's opinion of the financial statements, the town received a clean opinion or an unmodified report, meaning there were no findings.

As management of the towns offers the readers of the Town's financial statement the narrative and overview and analysis of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended in June 30, 2022, referred as the Management Discussion and analysis (MA&D).

The MD&A in addition to the overview, contains condensed financial information, capital and debt administration as well as economic factors that may affect future years.

The Government wide financial statements found within pages 12-15, report information about the Town as a whole using accounting methods similarly to those used by private-sector companies. The statements of net position include all of the government's assets, differed outflows of resources, liabilities and differed inflows of resources. Noting that the Town's total net position increased by \$714,000 as a result of the years operation. The governmental activities realized a decrease in net position by \$366,000, which is mostly due to changes in pension and OPEB liabilities, while the business type activities reported a net position increase of \$1 million compared to last year which was the result of an increase in user fees.

- Governmental funds statements found on pages 16-18 of the financial reports, are comprised both of major funds (the general fund, and open space bonded projects) as well as the combined non-major governmental funds. Most of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds
- Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the governments-wide financial statements.
 - However, unlike the government-wide financial statements the governmental fund statements focus on near term inflows and outflows of spendable resources.
 - They also focus on the balance of spendable resources available at the end of the current fiscal year.

It was noted that the governmental finance funds reported an ending fund balance of \$22.4 million, which was an increase of \$2.8 million compared to prior years. It was also noted that the unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$7.5 million approximately 14% of the total general fund revenues and this unassigned fund balance which can be used for any kind of anything in the general fund.

Proprietary funds, as found in pages 20-23, and fiduciary funds are found in pages 24-25. The proprietary funds are sometimes referred to as enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business type activities and governmental wide financial statements. Fiduciary funds are used in account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Town's programs. The accounting used for the fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. they use the economic resources measured focus and accrual basis of accounting.

- Pensions an OPEB trusts
- Private purpose Trusts
- custodial funds

It was noted that the towns pension fund was funded 59.14% and the town's OPEB assets was funded over 100%.

Notes to financial statements include (and can be found in pages 26-93

- a summary of significant accounting policies
- details presented on various balance sheets accounts
- pension and OPEB details
- risk management
- commitments & contingencies

On pages 94-144 you will find the required supplement information which includes budget to actual and other required pension and OPEB disclosures.

The budget to actual was highlighted as found in page 94, noting that the general fund ended with revenues recorded in the amount of \$1.1 Million in excess of budgeted amounts; and the expenditures ended the year with a favorable variance of \$371,000, and it was due to general savings. It was also noted that the general fund had an operating deficit of \$848,000 which was mostly due to the approximate \$2 million in transfers. The transfers included capital funds projects of \$1.6 million, which in that amount included \$1 million dollars toward road repair bonded project.

Supplementary information begins on page 115. In addition to the basic financial statement accounting and required supplementary information the financial statements also present certain supplementary information including, combining financial statements information for all non-major funds, tax collector's annual report and the annual supplemental transparency report.

Page 157 is that auditors report for internal controls and there were no findings and the town received a clean opinion.

Council Chairman Calouro explained the importance of the financial audits and recognized the effort and work involved with town departments. He further emphasized the outstanding achievement of the 14% unassigned fund balance, increase in revenue, and over 100% OPEB funding.

It was noted that OPEB accounts in communities of such size as are generally not funded or funded under 50%, however, Bristol's OPEB account is overfunded and considered an asset.

- I3.** Town Clerk Cordeiro re - Ordinance amendment to correct language of no parking on Thames Street as found in section 16-143

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Bristol Police Department and the Town Solicitor to review and prepare a draft ordinance language for Council consideration on June 21, 2023.

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted that an error was discovered in a recent legal advertisement for the proposed changes to the Thames Street "no parking" ordinance in front of the pump station. While the ad was not intending to change any parking restrictions on the West side of Thames Street from Church Street to Constitution Street, it was discovered that the current language does not align with the actual parking regulation in place as follows;

Thames Street, ~~west~~ east side, between Church Street and Constitution Street.

She explained that she reviewed the discrepancy with the police department, and they agreed that the ordinance should be amended to accurately reflect the parking rules in place. Additionally, it was suggested that the amendment should also include extending the no parking restriction southward from Constitution Street to Bradford Street, as there is currently no parking allowed in that area.

- I4.** Director Williamson re Extension on Bicycle Path Connector RIDEM Grant

Sweeney/Parella- Voted unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the RIDEM Grant Extension for the Bike Path Connector.

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Planner Tanner addressed the council and provided an update. He explained that the project is progressing as planned, and while an extension had been

previously approved, as a precautionary measure, they are now requesting another extension due to timing concerns.

J. Bills & Expenditures

J1. RFP# 1011 - Renovations to The Walley School

No Action taken

Prior to the vote taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted that Bid 1011 has been canceled. She explained that the bid's closing date had been extended to June 21, 2023, and the bid would be provided with a new Bid number 1016. Plan holders have been notified.

Town Administrator Contente explained that the town was notified by the consulting engineers that the contractors require extra time to complete the complex tasks associated with the project and to deliver more precise cost estimates. He emphasized the importance of conducting thorough due diligence instead of rushing and potentially receiving unfavorable prices. The extension will provide a more competitive environment for the bidding process.

J2. RFP# 1013 - Central Street Improvements

Sweeney/ Teixeira- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and the Director of Public Works to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk read the following bids:

- LAL Construction in the amount of \$301,939.68
- Narragansett Improvement Company in the amount of \$293,420.00
- JML Excavation, INC. In the amount of \$207,941.25

Prior to the vote being taken, discussions ensued regarding the project on Central Street noting that project will include grading and sidewalk repairs on the east side of Central Street.

J3. RFP# 1014 - School Bus Transportation Services

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and the Director of Parks and Recreation to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk read the following bids:

- Fisher Bus Inc. in the amount(s) of:
 - o Summer Program per day per bus - \$335.00
 - o Special Event B1 - \$375.00
 - o Special Event B2 - \$375.00
 - o Special Event B3 - \$375.00
 - o Special Event B4 - \$395.00
 - o per mile for new trips - \$4.95
 - o per hour over specified time or new trips - \$75.00
- First Student, Inc. in the amount(s) of:
 - o Summer Program per day per bus - \$248.00
 - o Special Event B1 - \$387.50
 - o Special Event B2 - \$387.50
 - o Special Event B3 - \$348.75
 - o Special Event B4 - \$387.50
 - o per mile for new trips - \$3.25
 - o per hour over specified time or new trips - \$77.50

J4. RFP# 1015 - Charter Bus Transportation Services

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and the Director of Parks and Recreation to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk noted that no bids were received for the bid opening.

K. Special Reports

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

Citizens Public Forum

Persons wishing to speak during the citizens public forum must notify the Council Clerk and sign in prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Consent Agenda Items:

(CA) AA. Submission of Minutes - Boards and Commissions

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

(CA) AA1. Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes, May 1, 2023

(CA) AA2. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2023

(CA) AA3. The Commissioners of the Cemeteries, The North Burial Grounds Commission Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2023

(CA) AA4. The Commissioners of the Cemeteries, The North Burial Grounds Commission Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2023

(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments

Approval of consent agenda = "motion to approve these adjustments"

(CA) CC. Financial Reports

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

(CA) CC1. Town Treasurer Hassell- re Revenue and Expenditure Statement - May 26, 2023

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

(CA) DD1. Commendation - Joshua L. DeWolf, Eagle Scout (signed)

- (CA) DD2. Resolution 2023-12 - Removal of Accessible Parking Space (signed)
- (CA) DD3. Resolution 2023-13 - Certify Authorization for Wire Transfers (signed)
- (CA) DD4. Resolution 2023-14 -In Support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds (signed)
- (CA) DD5. Resolution 2023-15 - Codifying Accessible Disabled Parking Spaces (signed)
- (CA) DD6. Joint Resolution Memorializing the General Assembly to Enact Legislation Authorizing The Bristol Warren Regional School District to Finance the Construction Improvement, Renovation, Alteration, Furnishing and Equipping of District Schools in the Towns of Bristol and Warren, Rhode Island and to issue not more than \$200,000,000 in Bonds and notes in anticipation there of (signed)
- (CA) DD7. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Resolution in Support of Extension of School Construction Deadline as Outlined in 2023 - S 0454 H 5792

(CA) EE. Utility Petitions

Approval of consent agenda = "motion to approve these petitions"

- (CA) EE1. National Grid and Verizon - relocating P26 Mt Hope Avenue -16' East of current location for new service at 180 Mt. Hope Avenue
 - a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

(CA) FF. City & Town Resolutions Not Previously Considered

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

- (CA) FF1. Resolution of the Town of Little Compton in Support of Enabling Legislation Authorizing Tax Amnesty Periods for Municipalities (h5602, Slater/S879, Felag)
- (CA) FF2. Resolution of the Town of Richmond in Opposition to Rhode Island Gun Control Legislation

- (CA) FF3. Resolution of the Town of Richmond in Support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds
- (CA) FF4. Resolution of the Town of Warren - to the Honorable RI General Assembly Requesting that Section 44-5-68 of the Rhode Island General Laws be Repealed
- (CA) FF5. Resolution of the Town of Portsmouth to join the Town of Jamestown in Support of the Request to RIDEM for the South Gould Island Public Recreation Plan
- (CA) FF6. Resolution of the Town of Tiverton Regarding the Restoration of General Revenue Sharing to Cities and Towns

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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- (CA) GG1. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1008 - Municipal Tree Maintenance and Stump Grinding Services
- (CA) GG2. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1009 - Historic Consultant Services re - Survey of the Bristol Waterfront National Register Historic District
- (CA) GG3. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1010 - Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation 2023
- (CA) GG4. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1012 - Electric Street-Legal Golf Cart
- (CA) GG5. BCWA 2023 Water Distribution System Improvement Program Project Summary
- (CA) GG6. RIDEM re- Bristol & South Kingston Industrial Pretreatment Program Modifications
- (CA) GG7. Town Administrator Contente to McNeil Design Collaborative, re award of Bid# 999 - Operation of the Bristol Golf Course
- (CA) GG8. Town Administrator Contente to DaPonte's Landscaping Services Inc., re award of Bid# 1000 - Town Wide Landscaping
- (CA) GG9. Town Administrator Contente to UROV LLC, re award Bid# 1006 - Water Pollution Control Facility Subaqueous Outfall Inspection

- (CA) GG10. Lease between the Bristol Statehouse Foundation and The Town of Bristol for 240 High Street
- (CA) GG11. Town Administrator Contente to Blackstone Caterers, re award Bid# 1005 - 4th of July Ball 2023
- (CA) GG12. Town Administrator Contente to National Water Main Cleaning Co., re award Bid# 1010 - Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation 2023
- (CA) GG13. Town Administrator Contente to WeCare Denali, LLC re award Bid# 1007 - Compost Marketing Program

(CA) HH. Distributions/Notice of Meetings
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- (CA) HH1. Town of Bristol Housing Authority Meeting, May 11, 2023
- (CA) HH2. Bristol Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting, May 16, 2023
- (CA) HH3. Bristol Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting, May 16, 2023 (revised)
- (CA) HH4. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting, May 18, 2023
- (CA) HH5. Zoning Board of Review Meeting, June 5, 2023
- (CA) HH6. Bristol County Water Authority Annual Meeting, May 25, 2023
- (CA) HH7. The Commissioners of the Cemeteries, The North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting, May 24, 2023
- (CA) HH8. Zoning Board of Review Meeting Amended, June 5, 2023
- (CA) HH9. Historic District Commission Meeting, June 1, 2023
- (CA) HH10. CRMC Public Notice CRMC File 2022-03-080 - Federal Consistency Review of SouthCoast Wind, LLC
- (CA) HH11. CRMC Public Notice CRMC File 2022-05-067 - Federal Consistency Review of New England Wind Project
- (CA) HH12. CRMC Row Subcommittee Meeting, May 23, 2023

(CA) HH13. CRMC Semi-Monthly Meeting, May 23, 2023

(CA) HH14. Planning Board Meeting, June 8, 2023

(CA) II. Claims (Referrals)

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

(CA) JJ. Miscellaneous Items Requiring Council Approval

Approval of consent agenda = "motion to approve these items"

(CA) KK. Curb cut petitions as approved by the director of public works

Approval of consent agenda = "motion to grant these curb cuts per the recommendation of, and conditions specified by, the Director of Public Works"

(CA) KK1. Mary Mellor, 4 Fales Road, request for curb cut on Brookwood Road

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Teixeira, and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk