

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - FEBRUARY 10, 2016

PRESENT: Calouro, Sweeney, Parella (arrived at 7:03 o'clock PM), Stuart, and Herreshoff

ALSO PRESENT: Antonio A. Teixeira, Town Administrator
Amy Goins, Esq., Assistant Town Solicitor
A. Archie Martins, Town Sergeant

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening, February 10, 2016, in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, beginning at 7:01 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

MOTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA - TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda withholding Consent Agenda items GG1 through GG5 and to combine these with agenda item F1.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Stuart requested that Consent Agenda items GG1 through GG5 might be withheld from the Consent Agenda and that these might be combined with agenda item F1.

A. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. Town Council Meeting - January 6, 2016 (final version)

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

2. Town Council Special Meeting - January 12, 2016 (final version)

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

3. Town Council Meeting - January 27, 2016

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

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4. Town Council Special Meeting - February 3, 2016
(action items only)

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

Prior to the votes taken, Council Chairman Calouro opened the public hearing.

Speaking in favor of the transfer was Mr. Glynn. He reported that he has been working on this project for four months and that he is in the restaurant business his "whole life;" operating already in the Town of Warren (Kitchen & Drinks). He added that he is a resident of Warren also.

Mr. Glynn noted that this restaurant on State Street will have a different concept from his Warren establishment and that the menu will be "entrée style" serving "traditional American fare."

Council Chairman Calouro noted that the floor plan calls for a new bar to be constructed having ten seats.

Mr. Glynn agreed that his concept requires ten bar seats.

A discussion ensued regarding the unpaid invoices from the Persimmon creditors.

Mr. Glynn noted that he plans to close at 9 or 10 o'clock PM and reported that he does not envision that his customers will purchase 5 or 6 drinks each for \$10 apiece.

He explained that he wishes to have 10 bar seats so that the patrons will be able to witness the "craft" of the mixing of drinks.

Councilman Herreshoff noted that the reported invoices owed by Persimmon were relatively small. He asked to know if Mr. Spiedel plans to pay these invoices.

Mr. Glynn reported that he has been assured by Mr. Speidel's legal counsel that the matter will be resolved.

Councilman Herreshoff noted that the Council will likely make the resolution of the outstanding bills a condition of the transfer of the license.

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Councilwoman Parella expressed concern about calling the establishment a "tavern" since this may be a connotation for a drinking establishment. She noted that it "struck her" that the paperwork seems to indicate a midnight closing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She explained that she would rather allow a closing time of 11:00 PM maximum on those days.

A discussion ensued regarding the number of bar seats allowed and the closing time with Assistant Solicitor Goins informing the Council that the applicable ordinance specifies an closing time of no later than 11:00 o'clock PM and no more than six bar seats.

A discussion ensued about the fact that some other establishments have more than six bar seats with Assistant Solicitor Goins explaining that some of these may be "grandfathered" since the establishments were in business prior to the adoption of the more restrictive ordinance.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the ordinance regarding the number of bar seats was amended recently and that the previous ordinance was even more restrictive; allowing for service bars only.

Mr. Glynn asked to know if the ordinance may be changed.

Councilwoman Parella expressed concern that changing the ordinance "may open Pandora's box" and that it took a long time to raise the limit from zero seats to six.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that Mr. Glynn may prefer to leave the ordinance alone and install "high-top" near the bar instead.

Mr. Glynn responded that he does not believe that high-top tables will work as a substitution for the bar seats.

Mr. Glynn informed the Council that he can assure its honorable body that he plans to have no late-night parties and no binge drinking. He added that he wishes to put forth his new concept and that he does not wish for his customers to think about the establishment as "Persimmon."

Council Chairman Calouro stated that the assertions concerning the bar regulations as noted by Councilwoman Parella are correct.

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Councilman Stuart agreed with Council Chairman Calouro and stated the ordinance was initially changed to allow bar seating for the now defunct Hourglass Brasserie.

Councilman Sweeney stated that he supports Mr. Glynn's plan and is prepared to change the ordinance to accommodate it since he knows that the establishment will be "first class." He asked to know how much each bar seat "brings-in."

Mr. Glynn replied that his business plan indicates that each bar seat will bring in \$25,000-\$30,000 annually. He added that the bar seating was intended as "part of the atmosphere" and that he wishes his establishment to be aesthetically pleasing and that the seating complements his concept.

Councilwoman Parella stated that this would be a discussion for another time and that the Council has consistently limited other establishments.

Mr. Glynn informed the Council that the Town of Warren appears to have no issue with the number of bar seats and that he believes that other establishments in Bristol have greater than six seats at their bars. He added that he was unaware that there was an ordinance regarding the number of seats.

No other testimony was provided in favor of the petition and no remonstrance was presented in opposition to the petition.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the Council should be specific about the number of seats allowed if it agrees to transfer the license.

C. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #2016-01 (as amended), Chapter 27, Taxation, Article I, In General, Section 27-12, Tax exemption for renewable energy systems (provide exemption for certain renewable energy property improvements), **1st reading**

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2016-01 (as amended). Advertise in local newspaper.

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Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if this ordinance is in accordance with State law with Assistant Solicitor Goins responding that it does.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if this also considers "windmills" with Assistant Solicitor Goins noting that the type of allowable devices are likely defined by State law also.

Assistant Town Solicitor Goins noted that the Supreme Court ruling concerning this matter was still very new and that the Solicitor's office is still reviewing it.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that the tax exemption will allow those wishing to install renewable energy devices to make easier calculations of costs since they would not be taxed on them.

D. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. Champe Speidel, for The Persimmon Group LLC, d/b/a Persimmon, 31 State Street - request for transfer of Class BV Intoxicating Beverage License to: Samuel Glynn, for Toasted Bun Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Statesman Tavern, 31 State Street (see agenda item B1 above)

It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action concerning this agenda item took place in combination with agenda item B1 as found above.

2. Samuel Glynn, d/b/a Statesman Tavern, 31 State Street - request for Victualling License
 - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Acting Fire Chief (approve)

Stuart/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies; with hours of operation to be set at Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday from 4 until 10 o'clock PM and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4 until 11 o'clock PM.

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3. Samuel Glynn, d/b/a Statesman Tavern, 31 State Street - request for Sidewalk Use License
 - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance Coordinator (deny)
 - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works (approve)

Herreshoff/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to deny this license.

4. Samuel Glynn, d/b/a Statesman Tavern, 31 State Street - request for Sidewalk Alcohol Service License
 - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Acting Fire Chief (approve)
 - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works (approve)

Herreshoff/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to deny this license.

5. Janet Maloney, for Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, 127 State Street - request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License, April 8, 2016
 - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Acting Fire Chief (approve)

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendations received.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk noted the receipt of a recommendation from the Chief of Police.

Fire Marshal DeMello noted that the petitioner should call to arrange an inspection once the room is set up and prior to the commencement of the event.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the timing of this may be difficult with the Fire Marshall also suggesting that a floor plan of the tables may be provided in advance for his review and approval.

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6. Joao Medeiros, for St. Elizabeth's Church, 577 Wood Street - request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License, March 12, 2016

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendations received at the meeting

(Meeting notes of discussion from agenda item 5 above also applies to this petition)

E. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS

F. PETITIONS - OTHER

1. Peter Hewett, (11 Wendy Drive) - request for Council consideration and adoption of Resolution in Opposition to Governor Raimondo's Rhodeworks Plan to Fund State Infrastructure Repairs by Issuing Bonds, Erecting Toll Gantries and Tolling Trucks (draft resolution attached)

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor.

Prior to the vote taken, it was noted that the discussion regarding this agenda item also includes agenda items GG1-GG5 as found below.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he understands that this is a fait accompli and that this is sometimes the problem with laws. He added that the revenue projection of the tolls is based upon trucks and perhaps these same trucks will avoid driving through the State once the tolls are being collected. He added that he believes that the toll plan is anti-business.

Councilman Herreshoff noted that the tolls to be collected are intended for bridge repairs and that there is a bond issue for \$300 million also anticipated. He suggested that the entire matter is in need of further discussion.

Mr. Hewett reported that he was not in attendance for the hearings at the Statehouse and that the plan calls for borrowing and 14 tolling locations with the revenue intended for bridge

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repairs and maintenance. He further explained that this would impact certain in-state and out-of-state truckers.

Mr. Hewett suggested that the Council should send a letter to the House and Senate regarding the proposal.

Mr. Hewett reported that there were two editorials in the Providence Journal in favor of the tolls and that he was disappointed about this and also that the Journal indicated that they support the Governor's proposal since there is no other pragmatic alternative.

Mr. Hewett stated that there are plans suggested by Senator Stenhouse and Representative Patricia Morgan which would not require tolls and would not cost taxpayers.

Mr. Hewett reported that Rep. Morgan examined the State budget and "carved-out" \$875 million from it. He explained that these funds can be reallocated to bridge repairs and that bridge repairs should be among the State's highest priorities. He suggested that all involved should perform their due diligence on this matter and that it should not become "more business as usual."

Mr. Hewett stated that the plan to have tolls should be stopped since this practice appears to be anti-business and that Rhode Island is in the bottom 40-50 of all pro-business categories. He added that the citizens will already be taxed to pay for the proposed bonds and that truckers will increase the cost of goods transported for sale in order to compensate for the tolls.

Mr. Hewett suggested that the Council should make a determination on the merits of this proposal and communicate same on behalf of the citizens of the Town and that Councilors owe it to their constituents oppose the tolls and to place this opposition on the record. He added that he would find the Council derelict in its duty if it fails to act in the best interest of the Town.

Mr. Hewett also suggested that the Council's opposition to the tolls should be communicated to both the General Assembly and Governor Raimondo.

Mr. Hewett stated that the State of Rhode Island "is going nowhere fast" due to the policies of the General Assembly and the Governor and that he plans to leave the state if these policies do not change.

Councilman Sweeney stated that he agrees with Mr. Hewett that the State's infrastructure is "deplorable." He explained that he is unfamiliar with the details of the Governor's plan and that he would like to research this plan. He asked to know if there is a maintenance plan for the future. He added that the current problems seem to be attributable to deferred maintenance.

Mr. Hewett informed the Council that he spoke to Representative Gallison regarding the proposal as provided by Representative Morgan and that he (Representative Gallison) believes that Representative Morgan may have "double counted" some of the figures in her proposal inadvertently. Mr. Hewett reported that he cannot speak to the accuracy of Representative Morgan's proposal. He offered to e-mail the "short list" from "stop-tolls.com."

Councilman Herreshoff thanked Mr. Hewett for his comments.

Councilwoman Parella noted that there are several alternative plans proposed by persons who do not favor the toll plan. She stated that she was unaware of how it would be possible to undertake a massive bridge repair project without capital borrowing. She also asked to know if some vital services would be cut as a result of the plan proposed by Representative Morgan.

She noted that truckers will likely already pay more due to the tax on diesel fuel and that there is a need for anyone who would comment on either plan to go over them in detail.

Councilwoman Parella commented that she knows that Representative Morgan did a great deal of work on her proposal but that she (Councilwoman Parella) is uncertain about how Representative Morgan's plan would impact other state services. She added that "this is a huge issue."

Councilwoman Parella explained that she is also aware that the members of the General Assembly who are voting on the proposal did in-fact sit through hearings and that Councilmembers did not do that. She added that it is typically unwise to make a decision solely upon what one hears or reads in the media. She also added that it is unfair to assert that the Council is derelict in its duties.

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Mr. Hewett stated that he would consider the Council to be derelict if it were to remain idle when a "pragmatic alternative" seems to exist. He agreed to provide a copy of Representative Morgan's plan.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the Council does not have a say in the matter nor did it attend any of the explanatory hearings.

Mr. Hewett suggested that the Council would be derelict if it does not weigh-in.

Councilman Stuart stated that he has asked his General Assembly colleagues to do their due diligence in this matter and also that he regularly watches Capitol TV. He noted that there will likely be a bond issue for some capital borrowing to repair bridges and that the parties must be realistic.

Councilman Stuart suggested that the resolution proposed by Mr. Hewett might be referred to the Town Solicitor since he (Councilman Stuart) cannot support it as currently written.

Council Chairman Calouro agreed with Councilman Stuart and stated that he would not sign the resolution if the Town Solicitor did not first review the document.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he agrees with Councilman Stuart and Mr. Hewett and that it is appropriate for the Council to think about this issue even though it has no authority over it.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he is uncertain if Governor Raimondo's plan is correct and that he is also interested in the proposal of Representative Morgan which would possibly "rearrange our dollars" by re-prioritizing the State's spending. He added that he was interested in learning more about the proposal of Representative Morgan and that all have to be careful to know how such a plan may set future spending philosophy.

Mr. Hewett noted "in essence" that his proposal is to inform the State that it should not act on the tolls and bonding when there is a viable, pragmatic approach elsewhere.

2. Patrick T. and Gail C. Conley, One Bristol Point Road - request for installation of street light on Monkey Wrench Lane

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Herreshoff/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to continue this matter to the meeting of March 9, 2016.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff stated that he and Town Administrator Teixeira had a "field trip" to the subject area and were in agreement that a street light may be needed near the entrance to the Sisters of St. Dorothy property. He explained that he had a follow-up visit and determined that the Sisters have their own light further up the drive and that this may be adequate by itself. He added that he now believes that it may be advisable to place a light nearby the street corner.

Council Chairman Calouro stated that he does not object to the installation of a new street light if this is found to be necessary, but he would prefer if the parties would wait until the transaction to acquire the street lights from National Grid was completed.

Town Administrator Teixeira explained that he received a list of the lights in question from National Grid and that the police department is confirming the list. He also explained that the Town Solicitor is examining the purchase agreement as to its legal form.

Sarah Pardee of 18 Monkey Wrench Lane informed the Council that she just learned about the idea to install a new street light and explained that she objects to its installation since the new light would be in front of her house and reflect directly into its windows. She added that she believes that the ambiance of Monkey Wrench Lane will be disturbed by the light and that it is unnecessary. Ms. Pardee suggested that the money to purchase and maintain the light may be better spent on maintaining the culvert which is under the road since this has not been cleaned.

Council Chairman Calouro suggested that Ms. Pardee should speak to Town Administrator Teixeira about her concerns.

Ms. Pardee added that she is also aware that her neighbor also objects to the installation of a new light since this light would illuminate her lawn.

Councilman Sweeney asked to know when the Town would move toward the conversion of the street lights to LED lights.

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Town Administrator Teixeira explained that the police department is verifying the number and location of the existing lights on the third shift and that he should be receiving a report by Friday. He explained that the list contains 2049 lights.

Council Chairman Calouro asked to know if the Town needs 2049 lights.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to receive a report on the projected savings of the light conversion project.

3. Rev. Henry P. Zinno, Jr., Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 141 State Street - request for use of Town Common, July 10 - 17, 2016

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to grant this petition based upon the recommendation received at the meeting and subject to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that there is a set of regulations pending regarding alcohol sale/use on public property. He suggested that these regulations should be finalized prior to this year's season of outdoor activities.

A discussion ensued about requiring a third-party caterer to serve/sell liquor on Town property.

Councilman Stuart noted that the matter should be addressed and resolved.

Councilman Sweeney suggested that rules should be crafted so that these may be applied fairly.

Councilwoman Parella noted that Town sponsored events are different than those sponsored by other entities.

4. Ronald L. Walpole, 30 Bay View Avenue - request for accessible parking space in front of residence, **1st reading**
 - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works (approve)

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Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of a request for an accessible parking space and to continue this matter until the meeting of March 9, 2016 for second reading.

5. Tanya Kieron on behalf of Janice Kieron, 90 Union Street - request for removal of accessible parking space, **1st reading**

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works (approve)

Sweeney/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of a request to remove an accessible parking space and to continue this matter until the meeting of March 9, 2016 for second reading.

G. APPOINTMENTS

1. Public Service Appointments

- a. Assistant Harbormaster

1. James Vieira, 181 Mt. Hope Avenue - interest/appointment

It is hereby noted for the record that Assistant Solicitor Goins reported that Mr. Vieira has withdrawn his application.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Treasurer Goucher re Report on Maritime Center Capital Project, **continued from January 27, 2016**

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to continue this matter until the meeting of March 9, 2016.

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Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro reported that since Town Treasurer Goucher was not present this evening he would like for the matter to be continued.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he would like to have a budget report on this project and to also learn about a small recent grant regarding the project.

Director of Community Development Williamson stated that she would provide this information to Town Treasurer Goucher.

I. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

1. Stephan Brigidi, (93 Highland Road) re Industry Trends of Hospitality

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to receive and place this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff noted that the graphic illustrations were difficult to understand since these were provided in black and white.

The Clerk explained that the original report was provided in color and that he would deliver color copies to the Council.

Councilman Stuart thanked Mr. Brigidi for his report.

2. Council Clerk Cirillo to Director of Community Development Williamson re Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that she is informed that the recommendation of the CDBG State Committee has been on the Governor's desk since December. She also reported that she called the State about this recently and that there was apparently no change to the status.

Director of Community Development Williamson explained that she is informed that it may be possible to "shake loose" funds in emergency situations and that she sent an e-mail on behalf of the Bristol Housing Authority.

Councilman Stuart expressed concern that there is no time line and that he finds this situation difficult to understand.

Director of Community Development Williamson noted that it was not unusual for delays in these cases.

Councilman Stuart suggested that the State should have a "standard policy" for the CDBG. He added that it would be helpful for everyone involved if the grant was announced at the same time every year since many communities are depending upon the grant funding.

J. BILLS & EXPENDITURES

1. RFP #MPA-3 - Professional Architectural Services for Feasibility Study for the Walley School

Herreshoff/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 proposals as received:

Brewster Thornton Group	Providence, RI	\$14,000.00
Durkee, Brown, Viveiros & Werenfels	Providence, RI	\$20,425.00
GMI Architects	Bristol, RI	\$19,000.00

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that since this is a professional service, the Town is not compelled to select the low bidder.

Town Administrator Teixeira reported that he plans to evaluate all of the proposals received in order to determine the best value.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that the intention of the project is to determine ways to make the building "habitable."

K. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. William Gosselin, Warren Director, Bristol County Water Authority (BCWA) re Monthly Report for February

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

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Stuart commented that he was interested to read that Ms. Marchand and Mr. Booth met with East Providence officials. He added that the discussions with East Providence are "crucial" and that he intends to pay close attention to these discussions.

Peter Hewett of 11 Wendy Drive asked to know if any progress had been made with East Providence.

Councilman Herreshoff noted that there were several meetings and that nothing has happened in seven or eight years. He suggested that the project/discussions should be "pushed."

Mr. Hewett asked to know if East Providence objects to a water connection with Pawtucket with Councilman Herreshoff responding that there have been objections in the past.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know why there are water rate increases with Mr. Hewett explaining that these increases were forecast previously by Ms. Marchand.

L. TOWN SOLICITOR

1. Town Solicitor Ursillo re Revaluation Legislation
 - a. (draft) Legislation re proposed amendment permitting Town of Bristol to postpone full revaluation update from 2016 to 2019

Herreshoff/Stuart - Voted unanimously to authorize the Clerk to submit to the local General Assembly delegation for filing the bill entitled "An Amendment to and Act Relating to Assessment of Valuations and Apportionment of Levies in the Town of Bristol"

2. Request for Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(2) litigation - Bristol Warren Regional School District

It is hereby noted for the record that Assistant Solicitor Goins informed the Council that there was no new information regarding this matter so therefore there was no Executive Session.

M. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

1. Calouro

a. Snow Storm and Website Announcements - Council Chairman Calouro observed that the last snowstorm was "wacky" and thanked the various departments for their work in restoring order after the storm. He also noted that the Town website was unclear regarding the parking ban and asked to know if this could be clarified in the future.

Council Chairman Calouro asked Town Administrator Teixeira to report at the next meeting about this and also to find a way to provide a more obvious message on the website regarding rubbish collection schedule changes.

Councilwoman Parella observed that some websites have "red banners" announcing parking bans. She suggested that the Town website might have a "red banner."

Councilwoman Parella also observed that the last parking ban was instituted rather quickly and suggested that the Town might provide more notice before a parking ban will go into effect.

Town Administrator Teixeira explained that the School District made a late decision to close schools and that parking bans are typically arranged with the need to have parking for schools in mind.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she still believes that there should be more notice regardless of the late decision of the schools.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know the procedure for fallen tree limbs with Public Works Director McBride explaining that residents should leave these by the side of the road. He added that his department will be removing the limbs once the snow is cleared.

2. Sweeney

a. Cancer Fundraising - Councilman Sweeney reported that there will be a fundraising activity at Bristol

Total Fitness to benefit the American Cancer Society. He explained that the event will be held on March 6, 2016 from 9:00 o'clock AM until 12:00 o'clock noon and that interested parties may learn more at www.pedaltoendcancer.org

3. Parella

a. St. Valentine's Day - Councilwoman Parella observed the approach of St. Valentine's Day and offered holiday greetings to those present.

b. Cold Weather Warning - Councilwoman Parella noted that the current weather may be the coldest of this year's winter season and suggested that residents should help their neighbors.

4. Stuart

a. Councilwoman Parella's Birthday - Councilman Stuart noted that today is Councilwoman Parella's birthday and wished her a happy birthday on behalf of those present.

b. Yellow Dot Program - Councilman Stuart noted an initiative called the "yellow dot" program; explaining that this is in place in Florida. He suggested that this may be something that will benefit residents.

Town Administrator Teixeira agreed to investigate the program.

c. Police Officer Promotions - Councilman Stuart congratulated the recently promoted police officers.

c. St. Valentine's Day - Councilman Stuart extended Valentine's Day greetings.

d. Thank You - Councilman Stuart extended thanks to Mike Davis and Archie Martins for their assistance this evening.

5. Herreshoff

a. Nautical Almanac - Councilman Herreshoff noted that his nautical almanac reports that the earliest

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sunset this winter was 4:11 o'clock PM and that today's sunset is 5:11 o'clock PM.

b. Street Snow Cleaning - Councilman Herreshoff reported that the cross street appear to be well-cleaned and that he plans to continue emphasis on the cleaning of the sidewalks. He reminded those present of his assertion that it is best to clean sidewalks near 11:00 o'clock AM since this is when the sun melts the snow.

c. Budget Workshops - Councilman Herreshoff noted the approach of the annual Town Council budget workshops and that he plans to hold the line on taxes.

N. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. Best Wishes - Town Administrator Teixeira offered birthday greetings to Councilwoman Parella and also wished those present a Happy Valentine's Day.

CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM

Consent Agenda Items:

(CA) AA. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES-Boards and Commissions

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

1. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee -
January 11, 2016

(CA) BB. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these adjustments."

1. Tax Assessor/Collector Belair - Recommended
Abatements & Additions for February 2016

(CA) CC. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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1. (Town Treasurer Goucher) re Revenue and Expenditure Statement - February 3, 2016

(CA) DD. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS & CITATIONS

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

(CA) EE. UTILITY PETITIONS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these petitions."

(CA) FF. UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve advertising these Appointments."

1. Public Service Appointments for February

(CA) GG. CITY & TOWN RESOLUTIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED

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

1. Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC, Exeter Town Clerk - request for support of resolution in opposition to Governor's proposed truck toll gantry plan

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor.

2. Anne M. Irons, CMC, Narragansett Town Clerk - request for support of resolution in opposition to Governor's proposed truck toll gantry plan

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor.

3. Tracy A. Nelson, Richmond Town Clerk - request for request for support of resolution in opposition to Governor's proposed truck toll gantry plan

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor.

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4. Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC, Middletown Town Clerk - request for support of resolution in opposition to Governor's proposed truck toll gantry plan

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor.

5. Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Gloucester Town Clerk - request for support of resolution in opposition to Governor's proposed truck toll gantry plan

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor.

(CA) HH. DISTRIBUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Coastal Resources Management Council - Semi-Monthly Meeting, January 26, 2016
2. Cid Harper, Executive Administrative Assistant, Bristol County Water Authority (BCWA) re Letter to the Editor - Flint, MI lead contamination
3. Kevin J. Nelson, Supervising Planner, RI Department of Administration, Statewide Planning Program to Director of Community Development Williamson re Comprehensive Plan Notification of Receipt
4. Borrowing Resolutions (signed copy)
5. Adam Salinaro, 120 Fales Road - interest re reappointment as Assistant Harbormaster (reappointed January 27, 2016)

(CA) II. DISTRIBUTIONS/NOTICE OF MEETINGS
(Office copy only)

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - FEBRUARY 10, 2016

1. Bristol Warren Regional School District -
Schedule of Meetings, Week of January 24, 2016
(revised)
2. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee
Personnel /Contract Negotiations Subcommittee -
January 25, 2016
3. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee -
January 25, 2016
4. Recreation Board - January 27, 2016
5. Fourth of July Committee - Executive Board
Meeting, January 28, 2016
6. Bristol Warren Regional School District -
Schedule of Meetings, Week of January 31, 2016
7. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - RI's
Regional School Districts Meeting, February 8,
2016
8. Bristol Warren Regional School District -
Schedule of Meetings, Week of February 7, 2016
9. North and East Burial Grounds Commission -
February 10, 2016
10. Fourth of July Committee - General Committee
Meeting, February 9, 2016
11. Harbor Commission - February 8, 2016

(CA) JJ. CLAIMS (REFERRALS)

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

1. Elizabeth J. Lemire, 104 Dewolf Avenue - claim
for damages

(CA) KK. CLAIMS (DENIALS)

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to deny these claims and refer same to the Insurance Committee and the Interlocal Trust for response to claimant."

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - FEBRUARY 10, 2016

(CA) LL. CURB CUT PETITIONS AS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC WORKS

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to grant this curb cut per
the recommendation of, and any conditions specified by, the
Director of Public Works."**

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman
Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Stuart and voted unanimously,
the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 9:04
o'clock PM.

Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk