

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**

The council met on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, and called to order at 7:02 p.m. This meeting was held as a hybrid meeting. Via in person in the Town Hall Council Chambers and remotely on the Zoom Platform per the provisions of the Governor's Executive order 22-01 and extended through EO 22-20.

**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  
Assistant Town Solicitor, Andy Teitz, Esq.  
Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

**Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda**

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to  
approve the Consent Agenda

**A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

**A1.** Town Council Meeting - February 9, 2022

**A2.** Executive Session Meeting - February 9, 2022 (sealed  
council only)

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to  
accept and approve the minutes of  
February 9, 2021, and executive session  
minutes of February 9, 2021, as  
presented.

**B. Public Hearings**

**B1.** Hector Angel, Casa Margaritas Bristol Inc. d/b/a Casa  
Margaritas Restaurant, 200 Gooding Avenue, request for  
transfer of class BV Liquor License to Jorge Moreno  
LLC. d/b/a Casa Margaritas Mexican Restaurant (new  
ownership- see items D1 and D2)

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted  
unanimously to close the  
public hearing

Prior to the vote taken, Chairman Calouro opened the public hearing.

Speaking on behalf of the request for the BV License was Adam Taylor Esq. (attorney for Hector Angel) and Anna Sheil Esq. (attorney for Jorge Moreno) both spoke in favor of the transfer.

*It is hereby noted that there was no one to speak against.*

- B2.** Resolution, pursuant to Town Charter Section 208(c), to authorize the Town Council to sell land and building known as the Oliver School, located at 151 State Street, Bristol

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted  
unanimously to close the  
public hearing

Teixeira /Sweeney- Voted  
unanimously to adopt the  
resolution to sell the real  
property and authorize the  
sale of the Oliver School,  
located at 151 State Street  
through the Town's Bidding  
process.

Prior to the vote taken, Chairman Calouro opened the public hearing.

Town Administrator Contente noted that the base bidding price would start at 20% less than the assessed value of \$1,067,500. No lesser value would be accepted as an offer.

**C. Ordinances**

- C1.** Ordinance #2022-01 - Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking; Section 16-143, Parking prohibited at all times (to amend parking on St. Elizabeth's Street), **1st Reading**

Teixeira /Sweeney - Voted  
unanimously to consider this  
action to constitute the first  
reading of Ordinance #2022-01.  
Advertise in the local newspaper.

**D. Licensing Board - New Petitions**

**D1.** Moreno LLC., d/b/a Casa Margaritas Mexican Restaurant,  
200 Gooding Avenue, Request Class BV Liquor License

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

*Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to grant the transfer of the BV Liquor license per the recommendations received and subject to any and all conditions of record and also conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies. (see agenda item B1)*

**D2.** Moreno LLC., d/b/a Casa Margaritas Mexican Restaurant,  
200 Gooding Avenue, Request for Victualling 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
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted  
unanimously to grant this license  
per the recommendations received  
and subject to any and all

conditions of record and also  
conformance to all laws and  
ordinances and payment of all  
fees, taxes, and levies

**D3.** Michele Martins for Bristol 4th of July Committee re  
Petition for Bingo License. (VFW) 850 Hope Street-  
March 23, 2022, and September 15, 2022

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

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to  
grant this license per the  
recommendations received and  
conditions, if any, as delineated, and  
also subject to conformance to all laws  
and ordinances and payment of all fees,  
taxes, and levies.

**D4.** Brenda Turchetta, Mt. Hope Farm Farmers Market, 250  
Metacom Avenue, request for Holiday Sales 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

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted  
unanimously to grant this  
license per the  
recommendations received and  
subject to any and all  
conditions of record and also  
conformance to all laws and  
ordinances and payment of all  
fees, taxes, and levies.

**D5.** Michael T. Byrnes, for Explore Bristol - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License for "Friday Night Street Party" Event, June 10, 2022

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

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

**E. Licensing Board - Renewals**

**F. Petitions - Other**

**F1.** Michael T. Byrnes, for Explore Bristol, for British Motorcars in Bristol - Request for Permission to Use/Sell Alcoholic Beverages and Temporary Street Closure for "Friday Night Street Party" Event, June 10, 2022

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

Sweeney/Parella- 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.

**F2.** Sarah Stanley Weed, 23 Bridge Street, Warren- request for support of the Bristol Middle Passage Port Markers Project

a. Susan and Keith Maloney. 72 Griswold Ave - Letter in Support

b. Howard Rotblat-Walker, 24 Beach Road - Letter in Support

c. Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, Associate Professor of History, RWU, One Old Ferry Road - Letter in Support

d. Dyan Vaughan, 98 DeWolf Avenue- Letter of Support

e. Jim Manchester, 12 Turner Road - Letter for Support

f. Chase Family, 21 Constitution St -Letter of Support

g. Mel Bynum- Letter of Support

h. Jerry and Janie Dauterive, 4 Liberty Lane- Letter of Support

i. Alayne White, 11 Constitution Street - Letter of Support

j. Raymond Edler, 4 Avenir Ct -Letter of Support

k. Susan Battle, Executive Director, Linden Place Mansion - Letter of Support

l. June Truitt, 31 Smith Street- Letter of Support

m. J. Scott McDowell, 31 Smith Street - Letter of Support

n. Nancy Kellner, 10 Hope Street- Letter of Support

o. Cynthia Mestad Johnson, 2654 Cusco Way- Letter of Support

p. Sarah Weed, Bristol Historical and Preservation Society- Letter of Support

q. Charles Roberts, Director RI Slave History Medallions- Letter of Support

- r. Rafael Ocasio, Agnes State College- Letter of Support
- s. Nancy Kougeas, 54 Summit Road - Letter of Support
- t. Kevin E. Jordan, Professor Emeritus, RWU - Letter of Support
- u. The Rev, Canon Michael J. Horvath, St. Michael's Episcopal Church - Letter of Support
- v. Elaine Brown Stiles, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Historic Preservation, RWU -Letter of Support
- w. Sachem Po Pummukaonk Anogqs, Pokanoket Tribe/Pokanoket Nation- Letter of Support
- x. Mary Donder, Exhibition Curator and Board of Directors, Bristol Art Museum- Letter of Support
- y. Mike Proto, 245 Chestnut Street -Letter of Support
- z. Kristin C. Amaral, 32 St. Elizabeth Street, Rear-Letter of Support
- aa. Eric Hertfelder, 9 Howe Street- Letter of Support

Sweeney/Parella- Voted unanimously  
to receive and file

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro that he was frustrated with the petition before him as the site suggested had already been dedicated to a fallen soldier. He noted that there was value in the request; however, the petition was not fully formed to include verbiage, style, and the details of the project.

Sarah Weed of 23 Bridge Street, Warren addressed the council to inform them that the location of the site at the State Street dock was being withdrawn.

Catherine Zipf of 32 Greylock Rd., Bristol, a member of the Bristol Middle Passage Ceremonies & Port Marker Project, addressed the council and presented documents, and explained the contents of the document. The document included:

- Slaveholders among Bristol's founding families
- Enslaved soldiers in the Revolutionary War

- Bristol points of disembarkation
- Bristol houses were built using money from the slave trade
- Local industries dependent on slave labor
- Tourist destination with connections to the slave trade
- The Middle Passage ceremonies and port marker project noting that project was established in 2011 to honor the two million captive Africans who perished during the transatlantic crossing known as middle passage and the ten million who survived to build the Americas.
- A timeline that outlined all the enslaved African and indigenous people that were trafficked throughout Bristol from 1680 to 1080 when the transatlantic slave trade was outlawed.

Ms. Zipf explained that the project was to provide a memorial marker for the many voices to be heard. She stated that there were 55 ports of disembarkation that have been recognized in the United States. She stated that the goal was to have a port marker in Bristol to provide space for contemplation and healing and to provide a focus for those travelers and residents seeking to know the story of Bristol. She stated she was hoping that this would be something that Bristol can be proud of.

Ms. Zipf stated that the first step was to acknowledge what happened in the past and that this project was the first step.

Vice Chairwoman Parella asked how this benefited the descendants and that she was concerned that there were no descendants involved in the project. She questioned the group's role in the project and asked them to get the descendant's point of view. She stated that with all the talk of the DEI in town if the descendants aren't included from the ground up then why even talk about a committee when it's not being shown here.

Ms. Zipf stated that descendants and other African American voices in the group. She explained that the Descendant's Voices in Action were part of the initial process however, they had not been part of the process since the new leadership. She stated that everyone is invited to participate and encouraged people to be involved.

Vice Chairwoman Parella noted that she was not opposed to the project but that the proposal was not complete and that a lot of work needed to be done.



Vice Chairwoman Parella noted that there was a commonality in the letters of support that were presented to the council. Many of them referenced the "first step in acknowledgment" she asked what that meant by the first step.

Ms. Zipf responded that the first step would refer to the acknowledgment of what happened in the past and that the marker would create a place where this information was put into the world; the marker would be used by people and the community for their benefit, whether it be school programs or to write better interpretive programs.

Councilman Sweeney stated that "we can't change Bristol's history but we can acknowledge and learn from it".

Councilman Sweeney stated that it seemed that the project was still in its concept stage and he didn't agree with the location requested. He further asked what the requirements were to be part of the UNESCO Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project connection.

Ms. Zipf states that the only requirement would be to have the site's memory logo displayed somewhere on it. She stated that this was a "messy" process and it was going to take time. She explained that this was a new process and some of the steps are unclear.

Chairman Calouro recommended that the group work on finding a new location for the project. He further suggested tabling the petition until a much more comprehensive plan is presented. He stated it was critical to know the concept first.

Councilman Ley stated that he also agreed that the site was not appropriate for the location of the marker. He asked if the group has reviewed what other towns are doing and what can we learn from local towns such as Warren and Newport.

Ms. Zipf stated that Ms. Victoria Jonson of the Newport Middle Passage Port marker project sits on the committee and has been very helpful throughout the initial steps.

Councilman Ley stated that he had done research on other monuments erected in the town and that he had come across a Heritage and Discovery Committee and the committee was open to the public and dialog lasted for close to three years. He stated that he would like to see the same efforts made by this group/committee. He further stated that there was more work that needed to be done.

Ms. Zipf noted that a much greater effort would be made to reach out to the community to encourage a much larger dialogue in a public format.

Councilman Teixeira thanked people for the letters submitted to the council; however, not all of the verbiage was appreciated. He explained that when using the word "acknowledged" it had the definition of owning or admitting knowledge of. And that it was very difficult for any of us to own or admit knowledge of any of this. He noted that he was aware of the history and what had happened long before. He explained that as a former teacher, he was very cognizant of the history of this town. He explained that places, such as Linden Place, do address and educate the community of the history of the town and that we don't declare to hide it.

Councilman Teixeira stated that when he is hearing that the "community needs to listen" he doesn't believe that we can force anyone to listen. We hope that they will listen but we can't force the community to do so. He further explained that he didn't believe the process had to be "messy" as described by Ms. Zipf.

Councilman Texeira stated that he was not opposed to the recognition of the project but he was concerned about the approach. He stated that he didn't believe there was enough research in the project and what was presented to the council, especially in regards to the site. He further stated that he was insulted by some of the letters received.

Discussion ensued about who or how many people are informed about Bristol's History.

Vice Chairwoman stated that she believes people will be open to recognizing Bristol's slave history and that the subject did not need to be controversial.

Vice Chairwoman stated that more detailed information on the project would need to be presented to the council before any decisions are made. She stated that there should have been more research and consideration of the proposed location.

Vice Chairwoman Parella explained that although Ms. Zipf thought the increased "chatter" of the project over the last couple of weeks was due to interest, it was also unnecessary for members of the Andrade family and members of the fire department, to be in attendance, to defend the already dedicated memorial of Bristol's fallen soldier Michael Andrade.

Vice Chairwoman Parella stated that Bristol has high regard for our Veterans and the memorials presented in their honor; and that the group should have done their due diligence to recognize that before they suggested that site.

Vice Chairwoman Parella stated that proposing the site "leaves a bad taste in peoples' mouth" and it starts the process with a fight over the location, and that is where the controversy may come in. She didn't believe that there would be much controversy, if any, over the actual topic.

M. Zipf apologized to the Michael Andrade family and stated that it was not intended to be in the spirit of the project.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that with all the research that the group provided and a 55-foot time scroll, he was disappointed that the same amount of research wasn't done on the site.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that what frustrated him was that many people present at the meeting came here to protect the dedication site and not necessarily support the project's intentions.

Council Chairman Calouro opened the meeting for members of the public.

Michael Byrnes of 49 Wall St., Bristol stated that he applauds the committee for realizing the State Street dock was not the correct location. He recognized all the research and work that had been done on the particular issue. However, he did not think another monument was needed as there were already two markers, one at DeWolf Tavern and one at Linden Place.

Joseph Dnia of Warren, a member of the Veterans Council. His initial objection was to the location proposed. He also spoke to oppose the project.

Dave Scarpino of 932 Hope Street, Bristol explained that he was not against the project but not in favor of the site.

Fatima Andrade Milhomens of 670 Wood Street, Michael Andrade's sister, addressed the council. She stated that it was wrong to assume that the individuals defending the site are against the project. She stated that she was not against the project but rather the way it was proposed. She explained that the Michael Andrade Memorial was a place where she would go to remember her brother. She further thanked the council for recognizing the significance of the site and suggested that thoughtful

consideration is taken into account before causing undue distress to the people affected by it.

Thomas Camara of 6 Brooksfarm Drive, Bristol stated that he would like to assist in the efforts of the project but was not in support of the location.

Richard Falcone of 10 Wendy Drive, Bristol spoke in opposition to the project because there were already two markers.

Isaac Gilliard of 385 High Street, Chair of the Descendant Voices of Action noted that he placed a letter in the Bristol Phoenix, two weeks prior. He stated that he had concerns about the project.

Mr. Gilliard stated that it was disheartening and a little heartbreaking and that is why it's hard to get descendants to come forward; because there's an appearance that the project is to make people feel bad, and it's not. Mr. Gillard Stated, "We are doing this so we can talk about ourselves, so we can make note of ourselves, we don't have a space here." The marker project presented, done by well-meaning people, does not provide a voice to us. He explained that he left the project because he didn't see that it provided the descendant's voice. He stated that it was just about Bristol, it was about slavery and It's about being able to look at ourselves in the eye and tell our children and generations after that, that we left something for them to look at that is representative of them.

Mr. Gilliard stated that the problem now is that the project now is in a bad light, and that is why African Americans and indigenous people don't want to get involved and that is why their story is not being told. And he feels that there are a ton of bricks on him now and they are starting at minus after hearing all the comments. He stated that the approach was wrong and they are not ready to ask for anything. He recognized all the efforts made by Ms. Zipf and the people who spent hours on research and thought they were not treated fairly in this.

Aires Medeiros of Bristol spoke in support of the project, not the location.

Brian Travers of 474 Hope Street, Bristol stated that he was not in favor of the location but support of the marker and the benefits of the project.

Loraine Russell of 34 Riley Drive, Riverside, a board member of the Descendants Voices in Action, stated that she was a descendant of the enslaved in Bristol. She stated that she was

not involved in this marker project. She stated that it was hard to find a descendant linked to a specific person that was enslaved. She stated she was not against the project but there needed to be more thoughtful about the whole process.

Stephan Brigidi of 93 Highland Road, Bristol addressed the council and offered his sincerest apology to the Andrade family and the Andrade Fire department brothers. He stated it was very presumptuous of the committee to propose the location; and that if at any point they thought it was going to be offensive they would have never taken it any further. He stated it was a mistake. The intention is to celebrate people of African descent and indigenous people who are part of our culture.

Linda Arruda of 159 High Street, Bristol spoke about an organization that existed called "Voices of Bristol" and about the way it was organized. And that she hoped that this organization would come together and the community's voices would be present, heard, understood.

Councilman Ley asked if there should be a little more direction given to the committee such as involving more public discussion and coming back with a resolution for a historical marker

Vice Chairwoman Parrella stated that the project needed to be clear and should include the voices of the descendants or be driven by the descendants, and to come back with a plan that encompasses everything. She further stated that she didn't think the resolution was fitting at this time.

Councilman Sweeney stated that it was clear that the Michael Andrade Memorial location was not acceptable. He recommended that the group revisit the concept state and come back with clear milestones and clear communication of the steps to be taken.

Chairman Calouro stated that in addition to vetting the site a clear idea of where and what is to be erected should be presented.

Councilman Ley stated that he wanted to go on record that he would prefer to have the group identify a site for a historical marker that was thoroughly researched and developed.

- F3.** (Councilman Sweeney) Audubon Society of Rhode Island requests to install a crosswalk on Route 114, Hope Street

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer to the Town Administrator and the Bristol Police to review the traffic study for the State Traffic Commission to install a crosswalk on Route 114, Hope Street

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Sweeney talked about hazards crossing route 114 near the Audubon Society and recommended the request be referred to the police department and the Town Administrator to review the study.

Anne DiMonti, Director of the Audubon Society at 1403 Hope Street addressed the council. She requested the council install a crosswalk near the entrance of the Audubon Society on Route 114. She stated that there had been an increase in the number of pedestrians who have crossed the road at that location to access the bike path, walking trails, and bus stops. She stated that with no clear marking for crossing it becomes a hazard and safety issue for pedestrians.

**F4.** Michael C. Balzano, 155 Bradford Street Apt C- Request for an accessible parking space (**1st reading**)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Parella/Teixeira- - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of a request of an accessible parking space and to continue the said matter until March 30, 2022, for second reading.

**F5.** Kristen Legare, 229 State Street Apt #1 - Request a no parking space on Ryan Avenue

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to deny the request for an ordinance change to add a no parking space; rather refer this matter to the Town Administrator and Department of Public Works to install a no parking box fifteen (15) feet to corner as generally required.

Prior to the vote taken petitioner Kristen Legare and Elizabeth Legare of 229 State Street, Apt #1 addressed the council. Kristen Legare stated that a no parking box was previously located at the requested location and was not replaced after the road was repaved. Kristen Legare stated that the Town Administrator had explained that the "no parking box" was not supported by the town ordinance.

Elizabeth Legare noted that the biggest concern was the issue of turning into Ryan Ave. She explained that you have to go over the curb to enter Ryan Ave when cars are parked 15 feet from the curb.

Kristen Legare noted that not many people are aware of the state law restricting parking 15 (fifteen) feet from the corner. She stated that it was a dense neighborhood and people continue to park within the vicinity of the corner.

Town Administrator Contente stated that the petition submitted appeared to request a large no parking box in the center; between the petitioner's driveway and State Street. He explained that a no parking box for fifteen (15) feet from the corner does not require a town ordinance.

Town Administrator Contente noted that the stripping would not be addressed until the warmer weather.

Vice Chairwoman Parella asked if it would be better to place a posted sign instead of the no parking box. The Town Administrator responded stating that the sign would obstruct plowing the sidewalk and recommended the no parking box instead.

**G. Appointments**

**G1. Public Service Appointments - March**

G1a. Recreation Board (2 terms to expire February 2025)

b. Karl W. Antonevich, 1215 Hope Street,  
interest/reappointment

c. N. Diane Davis, 25 Butterworth Avenue,  
interest/reappointment

Teixeira/Parella - Voted  
unanimously to appoint Mr.  
Antonevich and Mrs. N. Diane  
Davis to the Recreation Board  
with the term to expire in  
February 2025.

G2. Board of Fire Engineers (terms to expire March 2023)

a. recommendation - Fire Chief

Teixeira/Parella Voted in favor of the  
slate of candidates for the ensuing  
term based on the recommendation of the  
Chief

G3. Harbor Commission (2 terms to expire March 2025)

a. David F. Miller, 70 Gibson Road,  
interest/reappointment

b. Steven Januario, 10 Jessica Drive,  
interest/reappointment

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted  
unanimously to appoint Mr.  
Miller and Mr. Januario to  
the Harbor Commission with  
the term(s) to expire in  
March 2025.

G4. Zoning Board of Review (term to expire March 2027)

a. Tony M Brum, 1 Laurie Lane, interest/reappointment

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted  
unanimously to reappoint Mr. Brum  
to the Zoning Board of Review with  
the term to expire in March 2027



**G5. Bristol County Water Authority (term to expire February 2025)**

a. Georgina MacDonald, 180 Ferry Road,  
interest/appointment

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted  
unanimously to reappoint Ms.  
MacDonald to the Bristol County  
Water Authority with the term to  
expire in February 2025

**G6. Bristol Christmas Festival -additional new member  
(term to expire October 2022)**

a. Erica Pena-Vest, 172 Crandall Road,  
interest/appointment

b. Recommendation - Michael J. Rielly, Chairman  
Christmas Festival Committee

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted  
unanimously to appoint the  
interested parties based on  
the recommendation of the  
Chair

**H. Old Business**

**I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action**

**I1. Director Diane Williamson re Request to State Traffic  
Commission Left Turn Lane on Route 114 at the entrance  
to Bristol Shopping Center**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department  
of Community Development

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted  
unanimously to request that the  
State Traffic Commission install a

left turn lane into Bristol  
Shopping Center and remove the  
chatter strip on Route 114

Prior to the vote taken, Director Williamson explained that a request was received from the Bristol Shopping Center to create a dedicated left turn and eliminate the ramble strip (chatter strip) on the Hope Street entrance to the center. She noted that the request was in keeping with the 2017 RIDOT study. She explained that the ramble strip gives the perception that you can't make a left turn. The request would reduce confusion assist with the traffic flow in that area.

Police Chief Lynch stated that he had no objections to the request.

**12. Harbor Master Marsili - re Bristol Harbor Fee Updates**

Parella/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to  
approve the Bristol Harbor Fee Charges  
as presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Harbor Master Marsili explained that he was requested to adjust the fees for the new marina and docks. He stated that the new docks would be able to accommodate larger amp utility rental(s) and the fee adjustments included a 200 amp power fee of \$50 per night.

Harbor Master Marsili explained that the overnight transient dock rate for Bristol residents would be reduced from \$4/ft to \$2/ft; and that a 5% fuel discount would be applied for Bristol Residents. He noted that commercial marine businesses and other commercial for-profits would not be able to use the discount.

Harbor Master Marsili also noted that to keep in range with other marinas, he was suggesting an upcharge on fuel price to stay competitive with other fuel facilities in Rhode Island.

**13. Harbor Master Marsili re Bristol Harbor Waterfront  
Improvements**

a. Church St. Marina Expansion/Fuel Pier PowerPoint  
Presentation

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to receive and file

Prior to the vote taken, Harbor Master Marsili outlined the following items in a Bristol Harbor Waterfront Improvements PowerPoint presentation:

**Bristol Harbor Church Street Extension**

- 79 Total New Internal Slips
- 50 New Bristol Resident Slips
- 29 New Internal Transient Slips
- 650feet of outside Large Boat Tie-Ups (50+ Feet)
- New Fast Ferry Tie Up (Southwest Corner)
- Outside of the Concreate Pier will be Public Access

**Slip Assignments**

- Subcommittee Made of Harbor Commission Personal, Dock Holders  
(Commercial and Recreation) and People on the Waiting list
- Priority One Current Mismatched Boats in Slip
- Accommodate Current Slip Holders for larger slips first
- Assign People off Waiting List
- Marina Expansion will be a mix of Recreational, Commercial Marine Business, and Commercial Fishing
- Dedicated Slips for all Town Boats

**Marina Construction Timeline**

- Project Awarded to Regan/Mas Marine
- SF Marine is Supplying the Concreate Wave Attenuator/ Dock Delivery by end of the year or soon thereafter
- Structures North is supplying Aluminum Docks with a Composite Decking Material
- utility Lines to be Run this Fall
- Current Fixed Pier to be fixed
- Installation of Docks To Start January 2022
- Project Completion May 2022

Harbor Master Marsili explained the repair to the timber pile, installation of the floating docks, the concreate float with wave baffle, ADA access ramps, and the C-Flex Systems. He

explained that the new floating docks can assist with the southwest winds.

#### **Bristol Fuel Pier**

- Bristol Fuel Pier will be located on State Street Dock
- Operating Hours will be 0830 to 2000 Daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Labor Day to Memorial Day will be 0830 to 1530 Daily
- Fueling will be on Demand, VHF, or Phone Calls, If demand is high we will assign a person to the fuel dock
- Gas and Diesel (6000-gallon tank each)
- We will have 2 stroke Oil, Sea Foam and Yamaha Lube and Ice for Sale
- Payment will be Credit or Cash
- Pump-Out Station
- Water

Councilman Sweeney asked about the fence and shielding for the fuel pumps. Harbor Master Marsili responded that he was currently working with the historic District commission on a design.

Members of the council thanked the Harbor Master for his hard work and dedication to the project.

- I4.** Public Notice from CRMC re Andrew Bernstein of 262 Clinton Rd, Brookline, MA (Project Location 472 Poppasquash Road) requires a response before March 22, 2022

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Harbor Master.

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted  
unanimously to receive and file

- I5.** Economic Development Coordinator Chris Vitale re Reynolds School Revitalization Project

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted  
unanimously to move forward with  
the renovations; and authorize the

use of ARPA funds and public building funds to source the project.

Prior to the vote taken, the Economic development coordinator outlined the following items in a PowerPoint presentation.

**History:**

- Built-in 1919, the Reynolds School sits across from the Bristol Town Common at 235 High Street.
- The Reynolds School was decommissioned in 2009 after restructuring by BWRSD.
- After being decommissioned, the Town leased the former classroom spaces to private individuals, microbusinesses, and organizations on an annual basis.
- Between December 2020-May 2021, the Town temporarily turned over the Reynolds School to the BWRSD. At the time, BWRSD cited a potential need for classroom space due to COVID-19 social-distancing protocols.
- In May 2021, the Bristol Town Council voted to lease the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and part of the basement of the Reynolds School to the BWRSD. In addition, the Town initiated the process of selling 9 Court Street.

**Project overview:**

- **Phase I:** BWRSD Administrative Offices Relocation  
(Completed December 2021)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
  - 2 Yr. Lease with the BWRSD w/ option to renew 1 Yr.
  - Buildout
- **Phase II:** Department of Community Development Relocation  
(Anticipated Completion Spring 2022)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
  - 7-Person Staff (4 Full-Time, 3 Part-Time)
  - Buildout (East Side)

**Phase III overview:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Buildout (West Side)
  - Auditorium
    - Balcony Stabilization
    - Dais/Stage Buildout (ADA Accessibility)
    - Audiovisual System
    - General Room Upgrades (Lighting, Acoustics, etc.)
  - Public Lavatories (ADA Accessibility)

- Conference Room
- o HVAC System Upgrade (Full-Building)

### **Scope plans for phase III**

**Meeting room concept for 5 person seating and 9 person seating**

#### **Project Benefits**

- o **Historical Significance:** This investment will give new life to an underutilized town asset while also celebrating its roots as a grade school.
- o **Public Meeting Space:** The Town of Bristol currently has a shortage of large in-person meeting space for its public boards/commissions. 10 Court Street has a maximum occupancy of 75 persons (standing-room only). Reynolds School offers approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of dedicated meeting space.
- o **Grant Fund Availability:** The Town has the opportunity to take advantage of ARPA and sale proceeds that wouldn't otherwise be available to help fund the project.
- o **Long-Term Plan Alignment:** Renovating and utilizing this space aligns with the Town's long-term plan of consolidating its operations, reducing maintenance expenses, and increasing efficiency.

#### **Project funding**

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds on Hand Designated for HVAC & Audiovisual System	<b>1,500,000</b>
Sale of Public Property (9 Court Street, 10 Naomi Street)	<b><u>450,000</u></b>
Total estimated project cost	<b>1,950,000</b>

Councilman Teixeira asked if the school department had yet relocated to the Reynolds School building. Town Administrator Contente stated that they had not fully moved and that the school department still had some items in the Oliver School building to transfer over. He further noted that the town was monitoring the Oliver School building for general maintenance.

Councilman Teixeira asked if the original Reynolds School stage would remain in the buildout of the new meeting room. Town Administrator Contente stated that the original stage would require a lift. As a result, it was determined that the state would be pushed forward and dropped down and would be more eye-level.

Town Administrator Contente noted that the town seal emblem would be displayed in the new council chambers behind the council during meetings; and that a curtain would be drawn to cover the town seal during other board meetings.

Vice Chairwoman Parella asked if the new council dais would be curved. Coordinator Vitale responded yes.

Chairman Calouro noted that the dais would have additional seating for the Town Administrator and the Town Clerk.

Coordinator Vitale noted that there would be technology on the dais for the council to view information presented at the meetings.

Councilman Sweeney asked if there would be a podium on the balcony for members of the public to address the council. Coordinator Vitale answered that there would only be one podium on the council floor to be eye-level with the council.

Councilman Ley asked what would become of the current Town Hall building. Town Administrator Contente stated that he did not see a municipal use for the current Town Hall.

Councilman Teixeira stated that he liked the idea of converting the town hall building into a municipal parking lot.

Chairman Calouro stated that he would be partial to the idea of green space and parking.

Town Administrator Contente noted that roughly sixty percent of the Community Development Department had relocated to the Reynolds School Building.

Town Administrator Contente further noted that they are trying to keep the original floors of the Reynolds school auditorium for the new meeting room.

**16. Economic Development Coordinator Chris Vitale re Town of Bristol CDBG Annual Application**

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to authorize Bristol's CDBG application for \$2,096,336.89; agree to implement the actives proposed in the CDBG application; and authorize and direct the Town Administrator to file the application with the Office of Housing and Community Development.

Prior to the vote taken, Coordinator Vitale explained that the Community Development Block Grant provided funding for a range of programs including public facility improvements, public services, affordable housing, economic development, and home rehabilitation.

**17. (Town Administrator Contente) Thames Street Seasonal Parking Lot Lease with Russ- Russ Realty Plat 10-Lot 32**

Sweeney/Parella- Voted unanimously to approve the lease agreement and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Town.

**18. (Town Administrator Contente) Thames Street Seasonal Parking Lot Lease with Russ- Russ Realty Plat 10-Lot 41**

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to approve the lease agreement and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Town

**J. Bills & Expenditures**

**J1. RFP #972 Silver Creek East Branch Channel Restoration Project**

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town



Administrator to act in the best  
interest of the Town.

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

- R. Zoppo Corp of Stoughton, MA for \$325,500
- Flynn Enterprises Inc., of Raynham, MA for \$189,000
- JML Excavation, Inc., of Bristol, RI for \$240,671
- SumCo Eco-Contracting, LLC., of Peabody, MA for \$186,000
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J2. RFP #974 - 2022 Parade Production and Telecast Services

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to  
refer this matter to the Town  
Administrator and the Fourth of July  
Committee to act in the best interest  
of the Town.

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

- Jenn Little Media of Bristol, RI for \$12,500

K. Special Reports

L. Town Solicitor

Citizens Public Forum

Persons wishing to speak during the citizen's 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 Housing Authority Meeting Minutes, January 13,  
2022

(CA) AA2. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees, December 16, 2021

(CA) AA3. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees, January 13, 2022

(CA) AA4. Police Pension Board Meeting - November 4, 2021

(CA) AA5. Post Retirement Benefits Fund Board of Trustees Meeting, November 4, 2021

(CA) AA6. Post Retirement Benefits Fund Board of Trustees, December 8, 2021

(CA) AA7. Capital Projects Commission, January 11, 2022

**(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments**

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

(CA) BB1. Tax Assessor DiMeo re Recommended Abatements & Additions - February 22, 2022

**(CA) CC. Financial Reports**

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

(CA) CC1. Town Treasurer Goucher- re Revenue and Expenditure Statement - February 18, 2022

(CA) CC2. (Town Treasurer Goucher) re Hague, Sahady, & Co., P.C. Bristol 2021 Annual Financial Statements

**(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations**

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

**(CA) EE. Utility Petitions**

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

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

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

**(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications**

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

- (CA) GG1. The Samaritans of Rhode Island re Thank you for a letter of Appropriation
- (CA) GG2. Town Administrator Contente to Golf Automation Inc. of Las Vegas NV re Award of Bid #965 Operation of the Bristol Golf Course
- (CA) GG3. Quito's Signed Sublicense Agreement
- (CA) GG4. Clerk Cordeiro re Allsport Collectibles - Holiday Sales License and Junk & Secondhand License renewal notice
- (CA) GG5. Clerk Cordeiro re Azorean Butcher Shop - Holiday Sales License renewal notice
- (CA) GG6. Clerk Cordeiro re Wicked Local Nutrition - Victualling License renewal notice
- (CA) GG7. Clerk Cordeiro re Angelina's - Victualling License renewal Notice
- (CA) GG8. Governor McKee, Executive Order 22-17
- (CA) GG9. Town Clerk Cordeiro to Election Data Services of Manassas VA re Award of Bid# 971 Redistrict/Reprecincting Consulting Services
- (CA) GG10. Town Administrator Contente to Automatic Temperature Controls Inc. of Cranston RI re renewal of the contract for 1 more year for Bid# 948 Town-Wide HVAC Repairs & Maintenance Contract

**(CA) HH. Distributions/Notice of Meetings**  
(Office copy only)

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

- (CA) HH1. Planning Board Meeting February 10. 2022
- (CA) HH2. Commissioners of the Cemeteries, North East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting, February 9, 2022

- (CA) HH3. Bristol Building Board of Appeals Meeting, February 9, 2022
- (CA) HH4. Board of Tax Assessment Review Meeting, February 10, 2022
- (CA) HH5. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting, February 17, 2022
- (CA) HH6. Board of Canvassers Meeting, February 14, 2022
- (CA) HH7. Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting, February 24, 2022
- (CA) HH8. BCWA Board of Directors Meeting, February 24, 2022
- (CA) HH9. Zoning Board of Review Meeting, March 7, 2022
- (CA) HH10. BCWA, Board of Directors, Meeting Amended, February 24, 2022
- (CA) HH11. CRMC, RI and Government Register Public Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing March 8, 2022

**(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. Mack Medeiros, 155 Mt. Hope Avenue, request for a curb cut.**

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 10:15 pm.

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Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk