

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

The council met on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, and called to order at 7:08 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: Assistant Town Solicitor, Amy Goins, Esq
Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

Absent: Town Administrator, Steven Contente

Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda

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

A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

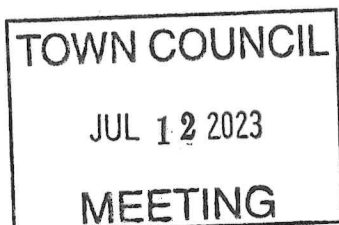
A1. Town Council Meeting - May 31, 2023

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted unanimously to approve May 31, 2023, Council minutes, as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

C. Ordinances

C1. Ordinance #2023-10 Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-146 - Parking time Limited in designated area (to add a 30 min parking restriction on Bradford Street) (2nd reading)



Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of

Ordinance #2023-10. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C2.** Ordinance #2023-11 Chapter 16, Article IX Residential Parking, Section 16-343 Residential Parking Zone (to correct language of lower State Street parking) **(2nd reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2023-11. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C3.** Ordinance #2023-12 Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 Number of Licenses (to increase the number of Class BV Limited Licenses from 6-8) **(1st reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2023-12. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C4.** Ordinance #2023-13 Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-143 - Parking prohibited at all times (to add a no parking box on King Philip Avenue at intersection of Dyer) **(1st reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2023-13. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C5.** Ordinance #2023-14 Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-143 - Parking prohibited at all times (no parking on East Side of Thames Street from Bradford to Constitution Street) **(1st reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted
unanimously to consider this
action to constitute the first
reading of Ordinance #2023-14.
Advertise in the local newspaper

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

D1. Elisio Castro, Bristol Sports Club, 417 Wood Street -
request for Dancing and Entertainment License

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of
Police

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

D2. Fabio Lopes for Sunset Cafe, 499 Hope Street, request
for One Additional Class BV LTD Liquor License **(call
for public hearing July 12, 2023)**

Adopted Legislation

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of
Police

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department
of Community Development

Teixeira/Parella -Voted
unanimously to call for public
hearing on July 12, 2023.

Prior to the vote being taken, Vice Chairwoman Parella noted for
the record that legislation to exempt the proposed retailers

class B or BV license to be located at 499 Hope Street from the two hundred foot requirement from the premises of schools had been passed in both the House and Senate allowing the Town to proceed with the process of granting the establishment a liquor license.

D3. Tina Micheletti for M&T's Pizzeria dba Pio's Pizzeria, 381B Metacom Avenue, request for One Additional Class BV LTD Liquor License **(call for public hearing July 12, 2023)**

- 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/Parella-Voted
unanimously to call for
public hearing on July 12,
2023

D4. Andrew Breslin, Pearl Holdings LLC dba The Nest (fka Tinkers), 29 State Street - Request for State Street Seasonal Expansion with Alcohol Service License

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

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

Councilman Ley. Abstaining were Council Chairman Calouro and Councilman Teixeira.

Prior to the vote being taken, Al Rego, the attorney representing the petitioner, spoke before the council, requesting them to approve the license under the same stipulations, laws, and conditions as previously granted to similar applications in the previous council meeting. He clarified that his client is actively addressing ADA compliance concerns and is working towards conforming to state and local regulations.

The council acknowledged that ADA compliance has always been transparent in the requirements for outdoor seasonal dining licenses and that the businesses were aware that any issued license would be contingent upon ADA compliance. They further acknowledged that there may have been confusion regarding the distinctions between indoor and outdoor ADA dining requirements. The council emphasized the importance of equal access to facilities for all patrons of the establishments.

Councilman Teixeira requested to abstain from voting on the matter.

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

D5. Greg Marsili, Chairman, Harbor Festival Committee
- request for One Day Dancing and Entertainment
License at Rockwell Park for the 10th Annual
Harbor Festival on August 12, 2023, from 1PM -
9PM **(see also F1)**

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

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

Prior to the vote being taken, Harbor Master Marsili addressed the council and provided details of the Harbor Festival noting that this was the 10th annual event, and it would begin with the blessing of the fleets.

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

E1. Dancing and Entertainment License Renewals 2023-2024

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

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;
- also subjecting Aidens to a three-month review as recommended by the Bristol Police Department

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro highlighted that the Police department recommendation noted a large number of noise complaints for Aidens and recommended a three-month review of the establishment.

Police Chief Lynch explained that while there were a number of noise complaints the establishment has been working with the police department to comply.

E2. Public Laundry License Renewals 2023-2024

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

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

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

F. Petitions - Other

F1. Greg Marsili, Chairman, Harbor Festival Committee -
request permission to use/sell Alcoholic Beverages at
Rockwell Park for the 10th Annual Harbor Festival on
August 12, 2023, from 1PM - 9PM

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 petition 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.

F2. Joseph Coccio, 10 Constitution Street, - Request for
accessible parking space in the vicinity of
residence **(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 for an accessible parking space and to continue the said matter until July 12, 2023, for second reading.

F3. Deodata M. Medeiros, 21 Pearse Avenue, - Request for a no parking box in front of 103 Constitution Street

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to deny the petition for a no parking box at 103 Constitution Street per the recommendations received.

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro noted that the recommendations received noted that access to the property was still accessible through the existing driveways and that he was in concurrence with the recommendation to deny the request. Vice Chairwoman Parella emphasized that residents in the vicinity should remain aware of walkway access points and make efforts to keep them unobstructed.

G. Appointments

G1. Harbor Commission - 2nd Alternate (1 vacant term set to expire March 2026)

a. Owen O' Rourke, 41 Fales Road, interest/appointment

b. Wayne A. Gablinske, 49 Beach Road, interest/appointment

c. Peter Silva, 55 1/2 Woodlawn Avenue, interest/appointment

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to set a special meeting for interviews to be held on the next council meeting of July 12, 2023, or at the convenience of the parties.

Prior to the vote being taken, Vice Chairwoman Parella requested that the council be provided with the length of service of each applicant for the interviews.

G2. Assistant Harbormaster (to serve as Lieutenant/Deputy Harbormaster) (term to expire January 2024)

a. John Perry, 47 Roosevelt Drive,
interest/appointment

b. recommendation - Harbormaster

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to set a special meeting for interviews to be held on the next council meeting of July 12, 2023, or at the convenience of the parties.

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro highlighted that the process for appointing the Deputy Harbormaster is a new one, and in order to ensure transparency, the applicants are being requested to interview with the council, following the same process as for all other appointments. He noted that there were several candidates, and it was important to note that the request for interviews does not imply any reflection of the harbormaster's recommendation.

H. Old Business

H1. Bristol County Elks Lodge re - letter to Town Administrator regarding impact of new town marina
(continued from May 10, 2023)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator

b. recommendation Harbor Master

b1 Pare Corporation-Preliminary Wave Analysis Study

b2 Exhibit A - Elks CRMC Permit

b3 Exhibit B - Town of Bristol Dock Permit Information

c. recommendation - Harbor Commission

d. Confidential Memo - Town Solicitor

e. Tina Mauck, 66 Vineyard Avenue East Providence, Elks Member- letter of support

f. Dennis Barnes, 60 Richmond Street, Elks Member - letter of support

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously that:

- the Elks Club members be allowed dockage for four (4) boats at the new Town Marina at the discretion of the Harbormaster when required by the wind and weather.
- the four town dock slips would only be available for use during the Elks' regular business hours and when the Elks' own dock was not usable.
- There will be NO overnight docking of boats on the four (4) town slips.
- Specific docks to be at the discretion of the Harbormaster at the extent of availability
- The town adopt a sunset provision, limiting the use of the four (4) town transient slips until the end of October.
- The matter be referred to the Administrator, Harbormaster, and other relevant parties identified by the Administrator to assess the current situation and then present proposals to the Council

regarding the necessary course of action

- Status to be revised by the Harbor Commission at the end of the 2023 boating season and annually thereafter until a final resolution is made

Prior to the vote being taken, Eric Gardner, the Elk's Dock Committee chairman of 1 Bowden Ave., Barrington addressed the council. Mr. Gardner presented a petition, for the record, signed by 150 Elks members in support of the matter at hand. Additionally, he noted that he sent a copy of the impact report from the Coastal engineer via email last week to the council and harbor commission for their review.

Ken Belanger of 1 Belanger Court, Warren, addressed the council. He stated that he had been working with the harbors engineering regarding the report and that he would be able to answer any questions regarding the report.

Chairman Calouro stated that a recommendation was received from both the Administrator and the harbor commission regarding the availability of transient dock slips for Elk's members while determining the next steps. Initially, eight dock slips were requested by the Elks, and after discussions, the recommendation from the Harbor Commission and Administrator proposed four slips. Chairman Calouro noted that he believes this to be an appropriate interim solution, considering that neither he nor his colleagues were engineers, and the Harbor Master, while well-informed, was also not an engineer. He viewed this as an appropriate temporary measure to ensure access to dockage, particularly during rough weather conditions or high winds. Chairman Calouro emphasized the importance of being good neighbors, acknowledging the positive contributions of the Elks supported by the council. He suggests implementing the proposal with a cut-off deadline, preferably by the end of October or mid-October, to ensure a timely resolution. Additionally, it was mentioned that the Elks could use transient space if it is available, with the Harbor Master being consulted to determine the extent of availability, using the upcoming Fourth of July as an example where there may be limited availability.

Chairman Calouro suggested referring to the Administrator, Harbormaster, and other relevant parties identified by the Administrator to assess the current situation and then present proposals to the Council regarding the necessary course of action.

Mr. Belanger asked for clarity as to restrictions on the four proposed dock slips and if the dock slips would be available at all times other than when there was limited availability. Chairman Calouro responded that the four slips would not be available at all times. However, would be available on rough weather days and the Council would delegate the authority to the Harbormaster to determine which days qualify as rough weather days. Noting that the goal is to ensure the use of the dock spaces when the Elk's own dock is not usable.

Councilman Sweeney states that there must be a threshold at which the Elk's dock becomes impractical to use due to unfavorable weather conditions, such as strong winds and tidal movement; and that those same factors be considered when establishing guidelines for the usage of the town slips. It was highlighted that these slips were being provided as a means of assistance, and it should be recognized that the marina was funded by the taxpayers.

It was noted that the four town dock slips would only be available for use during the Elks' regular business hours and when the Elks' own dock was not usable. It was further noted that there would be no overnight docking of boats on the town slip.

It was further noted that there may be initial challenges as this is a new and unfamiliar situation. However, it is crucial that this be approached with reason and maintain a calm demeanor.

Harbormaster Marsili proposed a method for determining whether the four town slips should be utilized, suggesting that if the Elks are capable of using their own docks and are doing so, they should refrain from using the town docks simultaneously. Mr. Belanger agreed.

Mr. Gardner requested that the fence alongside the maritime center be removed to allow direct walking access from the town dock to the Elk's Lodge. Harbormaster Marsili mentioned that the fence did not currently belong to the town and that any acquisition of that particular portion of the property had not been finalized. It was suggested that the Elks engage in further discussions with the Town Administrator and Harbormaster to explore the possibility of addressing this matter in the future.

Councilman Sweeney motioned that the four town dock slips would only be available for use when the Elks' own dock was not usable; and that the 4 slips will be available for \$5 per hour up to 4 h maximum. Chairman Calouro clarified that the town

would not impose fees on the Elks when utilizing the use of the four slips. Motion amended.

**H2. Community Electricity Aggregation Plan - re final plan approval to submit to Public Utilities Commission
(continued from May 24, 2023)**

Ley/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to approve the final plan and submit to the Public Utilities Commission

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted that a letter of support from Tony Morettini was "received at meeting".

Patrick Roach, Director of Innovations for Good Energy addressed the council. Mr. Roach provided a summary of the matters discussed during the public hearing held on May 24th. He proceeded to provide the council and attendees with a brief overview of the following subjects:

- Electricity Supply Choices
- Community Electricity in RI- noting 7 communities in RI and over 50 in Massachusetts.
- Bristol Plan Development process and next steps- noting that the next stage which would be to submit the plan to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval
- Structure of the program
- Selecting a supplier
- Community outreach and education

It was noted that once the plan is approved by the PUC, it will return to the council and the council would be able to review associated costs. At that point, the council will engage in discussions to compare and assess its feasibility, and at no time would the council be obligated. It was explained that there would be further deliberation on this topic within the council and that the council was aware that this is uncharted territory. It was further emphasized that if the council proceeds, it would be essential that the public is well-informed about the reasons behind it and the potential cost savings. Moreover, the council would ensure that there is a clear opt-out process for those who choose not to participate in the program from the outset. And that members of the public can opt out of the program at any time if they decide it is not suitable for them. They can opt back in later if they wish, with no additional charges other than the regular fees associated with electricity consumption.

Furthermore, it was noted that the town is not obliged to proceed with the aggregation plan. The decision to move forward or not rests with the town and will be made after careful consideration and evaluation of the proposal.

Councilman Ley and Councilman Sweeney highlighted the significance of utilizing renewable energy sources and the importance of prioritizing environmental protection. They emphasized the potential benefits of cost savings for the town's taxpayers.

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

I1. Resolution re - Authorizing Assessment of Valuations and Levy of Taxes, Sewer Service Fees, and Sewer Assessments

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted
unanimously to adopt this
Resolution, as written, and to
forward a copy of same to the Tax
Assessor

Prior to the vote being taken, Tax Assessor Michelle DiMeo mentioned that once the valuations were finalized, the town successfully aligned with the proposed tax rate of \$13.36, which was previously approved by the council. Additionally, she highlighted that sewer assessments would remain unaltered, remaining at the rate of \$580.00 per unit. Moreover, she pointed out that Bristol currently possesses one of the most competitive tax rates in the state.

I2. Principle Planner Tanner re - Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment re: Sec. 28-82(d), Permitted Use Table - Uses Permitted Within the MMU (Metacom Mixed Use) Zoning District - Proposed Addition of 'Retail Business - Lumber/Building Products' - Referral to Planning Board (1st reading refer to Planning Board and call for public hearing on August 2, 2023)

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted
unanimously to:

- consider this action to constitute the first reading of ordinance 2023-15,
- refer to the planning board for recommendations,

- Advertise in the local newspaper,
- and schedule a public hearing on August 2, 2023

Prior to the vote being taken, the Community Development Director Williamson explained that the proposed amendment intended to permit retail lumber/building product use within the Metacom Mixed Uses (MMU) zoning District.

J. Bills & Expenditures

J1. Bid# 1016 - Renovations to the Walley School

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:

- **E.W. Burman, Inc.**, in the amount of \$7,669,000 with the following allocations:
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #1 -(Eliminate lightning protection replacement) \$15,105.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #2 - (Eliminate fit out of second floor) \$554,462.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #3 -(Eliminate column removal in Activity Room 109) \$4,095.00
 - ADD ALTERNATE #4 - (Provide an ADA crosswalk a State Street, per Civil drawings) \$2,420.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #5 -(Eliminate kitchen equipment purchase and installation) \$92,356.00
- **Martone Service Company, Inc.** in the amount of \$7,082,560.00 with the following allocations:
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #1 -(Eliminate lightning protection replacement) \$15,000.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #2 - (Eliminate fit out of second floor) \$593,000.00

- DEDUCT ALTERNATE #3 -(Eliminate column removal in Activity Room 109) \$20,000.00
 - ADD ALTERNATE #4 - (Provide an ADA crosswalk a State Street, per Civil drawings) \$20,000.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #5 -(Eliminate kitchen equipment purchase and installation) \$100,000.00
- **Tower Construction Corporation,** in the amount of \$6,983,000.00 with the following allocations:
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #1 -(Eliminate lightning protection replacement) \$15,000.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #2 - (Eliminate fit out of second floor) \$800,000.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #3 -(Eliminate column removal in Activity Room 109) \$75,000.00
 - ADD ALTERNATE #4 - (Provide an ADA crosswalk a State Street, per Civil drawings) \$10,000.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #5 -(Eliminate kitchen equipment purchase and installation) \$100,000.00
- **Maron Construction Co., Inc.** in the amount of \$8,891,000.00 with the following allocations:
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #1 -(Eliminate lightning protection replacement) \$15,000.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #2 - (Eliminate fit out of second floor) \$973,000.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #3 -(Eliminate column removal in Activity Room 109) \$18,400.00
 - ADD ALTERNATE #4 - (Provide an ADA crosswalk a State Street, per Civil drawings) \$5,000.00
 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #5 -(Eliminate kitchen equipment purchase and installation) \$100,400.00

K. Special Reports

- K1.** Juan Mariscal, Chairman, Bristol County Water
Authority - Annual and Monthly Meeting, May 2023

Teixeira/Parella- voted unanimously to
receive and file

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

- M1. Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(2):
Potential Litigation

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to
convene in Executive Session pursuant to
RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a) (2) concerning
Potential Litigation at 8:31 PM.

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to resume
open session and seal the minutes of the
Executive Session at 9:28 PM.

Solicitor Ursillo announced that no motion was made and no
vote was taken on this matter in Executive Session.

- M2. Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5) -
Commercial Real Estate Purchase Agreement of Sale of
Real Property formerly known as the Oliver School-151
State Street

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to
convene in Executive Session pursuant to
RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a) (5) Commercial Real
Estate Purchase Agreement of Sale of Real
Property formerly known as the Oliver
School-151 State Street at 8:31PM.

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to
resume open session and seal the minutes of
the Executive Session at 9:28PM.

Solicitor Ursillo announced that a motion was made and voted on in Executive Session. The matter will be disclosed at a later date.

Citizens Public Forum

Prior to the following members of the public addressing the council, Assistant Solicitor Goins noted that the council typically does not respond to matters discussed during the open forum as they are not listed as an agenda item.

Ann-Maria Jude of 103 Dighton Ave., Portsmouth, RI, addressed the council. Ms. Jude requested the following letter that was read and sent to the Town Hall to be placed on the council record:

"I first met the first lead Animal Control Officer (ACO) when I stopped by the Bristol Animal Shelter last summer to see about volunteering. My first impressions were of a professional, helpful, and cordial individual. She put me in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator and I started volunteering shortly thereafter. In my time at the Bristol shelter, the ACO demonstrated dedication, professionalism, competency, and integrity. She not only had a compassionate way with the entire team and the animals but also had a keen situational awareness of what was happening at all times. I continually felt safe and supported. The ACO never accepted a dog into the shelter without thoroughly vetting them and feeling one hundred percent confident with their disposition as it related to the safety of the team. To this day I believe this to be true. On May 21, 2023, one of the dogs simply snapped and I was mauled. I fought the best I could for several minutes. Had it not been for the calm and quick actions of the ACO, I truly believe I may not be alive today. She fearlessly and expeditiously put herself in harm's way to end a life-and-death struggle. The ACO skillfully acted with courage and bravery to contain the one-hundred-and-twenty-five-pound dog who was ripping my body to shreds. She put a swift end to the attack and the paramedics arrived shortly thereafter to rush me to Rhode Island Hospital and to surgery. The ACO saved my life. Not only should she be recognized for her heroism, I believe she should receive the highest commendation. I implore you to consider this when making any decisions regarding the ACO's future.

*Sincerely,
Ann-Marie Jude*

P.S. I would love the community at large to be made aware of what an asset the ACO is to the town and for her to perhaps even be awarded publicly for her valor and altruism."

Ms. Jude further noted the letter she wrote was sent on June 12th, and she regretted not sending it earlier; because, she learned after sending the letter that the ACO had been terminated, which greatly saddened and disappointed her. Ms. Jude then requested the town to reconsider their decision regarding the ACO. She mentioned that there is a petition circulating, gathering over 700 signatures, in support of reinstating the ACO.

Deborah Appleyard of 15 Church Street, Bristol, addressed the council. Ms. Appleyard, in relation to the ACO, expressed her thoughts on the matter. Despite being relatively new to the area, she stated that she had personal and medical experiences in Rhode Island; and that her interactions with the animal control officer revealed a unique individual with a calm and personable nature. She noted that given the officer's background as an army combat medic, Ms. Appleyard believed her actions in a recent accident were not surprising and spoke highly of her preparedness and character. Ms. Appleyard wanted to show her support for the ACO, who she learned had been terminated. She acknowledged that she may not be aware of all the details. Nonetheless, as a member of the public, she wished to express her support for the ACO.

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. Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes, May 1, 2023

(CA) AA2. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2023

(CA) AA3. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2023

(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments

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

- (CA) BB1. Tax Assessor DiMeo re Recommended Abatements & Additions - June 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 - June 14, 2023

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

- (CA) DD1. Town of Bristol Proclamation - Declare May 15 - 21 Police Week (signed)
- (CA) DD2. Town of Bristol Proclamation - Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Day (signed)
- (CA) DD3. Citation - Rev. Vander S. Martins, in recognition of his 20th anniversary in the priesthood (signed)
- (CA) DD4. Town of Bristol Proclamation - SS Dion family owned business for 40 years (signed)

(CA) EE. Utility Petitions

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

- (CA) EE1. National Grid - Installing service P35-50 for new service at 429 Chestnut Street
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

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

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

- (CA) FF1. Resolution of the Town of Warren in Support of Legislation Authorizing Financing for School Construction and/or Renovation
- (CA) FF2. Resolution of the Town of Barrington - Celebrating the Month of June as Barrington Pride Month, Honoring LGBTQIAP + Residents and Centering on Trans Youth

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

- (CA) GG1. Town Administrator Contente to First Student, Inc., re award Bid# 1014 - Student Bus Transportation Services
- (CA) GG2. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1011 - Renovations to Walley School
- (CA) GG3. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1013 - Central Street Improvements
- (CA) GG4. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1014 - School Bus Transportation Services
- (CA) GG5. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1015 - Charter Bus Transportation Services
- (CA) GG6. Town Administrator Contente to JML Excavation, Inc., re award Bid# 1013 - Central Street Improvements
- (CA) GG7. Town Administrator Contente to Malec Tree Service, re award Bid# 1008 - Municipal Tree Maintenance and Stump Grinding

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

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

- (CA) HH1. Conservation Commission Meeting, June 6, 2023
- (CA) HH2. Zoning Board of Review 2nd Amended Meeting, June 5, 2023
- (CA) HH3. Harbor Commission Meeting, June 5, 2023
- (CA) HH4. Conservation Commission Amended Meeting, June 6, 2023

- (CA) HH5. Department of Community Development Public Notice - Phase II Stormwater Annual Reports for Permit Year 17-19 (2020 - 2022)
- (CA) HH6. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting, June 8, 2023
- (CA) HH7. Historic District Commission Meeting June 13, 2023
- (CA) HH8. Commissioners of the Cemeteries North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting, June 14, 2023
- (CA) HH9. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting, June 15, 2023
- (CA) HH10. CRMC - 15 Day Public Notice per replacement and revision of the Army Corps of Engineers RI General Permit for a standard period of 5 years

(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. David Patton, 11 Wilson Street, 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 9:28 pm.

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk