

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

The council met on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, and called to order at 7:02 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
Deputy Town Clerk, Carla DaCosta

ABSENT WITH Town Clerk, Melissa Cordeiro
REGREAT: Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

Special Recognitions

Mt. Hope High School Gymnastics Team

Mt. Hope High School and Kickemuit Middle School Wrestling Team(s)

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 Minutes - May 7, 2025

A2. Town Council Meeting Executive Session Minutes
(sealed, council only) May 7, 2025

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 7, 2025 and the Executive Session Minutes of May 7, 2025 as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

B1. PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2025-7 Zoning Chapter 28 Land Use Laws
(adopted 2024 - legislative session) **(Public Hearing
and 2nd Reading for Adoption)**

Section: 28-1 Definitions (floor area ratios)
Section: 28-151 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
Section: 28-221 Land Nonconforming by Area
(Substandard Lots)
Section: 28-370 Inclusionary Zoning
Section: 28-150,181,182, 183,185, 187,255,352 &
354 Supplementary Regulations (Development Plan
Review)

Sweeney/Teixeira_-Voted unanimously to close
the public hearing

Teixeira/Ley - Voted to consider this
action to constitute the Second Reading
for the adoption of Ordinance #2025-07;
including the findings of consistency
with the purposes of zoning and
consistency with the Bristol
Comprehensive Plan. Voting in favor of
this motion were Council Chairman
Calouro, Teixeira, Sweeney, and Ley.
Abstaining from the vote was Vice
Chairwoman, Parella.
Advertise in the local newspaper.

C. Ordinances

C1. Ordinance 2025-03 - Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic
Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - (to decrease
the number of limited BV Licenses from 8 to 7) *(This
ordinance is being reposted on the agenda and re-
advertised to comply with the legal notice
requirements not fulfilled for the previous meeting.
No changes have been made to the proposed ordinance
since it was originally scheduled)* **(2nd Reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2025-03. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C2.** Ordinance No. 2025-04 Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 Number of Licenses (to increase the number of Class BV Licenses from 32-33) *(This ordinance is being reposted on the agenda and re-advertised to comply with the legal notice requirements not fulfilled for the previous meeting. No changes have been made to the proposed ordinance since it was originally scheduled)* **(2nd Reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2025-04 Advertise in the local newspaper

- C3.** Ordinance No. 2025-05 - Chapter 16 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V - Stopping Standing and Parking (no parking box located across from 28 Shaws Lane) *(This ordinance is being reposted on the agenda and re-advertised to comply with the legal notice requirements not fulfilled for the previous meeting. No changes have been made to the proposed ordinance since it was originally scheduled)* **(2nd Reading)**

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2025-05. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C4.** Ordinance No. 2025-06 Chapter 16 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IX Residential Parking, Sec. 16-343 Designated residential parking zone and Sec 16-345 Designated residential parking streets (To include portions of Hope Street to the Residential Zone and

update designated residential parking zones) (This ordinance is being reposted on the agenda and re-advertised to comply with the legal notice requirements not fulfilled for the previous meeting. No changes have been made to the proposed ordinance since it was originally scheduled) **(2nd Reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2025-06. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C5.** Ordinance No. 2025-08 Chapter 8, Sec 72 Independence Park Boat Ramp (Vehicle load restrictions) (with revisions to include section C) **(2nd reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2025-08. Advertise in the local newspaper

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

- D1.** Stephan Brigidi on behalf of the Bristol Middle Passage Port Marker Project, requests a One-Day Dancing & Entertainment License on August 24, 2025, from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (set up time starting at 10:00 AM) at Independence Park for the unveiling of sculptures

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Parks and Recreation

Sweeney/Teixeira -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

- D2.** Arts in Common for PorchFest 2025 re request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment license and street closure of a six-block section of High Street from Walley to Byfield Streets on Sunday, September 14, 2025, from 2:30-6:30 pm

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

Teixeira/Sweeney -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. Coordinate with the Bristol Police Department for road closures, police detail, and to reach out to the Bristol Fire Department for rescue runs and to notify the public of road closures.

- D3.** Harbor Master Marsili, Chairman, Harbor Festival Committee -request One Day Dancing & Entertainment License at Rockwell Park for the 12th Annual Harbor Festival on August 16, 2025 from 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM **(see also F3)**

- 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

Teixeira/Sweeney-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.

It is noted for the record that under agenda item F3, Councilman Parella motioned to combine agenda items D3 and F3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sweeney and unanimously approved. Discussions related to these combined items took place under agenda item F4. However, any actions taken on these items are individually listed under their respective agenda headings as reflected herein.

D4. Jennifer Devine, 55 Wapping Drive, Pro-Democracy Rally, request for One Day Dancing & Entertainment License at Independence Park, June 29, 2025, from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- 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

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendations received and with the condition that 2 police officers are stationed at the event as well as one Police vehicle, as delineated, and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies

D5. Gorge Moreno, Moreno LLC D/B/A Don Patron Mexican Grill & Cantina, 200 Gooding Avenue request for Modification to BV Intoxicating Beverage License (to expand alcohol service area to include outdoor seating area **(Call for Public Hearing June 18th)**)

Teixeira/Parella-Voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to consider this matter on June 18, 2025

and to advertise in the local newspaper.

- D6.** Richard Corrente, WKOC, LLC d/b/a Portside Tavern, 444 Thames Street request for Modification to BV Intoxicating Beverage License (to expand alcohol service area to add a portion of the outdoor seating area **(Call for Public Hearing June 18th)**)

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to consider this matter on June 18, 2025 and to advertise in the local newspaper.

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

- E1.** Sidewalk and Alcohol Use License Renewals 2025-2026

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director 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

- E2.** Sidewalk Use License Renewals 2025-2026

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance Coordinator

Teixeira/Parella- 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

- E3.** Jennifer Medina, Carvalho Group, LLC DBA Pisco y Tequila, 382 Thames Street, Unit 1 re 6-month review of Dancing & Entertainment License

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Parella-voted unanimously to receive and file the recommendations and allow the establishment to continue with the licenses, based on the positive feedback received after the three-month review.

F. Petitions - Other

- F1.** George Voutes, 17 Shore Road - Consideration for restrictions on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

a. Scott Pepper, 64 Duffield Road - letter of support

b. Jennifer Martenson, Chair, Quiet Clean Rhode Island - letter of support

c. Kenda Swartz, 64 Duffield Road - letter of support

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Conservation Commission

Teixeira/Parella-voted unanimously to receive and file.

- F2.** Bruce Goes, 82 King Philip Avenue - re no parking box located across from residence

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted
unanimously to deny the request
per the recommendations received.

F3. Harbor Master Marsili, Chairman, Harbor Festival
Committee - request permission to use/sell Alcoholic
Beverages at Rockwell Park for the 12th Annual Harbor
Festival on August 16, 2025, from 1:00 PM - 8:00
PM **(see also D3)**

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

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

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Parella motioned to combine agenda items D3 and F3. The motion
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agenda item D3. However, any actions taken on these items are
individually listed under their respective agenda headings as
reflected herein.

G. Appointments

G1. Zoning Board of Review - (1 two-year unexpired
Alternate term set to expire March 2027)

a. Timothy Palmer, 7 Church Cove Road -
interested/appointment

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to
appoint Timothy Palmer to the Zoning
Board of Review as an alternate member
with a term set to expire in March 2027

G2. Bristol 250th Commission, re Amendment to board composition to include up to five (5) Alternate Members with terms to expire November 2027 and recommendations for interested commission members
(continued from May 7th)

a. (draft) Resolution Amendment

b. Sarah Griffin, 11 Liberty Street, Apt 2-
interest/appointment

c. Paul Vollaro, 3 Jefferson Lane -
interest/appointment

d. Craig Evans, 80 Aaron Avenue - interest/appointment

e. Lisa Newcity, - interest/appointment

e. recommendation from Chairwoman, Alayne White

Teixeira/Parella- Voted
unanimously to adopt the
amended resolution of the
Bristol 250th Board
composition to include up to
5 alternate members; also to
appoint Ms. Griffin, Mr.
Vollaro, Mr. Evans and Ms.
Newcity as alternates to the
Bristol 250th Board with a
term set to expire in
November 2027

H. Old Business

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

I1. Harbor Master Marsili - recommended Bristol Marina fuel/dock pricing policy changes and recommendation for the Bristol resident discount rate

a. recommendation - Bristol Harbor Commission

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to adopt the
fuel/dock pricing policy
changes and recommendation
for the Bristol resident
discount rate

- I2.** Harbormaster Marsili re recommended changes to Moring, Docking, and Related Harbor Fees

a. (draft) Resolution

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to adopt the resolution to the Moring, Docking, and Related Harbor Fees as presented.

- I3.** Steven Januario, Chairman Bristol Harbor Commission re council consideration to grant permission to the Harbor Commission to solicit State and Federal authorization for the viability of a breakwater for Bristol Harbor

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to support the efforts of the Harbor Commission to explore viable options for a breakwater for Bristol Harbor and to work with the Planning Department

- I4.** Bond Counsel re-Road Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements Borrowing Resolution - authorizing the Town of Bristol, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-12-2, to borrow up to Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,800,000) through the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes to fund the design, engineering, and construction of road resurfacing and drainage improvements in the Town of Bristol.

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted unanimously to adopt the Borrowing Resolution as presented.

CF. Citizens Public Forum

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK DURING THE CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM MUST NOTIFY THE COUNCIL CLERK PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

J. Bills & Expenditures

J1. Bid No.1065 - Rogers Free Library Interior Modification Project

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

J2. Bid No. 1066 Information Technology and Consulting Service

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and Town's internal IT Contact to act in the best interest of the Town.

J3. Bid No. 1067 - School Bus Transportation Services

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

K. Special Reports

K1. BCWA Tri-Town Monthly Report - April 2025

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

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

M1. Director Williamson request for Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5) Discussion or consideration related to the Lease of Real Property

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted
unanimously to convene in
Executive Session pursuant to RIGL
Section 42-46-5 (a) (5) Discussion
or consideration related to the
Lease of Real Property at 9:27 PM.

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted
unanimously to resume open session
and seal the minutes of the
Executive Session at 9:44 PM.

Solicitor Ursillo announced that no motion was made and no vote
was taken in Executive Session

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 Zoning Board of Review Minutes - April 7,
2025

(CA) AA2. Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting
Minutes - May 5, 2025

(CA) AA3. Housing Authority Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2025

(CA) AA4. Zoning Board of Review Meeting - June 2, 2025

(CA) AA5. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes - April 1,
2025

(CA) AA6. Bristol Christmas Festival Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 10, 2025

(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments

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

(CA) BB1. Tax Assessor Leadem - re - Recommended Abatements &
Additions - May 2025

(CA) CC. Financial Reports

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

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

(CA) DD1. Citation - Evan Smith, Discover Newport (signed)

(CA) DD2. Proclamation- Retirement -Lieutenant Ricardo Mourato (signed)

(CA) DD3. Authorizing Resolution - Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program (signed)

(CA) DD4. Commendation - Emma Quigley Girl Scout Gold Award (signed)

(CA) DD5. Commendation - Fiona Sharp Girl Scout Gold Award (signed)

(CA) DD6. Citation - Bristol Cup Defenders 90th Anniversary (signed)

(CA) DD7. Resolution No. 2025-2025-05-07-I4 In Support of H 5393 and S 0057 - An Act Relating to Highways - Sidewalks (signed)

(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) FF1. Barrington - Proclamation - National Public Works Week

(CA) FF2. Barrington - Resolution - Support of Bill S-57 and H5393 Maintenance of Sidewalks

(CA) FF3. Barrington - Resolution - Supporting 2025 Composting and Organic Waste Diversion Act

- (CA) FF4. Exeter - Resolution - Support of Amendments regarding Funding of Student Transportation
- (CA) FF5. Hopkinton - Resolution - Opposing Legislation relating to Holidays and Days of Special Observance Holiday
- (CA) FF6. Hopkinton - Resolution - Opposing S0851 relating to State Affairs and Government Tourism and Development
- (CA) FF7. Hopkinton - Resolution - Support of H5204 - Support of Transportation of School Pupils Beyond City and Town Limits
- (CA) FF8. Hopkinton - Resolution - Support of H5201 - The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act
- (CA) FF9. Hopkinton - Resolution - Opposing Specific Land Use Legislation
- (CA) FF10. New Shoreham - Resolution - Opposing a Statewide Non Owner Occupied Property Tax
- (CA) FF11. Warren - Resolution - Full State Funding of Private School Transportation
- (CA) FF12. Warren - Resolution - Requesting an Amendment regarding the duties of Public Utilities

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

- (CA) GG1. Award of Bid No. 1060 - Town Administrator Contente to Stephen Gross, Clifton Larson Allen, LLP regarding Bid Award - Professional Auditing Services
- (CA) GG2. Award of Bid No. 1061 - Town Administrator Contente to Sonia Lanthier, Poralu Marine Inc. regarding Bid Award - Marina Trash Skimmer
- (CA) GG3. Award of Bid No. 1062 - Town Administrator Contente to Mark Schichtel, Schichtel's Nursery, Inc regarding Bid Award - Spring 2025 Tree Sourcing and Delivery

(CA) GG4. Award of Bid No. 1063 - Town Administrator Contente to JML Excavation Inc. regarding Bid Award - Gibson Road Shoreline Improvements

(CA) GG5. Recognition - The Bristol Conservation Commission and The King Phillip Little League re Arbor Day Celebration Ceremonies May 14, 2025

(CA) GG6. Town Administrator Contente re Letter in support of House Bill 6291

(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 - May 8th 2025 CANCELED and rescheduled from June 12, 2025

(CA) HH2. North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting - May 14, 2025

(CA) HH3. BCWA Board of Directors Meeting - April 24, 2025

(CA) HH4. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting - May 8, 2025

(CA) HH5. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Wine Tasting Meeting - May 12, 2025

(CA) HH6. Technical Review Committee Meeting - May 20, 2025

(CA) HH7. Technical Review Committee Meeting - May 20, 2025

(CA) HH8. Bristol Christmas Festival Meeting - May 20, 2025

(CA) HH9. Bristol 250th Commission Meeting - May 21, 2025

(CA) HH10. Bristol Fourth of July Committee General Committee Meeting - May 22, 2025

(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) II1. Leon Hill, 1185 Hope Street re auto vehicle claim

(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. Kyle Flynn, 43 Monterey Drive - re for curb cut request

a. recommendation- Town Administrator and Director 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 9:46 PM.

Carla DaCosta, Deputy Town Clerk