

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

The council met on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

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

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

Absent: Council Chairman, Nathan Calouro

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)

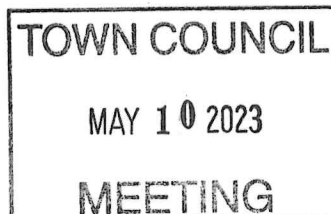
A1. Town Council Meeting - March 29, 2023

A2. Executive Session Meeting - March 29, 2023 (sealed council only)

Sweeney/ Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to approve these
minutes as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

C. Ordinances



C1. Ordinance #2023-06 Chapter 11, Fees and Charges.
Section 11-1 - Comprehensive schedule of fees
(amendments to beach fees) **(2nd reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2023-06. Advertise in the local newspaper.

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

D1. Rosa Paiva, St. Elizabeth's Church United Brotherhood Committee, 577 Wood Street - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License, May 27, 2023 from 5:30PM - 11:00PM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney - 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

D2. Rosa Paiva, St. Elizabeth's Church United Brotherhood Committee, 577 Wood Street - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License, June 2, 2023 (6PM - 11PM), June 3, 2023 (6PM - 11PM), and June 4, 2023 (6PM - 10PM)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney - 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

- D3.** Rosa Paiva for St. Elizabeth's Church Santo Cristo Feast, 577 Wood Street - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License, June 16, 2023 (6PM - 11PM), June 17, 2023 (6PM - 11PM), and June 18, 2023 (6PM - 10PM)

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

Teixeira/Sweeney - 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

- D4.** Chuck MacDonough, Chairman, Bristol Fourth of July Committee - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License for "Cultural Night" at the Maritime Center, June 2, 2023 from 6PM - 10PM

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

Sweeney/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

- E1.** Dog Kennel License Renewals 2023-2024

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

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

F. Petitions - Other

F1. John G. Burke, 8 Bay View Avenue, re - removal of 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 consider this action to constitute the first reading of a request to remove an accessible parking space and to continue said matter until the meeting of May 10, 2023, for the second reading.

F2. Chuck MacDonough, Chairman, Bristol Fourth of July Committee - Request permission to Use/Sell Alcoholic Beverages at the Maritime Center to hold a "Cultural Night", June 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 Harbor Master

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Sweeney/Teixeira - 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

F3. Jose DaSilva, Superintendent of Water Pollution Control, Request for no parking on the west side of Thames Street from the intersection of Thames and Constitution Street south to the pump station

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 May 10, 2023

Prior to the vote being taken, Superintendent DaSilva conveyed the difficulties in reaching the pump station located on Lower Thames Street, highlighting the challenges faced during conducting maintenance at the pump location. Moreover, the presence of large trucks parked in the surrounding area exacerbated the already challenging situation.

F4. Fabio Lopes, Bristol Sunset Cafe, 499 Hope Street - Request for Consideration of One Additional Class BV Liquor License

a. Proposed Legislation

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney -voted unanimously to endorse a resolution drafted by the solicitor to exempt the proposed retailer's class B or BV License at 499 Hope Street; and continue the matter until such time legislation has been adopted to allow for such exemption

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted that a revised recommendation from the police department had been

submitted as "received at meeting" with the modification to recommend a review period in 6 months.

It was noted that a Liquor license was not permitted within 200' of a premise of a school or place of worship according to RI General Law and would require legislative approval for an exemption of the location.

Vice Chairwoman Parella stated that she did not have an objection to the request to sell alcohol and noted that the Sunset Café was in very close proximity to another restaurant that currently serves alcohol. She explained that she did reach out to Representative Donovan who informed her that legislation was being introduced for an exemption for the proposed liquor license request.

Councilman Teixeira expressed his support for granting a license for the location, citing the business's long-standing reputation of over 22 years as a reputable establishment. He also mentioned that the location is situated in a business district with many other similar establishments.

It was noted that a resolution would need to be drafted and submitted to members of the general assembly for consideration. If the bill is passed, the council would then proceed with the matter and follow the standard procedures for processing liquor license requests.

Councilman Sweeney noted that the town typically issues a limited license for the initial six months, after which the petitioner can request a full liquor license following a review.

Fabio Lopes, 499 Hope Street, thanked the council for their consideration and was agreeable to the process.

G. Appointments

G1. Recreation Board (1 term set to expire March 2026 and 1 term set to expire April 2026)

a. Donald Squires, 9 Tobin Lane, interest in full-term member

b. Joseph DeMelo, 1 Roosevelt Drive, interest in full-term member

c. Kevin W. Manuel, 19 Peckham Place, interest/appointment

Teixeira./Ley- Voted unanimously to:

- elevate Donald Squires as a full member with a term to expire April 2026 and
- elevate Joseph DeMelo as full member with a term to expire March 2026
- and appoint Kevin Manual as a 1st Auxiliary member with a term set to expire March 2024.

G2. Capital Project Commission (1 term set to expire May 2028)

a. Charles MacDonough, 3 Polk Court,
interest/reappointment

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to reappoint Charles MacDonough to the Capital Projects Commission with the term to expire in May 2028.

H. Old Business

H1. * Town Administrator Contente re - draft MOU between the Town of Bristol and RI DEM relating to Archery Hunting for Deer **(continued from October 12, 2022)**

Teixeira/Sweeney Voted unanimously to approve the MOU between the Town of Bristol and RI DEM relating to Archery Hunting for Deer with the amendment to add a provision where DEM is to notify abutters

Prior to the vote being taken, Dylan Ferreira, from DEM, provided the council with a brief overview of the Archery Hunting for Deer as previously presented. Noting that deer hunting season would be from September 15th through January 31. A half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Councilman Ley inquired about the notification of abutters, to which Mr. Ferreira assured that the DEM will collaborate with the town to keep abutters informed and notify them of hunting seasons. When Councilman Ley asked about monitoring the buffer zone, Mr. Ferreira explained that while the DEM cannot monitor the area constantly, they do keep tabs on hunting locations.

Councilman Sweeney inquired whether hunters are obligated to inform the DEM or local authorities before hunting, Mr. Ferreira stated that it is not a requirement by the DEM. Major Burke added that this is no different from hunting waterfowl, where hunters are also not mandated to give notice before hunting.

Town Administrator Contente stated that he had accompanied Mr. Ferreira to the site several times and conducted numerous comprehensive evaluations of the hunting sites. He explained that points of entry and parking for hunters had been established. He also expressed that after discussions with the Police Chief, they were confident in the MOU and the four designated hunting areas.

Councilman Sweeney remarked that he believed this to be a well-balanced approach to managing the issue of the excessive deer population in the town.

The council agreed by consensus that a provision should be in place with the MOU where abutters are to be notified of hunting in the area.

Robert DaPonte of 36 Dartmouth Street addressed the council. Mr. DaPonte inquired as to why deer hunting wouldn't be restricted to residents of Bristol only. He suggested that further clarification was necessary, given that the town-owned land was financed by Bristol taxpayers and, as such, should be reserved for Bristol residents. He also voiced his apprehension regarding parking around the hunting areas.

Discussions ensued regarding parking concerns.

Town Solicitor Ursillo noted that limiting the hunting to Bristol residents only would cause the town to forfeit the benefits offered by the DEM. Additionally, he pointed out that if there were any problems or apprehensions, the council could modify the MOU at any point.

Vice Chairwoman Parella inquired whether the concerns related to parking, including the parking location, could be resolved. Mr. Ferreira responded that hunters would be informed of parking

areas and that targeted press releases would be issued, including one specifically for Bristol.

Katherine Quinn, of 420 Poppasquash Road addressed the council. Ms. Quinn introduced herself as the president of the Poppasquash Neighborhood Association and informed the council that she had been receiving numerous inquiries about the deer issues. She elaborated on how deer had been causing property damage and expressed gratitude towards the town for taking the necessary steps to manage deer control. Ms. Quinn acknowledged that there were individuals both in favor of and against deer hunting in Bristol. However, she emphasized the importance of restoring effective communication within the association, providing clear guidance on where residents could obtain assistance, and clarifying what was permissible and not permissible. She pointed out that the town's website lacked clarity and did not furnish all the necessary information regarding deer control and hunting.

Town Administrator Contente stated that he would ensure that the town's website is updated with information about hunting regulations and contact details.

Vice Chairwoman Parella suggested that Ms. Quinn contact the DEM to see if someone would be willing to attend one of the association meetings to address the concerns of the residents.

Town Administrator Contente recapped the issues and hazards of areas of overpopulated deer including the main concern of increased tick-borne diseases.

Mr. DaPonte readdressed the council and asked that the town restrict the hunting to Bristol residents for one year, as a pilot, before the town opens it to other hunters.

David Slipp of 274 Wood Street addressed the council and noted that he was a wildlife photographer and questions if signs would be posted to inform the public of hunting season. Mr. Ferreira responded that they would be posted signs.

Town Administrator Contente noted that there had been many legitimate concerns about allowing hunting in Bristol. However, he explained that the town should heed the advice of experts, such as DEM; and that limiting hunting to residents only was not enough to make an impact and reduce the herd.

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

- I1.** Fireman's Memorial and Welfare Committee re - Support for 2023 Sponsor Program Book

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to appropriate \$200 from the Town Council Contingency account in support of this program and to purchase two full-page ads sponsored by the Town Administrator, Town Council, and Town Clerk.

- I2.** *Nancy Hood, 274 Wood Street, re - Request for Support of Proclamation Welcoming the Golden Rule Sailboat

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to support the proclamation welcoming the Golden Rule Sailboat.

Prior to the vote being taken Nancy Hood, of 274 Wood Street addressed the council. She provided a brochure to members of the council and explained that it was a national project of the Veterans for Peace who are now sailing up the Eastern Coast promoting peace and a nuclear-free- world. She further explained that The Golden Rule Boat, which has a significant history dating back to its first voyage in 1958, will be in Rhode Island from the 11th to the 13th of June. The plan is to have the boat docked in Bristol on the 13th of June. The public will be welcome to board the boat and talk with the crew from 11 am to 1 pm. The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for people to learn more about the boat's mission and voyage.

Ms. Hood asked that the town reaffirm its commitment to peace and recognize the historic visit by supporting the proclamation of welcome to the Golden Rule.

- I3.** *Nancy Hood, 274 Wood Street, re - Request for Support of Resolution for International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

Ley/ Sweeney- voted to adopt the amended resolution for the International Campaign to Abolish nuclear weapons (ICAN). Voting in favor of this motion were Council Vice Chairwoman Parella,

Councilman Sweeney, and Councilman
Ley. Voting opposed Councilman
Teixeira. Motion Passes

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted that an amended resolution was provided, and a copy was distributed to the council as "received at meeting".

Nancy Hood of 274 Wood Street, Addressed the council. She discussed the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which has been signed and ratified by 67 countries since January 2021. The TPNW makes nuclear weapons illegal under international law and prohibits the use, production, and stockpiling of these weapons. She clarified that the treaty does not suggest that any of the nine countries possessing nuclear weapons unilaterally disarm. Rather than mandating unilateral disarmament by countries that possess nuclear weapons and sign the treaty, it would entail those countries to engage in verifiable negotiations with other nuclear-armed states toward the goal of eliminating their nuclear arsenals.

Ms. Hood discussed the importance of the TPNW in light of the increased risk of nuclear disaster, which she stated has become one of the most serious threats to existence alongside climate change. She also noted that the conflict between the US and Russia over Ukraine has increased the risk of nuclear war, and the most recent strategic arms reduction treaty between the two nations is unraveling. She stated that she believes that signing and ratifying the TPNW could lead the US away from the brink of nuclear disaster.

Ms. Hood also discussed the commonly held belief that nuclear weapons are necessary for deterrence but pointed out that while the balance of these weapons between the US and Russia has prevented a war, it has not kept the world safe. There have been over 15 close calls that could have resulted in a nuclear disaster due to miscalculation, diplomatic crisis, or miscommunication. Former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and other experts have argued that nuclear weapons have not kept us safe and advocate for nuclear disarmament.

Ms. Hood noted that the Rhode Island Senate passed a resolution in May 2022 supporting the TPNW, and She believes that Bristol should also get involved in advocating for this treaty.

Councilman Teixeira stated that he doesn't believe in nuclear war after having read enough about what happened in Japan when the nuclear bomb was dropped. He clarified that he is not in

favor of giving up any options for protection, as protecting their own families is the first priority. Although he trusts the police in Bristol to respond in a timely manner when called, he doesn't think that they should give up options for protection in Bristol or the United States. Therefore, he is against it and believes that options for protection should be provided to the military and the government as needed

Councilman Ley acknowledged the value of the group's perspective and their longstanding efforts on the issue. With ongoing international conflicts and tensions, Ley recognized that the Northeastern United States would be directly impacted by any accidents or acts of aggression. However, Councilman Ley pointed out that the proposed resolution would not require the United States to relinquish its current methods of defense unless all other countries did so as well. International bodies would ensure compliance with the treaty through various verification methods. Councilman Ley noted that he had discussed this topic extensively with colleagues in the International Relations Program at URI, and this is an idea they have been working on for a long time.

Councilman Ley emphasized the importance of the group's perspective and acknowledged that accidents with nuclear weapons are not a matter of if, but when. These accidents called normal accidents, have been studied and documented in relation to nuclear power production. Councilman Ley expressed support for the proposed resolution and hoped that the group's efforts would be successful, as mankind depends on it.

Councilman Sweeney expressed his support for the resolution by highlighting the current events in Ukraine where people are fighting for democratic freedom while Putin is moving nuclear weapons to the border. He stated the situation poses a significant risk to human life and the environment, and there would be no government help due to the radiation fallout. Therefore, he stated the resolution is a great symbol of Bristol's understanding that nuclear weapons are unnecessary for resolving conflicts, and steps should be taken to prevent any unhinged leader from obtaining the power to destroy on a mass level.

Vice Chairwoman expressed her agreement with the resolution, stating that in the long term, nobody wants to see nuclear weapons or be in the middle of a nuclear, chemical, or biological war. She acknowledged that there are many crazy leaders in the world that we have no control over, and while she views the resolution as aspirational, she does not believe that unilateral disarmament is the solution. Vice Chairwoman Parella

suggested that reducing the number of nuclear weapons could eventually lead to a world without them, although she recognizes that this may not be possible in the current world. Despite this, Vice Chairwoman Parella believes that the current situation is very scary, especially with Russia moving strategic nuclear weapons to certain locations. Nonetheless, Vice Chairwoman Parella stated that she supports the resolution as something that we should all strive for in the long term, even though it may not happen right away due to the current circumstances being so crazy.

Councilman Teixeira Clarified that he understood the significant harm and damage that nuclear weapons can cause; and that the current global situation with events such as Russia's actions in Ukraine, North Korea's missile launches, and China's involvement with Taiwan is quite concerning. As Vice Chairwoman Parella pointed out, we can aspire to a world without nuclear weapons, and I fully support that. However, he didn't believe that we should give up all options, and he didn't think that this resolution addresses that issue.

I4. Patrick Roche of Good Energy re - Presentation of Draft Community Electricity Aggregation Plan

Sweeney/ Teixeira- Voted unanimously to open the public review period and schedule a special workshop with the town council.

Prior to the vote being taken, Patrick Roche of Good Energy addressed the council. He noted that he has worked with seven other Rhode Island cities and towns that have launched or are in the process of launching their community electricity programs. He mentioned that the council authorized the town to pursue community electricity aggregation in August of last year. He explained that the first step in the process is to develop a plan that can be reviewed by the public. He noted that he had been working with the Town Administrator and the Community Development office to draft a plan.

Mr. Roche noted that he would be able to review some of the key points of the draft plan and asked that the council consider opening a public review period which would include scheduling a public hearing to receive feedback on the plan, which could be used to revise it before submitting it for further consideration.

Mr. Roche noted that this is the first major step in a multi-step process, and once the plan is approved locally, it will be sent to the States Public Utilities Commission for their review and approval, which typically takes three months. After approval, the town can decide when to start its program, based on the readiness of the town and the electricity markets. The key point to remember is that moving forward with the public review of the plan is not the same as starting the program, as there are still several steps to follow.

Vice Chairwoman Parella asked if the council wanted to review the key points and presentation at this point or hold it until the public hearing. The council agreed by consensus to review the presentation during the public hearing.

It was determined that the public hearing will be scheduled for a special meeting.

Town Solicitor asked for clarification noting that the meeting could be held with the Office of Community Development. The council members agreed that the meeting should be sponsored by the council.

- 15.** Town Clerk Cordeiro re - (draft) Resolution in Support of Legislation Relating to the Health and Safety of Vital Records

Sweeney/ Teixeira- Voted unanimously to adopt the resolution in support of Legislation Relating to the Health and Safety of Vital Records

- 16.** Town Clerk Cordeiro re- proposed ordinance amendment to replace the term "handicap" with "accessible disability" in Section 16-48

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to continue the matter to May 10, 2023, for the first reading.

- 17.** Town Clerk Cordeiro re - amendments to the parking violation schedule Section 16-45

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to continue the matter

to May 10, 2023, for the first reading

- 18.** Bristol County Elks Lodge re - letter to Town Administrator regarding the impact of new town marina

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to refer the matter to the Harbormaster, Harbor Commission, Town Administrator, and Town Solicitor to provide a recommendation to the council for consideration on the May 10, 2023 council meeting.

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Administrator Contente noted that he received a communication from the Elk's Club requesting temporary relief before a long-term plan can be developed. He reported that the Elk's Club claimed that the construction of the wave attenuator had caused waves to refract and come back towards their property, making their floats unstable and difficult to use, particularly during south winds. The Elks Club requested 8 slips after meeting with the Harbor Commission. However, he and the Harbor Master did not feel that they had the authority to grant the 8 slips, so the matter was brought before the Council.

Ken Belanger, of 1 Belanger Court, reported that he had been unable to tie up the boat on two separate occasions. He mentioned that he has been captaining for over 30 years and has some familiarity with wave actions as he is a civil engineer. He also stated that some of the issues were due to maintenance problems on their part and that the reflection of the wave from the new marina that was built was also causing issues. He pointed out that the waves were not dissipating their energy and had to go somewhere. He proposed a temporary solution of providing eight spaces at the dock closest to the walkway to make it accessible for the elderly and young folks in wheelchairs.

Mr. Belanger also highlighted that the Harbor Commission's mission statement was to protect everyone in the harbor and questioned why the engineer did not consider the refraction of the nearby Elk's dock in their plans. He hoped there would be a more permanent solution in the long run but hoped that their proposal would be acceptable for consideration as a temporary solution.

Councilman Sweeney expressed curiosity and asked how the number of 8 slips came about to which Mr. Belanger responded by explaining that based on the current situation, they believe they can fit around 8 boats in the present dock. It would vary depending on the size of the boats, and they can also expand the dock by adding another t-type extension. Mr. Belanger mentioned that they are seeking a temporary solution so that members can continue to enjoy the amenities.

Councilman Sweeney inquired about the occurrence of refraction, specifically whether it happens at a certain number of knots or under specific conditions such as when there are certain wind speeds or tide levels. Mr. Belanger responded that it is dependent on wind speed, tide, and direction, noting that it was most likely to occur during prevailing winds from the south. He also noted that refraction affects boats differently based on their size, age, and the individual's ability to get on and off the boat.

Councilman Sweeney moved that that matter should be continued to the May 10th council meeting to refer for recommendations from the Harbor Master.

Councilman Ley noted that there are presently four open spots at the Elks boat dock and that they are actively seeking eight slips at the new town Marina. He sought clarification on whether the eight slips at the town Marina were exclusively for use during inclement weather conditions or if they intended to cease docking at the Elks entirely. Mr. Belanger responded that they cannot predict which days will be windy or not, so they were requesting access to be available 24/7, 365 days a year. In addition to the slips available at Elk's.

Vice Chairwoman Parella inquired about the additional request for 8 slips at the Marina and asked if there are usually 8 boats docked at their place during weekdays, for example, in September. Mr. Belanger responded that he is uncertain about the number of boats, as he usually goes out on calm nights, but the only time he has seen many boats is during the Fourth of July weekend when he had to turn away some. Vice Chairwoman Parella questioned why they don't have a better understanding of their busy peak times based on sales of food and alcohol. She also pointed out that reserving dock spaces when nobody is using them could prevent potential revenue for the Marina. She emphasized the need to consider the different times of day and year when determining the appropriate number of slips to request from the town.

Vice Chairwoman Parella asked if there had been any problems in the past with winds and the docks, to which Mr. Belanger replied that there were rough days and that he wouldn't go out on those days. Councilman Sweeney then asked if there had been any claims or damage reported, to which Ken replied that a few pins had been sheared off and there was some damage to the float's underneath, but he didn't know of any reported damage from others

Eric Gardner, the outgoing House Committee Chairman for the Elk's, addressed the council. He stated that he witnessed numerous instances of boats attempting to dock at the club last summer but ultimately having to pull away. He expressed concern that the lack of an impact study prior to the construction of the marina has resulted in waves damaging the club's property and diminishing its ability to use the docks. Mr. Gardner explained that the Elk's are currently looking into the matter and attending Harbor Commission meetings to raise this issue but have not received a satisfactory response. Mr. Gardner also noted that the boating season lasts from May to October and that many members are present at the club with their boats during this time.

Owen O' Rourke, an Elks member, raised concerns about the lack of an impact study for the marina construction as stated in the town's harbor management plan. He pointed out that the plan states that an impact study should be conducted for all occasions, and questioned why the Elks should have to pay for one when it's the town's policy. Town Administrator Contente stated that they went through lengthy permitting with various agencies and received approval, so anything required for sign-off was done.

Councilman Sweeney suggested adding Mr. O'Rourke's question to the request for recommendations.

Councilman Teixeira reiterated that the town retained various approvals throughout the process and also questioned whether the agencies involved should have thought about the impact on the area.

Vice Chairwoman Parella asked if the Elks attended any of the approval meetings. Mr. O'Rourke responded that they became more involved after the construction because no one knew the impact of the new dock technology until it happened.

Mr. Belanger noted that the mission of the bylaws of the harbor commission was to review the impact of property owners within the harbor.

Town Administrator Contente stated that the Town had a consulting aid engineer who guided them through the process, and if they were required to do an impact study, they would have done it. However, they may have missed it and he stated he would look into it. He noted there were numerous public hearings, including one with the historic district committee, and there were no objections.

Town Administrator Contente noted that he just received a letter on April Fourth and wanted to bring it to the Council's attention. They will keep an open mind and do their best to correct any wrongs. He stated that he was surprised to hear about the impact study and would like to review it before commenting further.

J. Bills & Expenditures

J1. RFP# 1006 - Water Pollution Control Facility Subaqueous Outfall Inspection

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:

- UROV LLC in the amount of \$12,854.00
- Underwater Solution in the amount of \$ 14,700.00

J2. RFP# 1007 - Compost Marketing Program

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:

- WeCare Denali, LLC with a proposal of:
 - o Revenue share 25%
 - o Cost per load for unsold compost \$600 per load (50 cubic yard minimum)

K. Special Reports

K1. Juan Mariscal, Acting Chairman, Bristol County Water Authority - Monthly Report, March 2023

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted
unanimously to receive and
file

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

- M1.** Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5)-
Sale of Real Property formerly known as the Oliver
School-151 State Street **(continued from January 18,
2023)**

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to convene in
Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a)(5)
Sale of Real Property formerly known as the Oliver School-
151 State Street at 9:00PM.

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to resume open session
and seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 10:06 PM.

Solicitor Ursillo announced that a motion was made and a
voted on in Executive Session.

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. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes,
February 16, 2023

(CA) AA2. Bristol Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes, March 6,
2023

(CA) AA3. Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2023

(CA) AA4. Board of Tax Assessment Review Meeting Minutes, March
6, 2023

(CA) AA5. Board of Tax Assessment Review Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2023

(CA) AA6. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2023

(CA) AA7. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2023

(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments

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

(CA) BB1. Tax Assessor DiMeo re Recommended Abatements & Additions - April 13, 2023

(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 - April 12, 2023

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

(CA) DD1. Resolution #2023-07 - in Support of H-5472 Regionalization Bonus (signed)

(CA) DD2. Resolution #2023-08 - Regarding the Rogers Free Library - Board of Trustees Appointment Process (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. Resolution of the Town of Burrillville Opposition to Rhode Island 2023 Gun Control Legislation

- (CA) FF2. Resolution of the City of Woonsocket in Support of House Bill 5160 & Senate Bill 0175, Regarding Payday Lending Reform
- (CA) FF3. Resolution No. 2023-03 of the Town of Exeter Opposition to Rhode Island 2023 Gun Control Legislation
- (CA) FF4. Resolution No. 2023-04 of the Town of Exeter in Support of 2023-H 5724, and 2023-S 0328 -- an Act Relating to Health and Safety - Vital Records

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

- (CA) GG1. Town Clerk Cordeiro re - Thank you letter to Crystal Pacheco for serving on the Recreation Board
- (CA) GG2. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1002 - Road Resurfacing Project
- (CA) GG3. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1004 - Bristol Town Beach Concession
- (CA) GG4. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1005 - 4th of July Ball 2023
- (CA) GG5. Town Administrator Contente to The Beach Shack, re award Bid# 1004 - Bristol Town Beach Concession
- (CA) GG6. Town Administrator Contente to Cardi Corporation, re award Bid# 1002 - Road Resurfacing Project
- (CA) GG7. Arbor Day Foundation re - Bristol recognition as a 2022 Tree City USA Community
- (CA) GG8. Town Administrator Contente re - Traffic Aids

(CA) HH. Distributions/Notice of Meetings
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- (CA) HH1. Conservation Commission Meeting, April 4, 2023
- (CA) HH2. Bristol Prevention Coalition Meeting, April 6, 2023
- (CA) HH3. Harbor Commission Meeting, April 3, 2023
- (CA) HH4. Planning Board Meeting, April 13, 2023

- (CA) HH5. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Miss/Little Miss Fourth of July Pageant Meeting, April 18, 2023
- (CA) HH6. Commissioners of the Cemeteries North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting April 12, 2023
- (CA) HH7. Town of Bristol Housing Authority Meeting, April 13, 2023
- (CA) HH8. Coastal Resources Management Council April 2023 Meeting Calendar
- (CA) HH9. Zoning Board of Review Meeting, May 1, 2023
- (CA) HH10. Bristol Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting, April 18, 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) III1. Randall Johnson Esq, Law Office of Joseph M. Codega, claim for damages to vehicle

(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"

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Ley, and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 10:07pm.



Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk