

**TOWN COUNCL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - JANUARY 25, 2017**

PRESENT: Calouro, Sweeney, Tyska, Parella, and Stuart

ALSO PRSENT: Steven Contente, Town Administrator  
Michael A. Ursillo, Esq., Town Solicitor  
A. Archie Martins, Town Sergeant

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening, January 25, 2017 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, beginning at 7:03 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

Prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda, the Chairman recognized a representative of Bristol Troop 6, Boy Scouts of America, who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MOTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA - TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, withholding Consent Agenda item HH3 for further consideration during the "Citizens Public Forum."

**A. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

1. Town Council Meeting - June 15, 2016 (final version)

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

2. Town Council Meeting - July 6, 2016 (final version)

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

3. Town Council Meeting - January 4, 2017 (action items only)

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

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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C. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #2016-17, Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article II, Alcoholic Beverage Establishments, Division 2, License, Section 17-82, Number of licenses (to decrease number of BV limited licenses from 6 to 5), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of Ordinance #2016-17. Advertise in local newspaper.

D. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. Michele Martins, for Bristol Warren Education Foundation, Bodacious Bee Event, One Old Ferry Road - request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License, March 11, 2017
  - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief (approve)
  - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police (approve)

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

E. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS

F. PETITIONS - OTHER

1. Council Clerk Cirillo re request for removal of "Accessible Parking" space across from 82 Washington Street, **2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the second reading for approval for the removal of an accessible parking space. Inform Public Works Department.

G. APPOINTMENTS

1. Public Service Appointments-January

a. Harbormaster

1. Gregg Marsili, 9 Etelvina Court - interest/reappointment

- a. Recommendation - Former Town Administrator

Councilman Sweeney nominated Harbormaster Marsili for reappointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Harbormaster Marsili with term to expire in January, 2018.

b. Assistant Harbormasters (9)

1. Daniel Blount, 136 Mt. Hope Avenue - interest/reappointment
2. David F. Guertin, 38 Byfield Street - interest/reappointment
3. Thomas J. Guthlein, 15 Elmwood Drive - interest/reappointment
4. Alan Leach, 25 Pawtucket Avenue - interest/reappointment
5. Scott D. Marino, 131 Mulberry Road - interest/reappointment
6. John Motta, 87 Perry Street - interest/reappointment

- i. Recommendation - Harbormaster

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Councilman Stuart nominated Messrs. Blount, Guertin, Guthlein, Marino, Motta, Salinaro, Frattarelli, Lombardo and Leach for reappointment per the recommendation of the Harbormaster.

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot each in favor of Messrs. Blount, Guertin, Guthlein, Marino, Motta, Salinaro, Frattarelli, Lombardo and Leach for reappointment per the recommendation of the Harbormaster, for the term to expire in January 2018.

c. Auxiliary Harbormasters (8)

1. George A. Gatos, 55 State Street - interest/reappointment
2. Patrick Guthlein, 15 Elmwood Drive - interest/reappointment
3. Andrew Mulvey, 3 Tina Court - interest/reappointment
4. Joseph Simeone, 42 Roosevelt Drive - interest/reappointment
5. William Teixeira, 48 Walley Street - interest/reappointment
6. Matt DeWolf, 16 Ridge Road - interest/appointment
7. Nathan Gallison, 39 Ansonia Avenue - interest/reappointment

i. Recommendation - Harbormaster

Councilman Stuart nominated Messrs. Gallison, Gatos, Alix, Teixeira, Medeiros, Guthlein, Simeone, and Mulvey, per the recommendation of the Harbormaster, for appointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

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Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Messrs. Gallison, Gatos, Alix, Teixeira, Medeiros, Guthlein, Simeone, and Mulvey, per the recommendation of the Harbormaster, for the term to expire in January 2018.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to interview Mr. DeWolf at a time convenient to the parties.

- d. Tree Warden
  - 1. Steven Saracino, 219A Queens River Drive, W. Kingston - interest/reappointment
    - a. Recommendation - Former Town Administrator
  - 2. Michael King, 19 Cedar Drive - interest/appointment

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to interview these candidates on February 13, 2017.

- e. (Police Chief Canario) re Recommended Special Constables, Private Investigators, Matrons and Retiree Officers for 2017

Councilman Stuart nominated the slate of Special Constables, Private Investigators, Matrons, and Retiree Officers as recommended by the Chief of Police.

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot each in favor of the slate of nominees, as recommended, for the ensuing term.

- f. Board of Tenants' Affairs (2) (terms to expire January 2019)

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1. Pasquale Dalessio, 1014 Hope Street, Apt F9 - not seeking reappointment
2. Donald F. Luminello, Sr., 1014 Hope Street, Apt G4 - interest/reappointment
3. Michele P. Tanner, 1014 Hope Street, Apt J6 - interest/appointment

Councilman Stuart nominated Mr. Luminello for reappointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Luminello for the term to expire in January 2019.

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to set an interview for Ms. Tanner to be held at the convenience of the parties and to send a letter of thanks for service to Mr. Dalessio.

- g. Bristol Housing Authority (term to expire in January 2022)
  1. John E. Faria, 1039 Hope Street - interest/reappointment
    - a. Recommendation - M. Candace Pansa, Executive Director, Bristol Housing Authority
    - b. Recommendation - Rose Arpaia, President, Benjamin Church Manor Tenants' Association

Councilman Stuart nominated Mr. Faria for reappointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Faria for the term to expire in January 2022.

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h. CRMC Alternate

1. John B. Troiano III, 707 Hope Street - interest/reappointment

Councilman Sweeney nominated Mr. Troiano for reappointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Troiano for the ensuing term.

- i. (Ann Marie Roy and Maria Ursini, Co- Coordinators, Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force) - Proposed Membership List for 2017-2019

Councilman Stuart nominated the slate of candidates for membership as proposed.

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot each in favor of the slate of candidates as proposed for the ensuing term.

- j. Personnel Board (term to expire December 2020)

1. Renee Bilotti, 3 Leila Jean Drive - interest/reappointment

Councilman Stuart nominated Ms. Bilotti for reappointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Ms. Bilotti with term to expire in December 2020.

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- k. Council Clerk Cirillo re Bristol Warren Regional Joint Finance Committee
  1. Town Administrator Contente re Appointment to Joint Finance Committee

Councilman Sweeney nominated Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Tyska, Councilwoman Parella and Councilman Stuart to serve on the Joint Finance Committee.

There were no counter nominations.

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Tyska, Councilwoman Parella and Councilman Stuart for the ensuing term.

*It is hereby noted for the record that Council Chairman Calouro is a member of the Joint Finance Committee by virtue of his office as Chairman. It is also noted that Town Administrator Contente appointed himself to serve on the Joint Finance Committee.*

1. (Maria Ferreira, Secretary, Fourth of July Committee) - Proposed Additional Members for 2016-2017

Councilman Sweeney nominated the slate of additional members as proposed for appointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot each in favor of the slate of additional members, as proposed, for the ensuing term.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Domenic Franco, Chairman, Harbor Commission re Non-Profit Mooring Fees, **continued from December 14, 2016**
  - a. Harbormaster Marsili re Non-Profit Moorings



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Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to forward this matter to a workshop to be held on a date to be determined.

Prior to the vote taken, Harbormaster Marsili suggested that the Council has two options concerning this matter; keep these moorings at the current commercial rate or to establish a new rate that would be clearly defined. He suggested that this new rate might be made available to those bona-fide non-profit boating instruction agencies which provide service to a proportion of Bristol residents of at least 75%. He also suggested that the rate might be "in between" the residential and commercial rates, perhaps \$180.

Harbormaster Marsili cautioned that he is already getting inquiries from other non-profit entities and that these entities are also seeking relief from the established fees.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she likes the idea of defining an additional class within the fee structure adding that she was unsure about the reasonableness of the recommended fee.

Councilman Sweeney stated that the Council should be certain about what position it takes and that it should also be consistent. He suggested that the Town might review the finances of the requesting agency and also determine if the 75% rule is doable.

Councilman Tyska suggested that the ordinance may need clarification and also that the rate structure needs consideration as part of the broader picture. He added that there are other opportunities for residents which might be rolled into the conversation.

Nicholas Cromwell of 649 Hope Street informed the Council that he represents the Bristol Sailing Foundation. He agreed to share the agency's financial statement and noted that he previously requested that his agency might be charged the residential rate as it had been in the past and not a new intermediate rate.

Mr. Cromwell noted that his agency runs a deficit which must be supplemented through fundraising and donations. He added that most of his agency's funding is used to pay high school and college-aged instructors and that it would be necessary to cut this expense in order to pay the higher fee.

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Mr. Cromwell also noted that he does not believe that his agency serves a population of 75% Bristol residents and that the families of the students from the neighboring Towns who attend the foundations program provide value to the Town in terms of purchasing at shops and eating in restaurants.

Mr. Cromwell provided a "screen shot" of the harbor where the moorings are located and speculated that the quantity of these moorings would have to be reduced if larger commercial vessels were to occupy them. He reminded the Council that the boats used by the foundation are comparatively small (16-22 feet long) and take up a small amount of harbor acreage where commercial vessels would likely be 30 feet long and take up more space.

Mr. Cromwell suggested that the special category might specifically be defined to assure that the use of the mooring directly supports the mission of the non-profit entity. He added that it would not be suitable, for example, for a non-profit entity to hold a mooring at a preferred rate if it was renting that mooring for commercial gain.

Councilman Sweeney stated that he is concerned that taxpayers will not have to make up the difference in revenue.

Mr. Cromwell stated that the ordinance language should be made to prevent profit-making on the discounted moorings and that any entity requesting the non-profit rate must comply with this rule.

Councilman Stuart asked to know why Mr. Cromwell is not recommending an intermediate rate rather than a residential rate.

Mr. Cromwell stated that having only a residential rate and a commercial rate makes updating the rates less complicated. He added that his group would be amenable to a special rate also and suggested that this might be 110% of the residential rate.

Councilwoman Parella stated that Mr. Cromwell makes a good point about keeping things easy.

Councilman Tyska observed that the difference between the residential rate and the commercial rate in this particular case appears to be \$3000.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the \$3000 was never in the Town's revenue since the Foundation paid only the residential rate in the past.

Mr. Cromwell stated his intention to get the Foundation more involved in the community and in particular the middle and high schools. He added that he is looking for the opportunity to establish a partnership with these schools.

Dana Clough of 20 Academy Avenue informed the Council that she is affiliated with the Herreshoff Marine Museum's sailing instruction program and that the program also experiences financial deficits. She noted that the Museum maintains eight (8) "education based" moorings which will cost the Museum \$1300 more using the commercial rate.

Council Chairman Calouro suggested that this matter might be better discussed at a special meeting.

2. Director of Community Development Williamson re Status Update on Solar Project - Former Landfill and Town Buildings (**referred for report, December 14, 2016**)

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to request that the Town Treasurer might define a funding source for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to cover consulting fees provided, however, that the Town of Barrington agrees to share in the cost of same.

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson referred to her memorandum and reported that sixteen (16) proposals were submitted. She added that these proposals each contain complex financial structures and that there appears to be need to obtain the advice of an expert to wade through them.

Director of Community Development Williamson also reported that the State recommends that the proposals might be vetted and negotiated with the advice of a consultant. She added that the State estimates that the cost of the consultant will be \$10-20,000 and that it would be possible for the Town to share this cost with the Town of Barrington.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that she is looking for a funding source for the Town's share and also that she has a draft RFP.

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Councilman Tyska suggested that it may be advisable to require the bidders to resubmit using a standard form. He also suggested that this may lessen the time necessary for the consultant.

Public Works Director McBride noted that it would be helpful to have the consultant determine what the Town should be looking for. He explained that there was an attempt to build a matrix based upon the 16 submissions and that it was impossible to do so.

Public Works Director McBride added that the cost of a consultant would be well spent since the projects are intended to last twenty years and that the value of the projects may be quite large; especially the one involving the former landfill property since this is very substantial.

Council Chairman Calouro stated that the complexity of the project and the need to move quickly seems to reinforce the need to have a knowledgeable expert review the proposals

A discussion ensued regarding the RFP with Director of Community Development Williamson confirming that the State provides a draft RFP for the consultant.

Councilman Sweeney asked to know if the Town of Barrington was willing to share in the expense with Director of Community Development Williamson responding that Barrington will issue a similar RFP.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed to e-mail Council members the draft RFP.

After the vote taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo reported that the Town of South Kingstown is reaping significant financial benefits for its solar energy project and their agreement was negotiated by a consultant.

**I. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION**

1. Joseph Diniz, President, Bristol Veterans Council  
re Veterans Issues

Tyska/Parella - Voted unanimously to make any and all accommodations to allow for the installation of a "Chair of Honor," referring same to the Town Administrator to act in the best interest of the Town.

Parella/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer the matter of providing a suitable space for a memorial to Recreation Director Burke and Town Administrator Contente to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the votes taken, Gerry Payette of 1 Celia Court, representing the Veterans Council requested that the Town set aside space in the Town Hall to house a memorial chair representing those service members who are missing in action.

The Council received a pamphlet concerning this chair program which illustrated the different types of chairs which are available for display.

The Veterans Council will provide the chair and suggested that there might be a suitable ceremony to accept the chair on behalf of the Town, perhaps around Memorial Day.

The Veterans Council also suggested that a monument might be erected in memory of Sgt. P. Andrew McKenna and that this monument might be placed in Thomas Park.

Recreation Director Burke stated that he had some ideas about an appropriate location for the monument and agreed to work with the Veterans Council concerning same.

Councilman Stuart suggested that there may be an opportunity to include a parking lot near the memorial since there has been request for parking in the area.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she was pleased to hear about a possible monument and that she was confident that the Council would be supportive. She suggested that the matter might be referred to Recreation Director Burke and Town Administrator Contente to work on the details of same.

2. Office of Water Resources, Water Quality Certification Program re Application of Roger Williams University, One Old Ferry Road - Phase I of Student Housing Project (deadline to request hearing, January 27, 2017)

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

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Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that she is informed that the project has been withdrawn.

3. Director of Community Development Williamson re RI Energy Challenge Success

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

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the Town "won" the Energy Challenge by obtaining the requisite number of sign-ups. She noted that the Town will obtain the \$5000 grant and that she will be working with National Grid to determine the project.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the project might include the purchase of a solar-powered trash compactor.

4. Director of Community Development Williamson re RI Chapter of the American Planning Association Award

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

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson acknowledged Principal Planner Tanner for his work on behalf of the Town and observed that the award represents a coordinated effort.

Councilman Stuart observed that it is important for the Town to receive recognition for its projects and that hazard mitigation is a complex issue.

5. Director of Community Development Williamson - request for Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5) Lease/Acquisition of Real Property - Gladding Property and Other Property

*It is hereby noted for the record that action on this agenda item took place at the conclusion of the public agenda as found below.*

6. Director of Community Development Williamson re Final Comprehensive Plan Update for Adoption

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- a. 2016 Comprehensive Community Plan (adopted January 12, 2016)

Parella/Stuart - Voted unanimously to adopt the Comprehensive Plan as amended.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro noted that the Council approved this plan previously and that the State provided some questions and that these were answered by the Town. He noted that it is now the obligation of the Town to approve the final plan.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed with Council Chairman Calouro and reported that the State's questions provide more clarity and detail to the plan.

Councilman Tyska suggested that the Town should remain active with the implementation of this plan and that it should not allow it to "sleep."

Director of Community Development Williamson suggested that the Council should remain aware of the Comprehensive Plan as it considers its future capital spending.

Councilman Tyska suggested that the list of projects might be narrowed to a short list of priority items.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed to have this list available when the Council considers the capital budget.

7. Councilman Stuart re Request to Schedule Workshop with Boards and Commissions (April 12 or May 3, 2017)

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to set a meeting for these purposes for May 3, 2017 beginning at 6:00 o'clock PM.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo reported that the Town Solicitor's office will be available to participate on May 3. He explained that the Solicitor will be available to review the Open Meetings Statute and the Access to Public Records Act.

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Councilman Stuart noted that another purpose of the meeting is to allow board and commissions members to provide feedback to the Council and discuss items of mutual interest.

8. Councilman Sweeney re Walley School/Schools on the Common

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

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Sweeney noted that the Arts in Common group has been awarded a grant of \$50,000 from the State Council on the Arts (RISCA). He stated that the grant is to "open the doors" of the Walley School building.

Michael Rich of 363 Norris Avenue, Providence, informed the Council that he is the board chairman of Arts in Common and thanked the Council for its earlier letter of support. He explained that the letter was very helpful toward the group's efforts to obtain the grant from RISCA, adding that the grant requires a 100% match and that his group must now raise those matching funds.

Mr. Rich reported that the building appears to be deteriorating and that the grant will provide his agency with a "running start" toward its repair.

Mr. Rich reported that the first consideration is to retain an architect to work on plans and that the building will require an elevator for access to the second floor and basement levels.

Mr. Rich also reported that he met with Director of Community Development Williamson and Town Administrator Contente regarding a draft lease agreement and that having a long term lease is important to help secure additional funding.

Councilman Sweeney asked Mr. Rich if there is an established timeline with Mr. Rich responding that Roger Williams University will be the "anchor tenant" occupying approximately one-third of the floor space. He added that he hopes to be open in fall of 2017 but that it may take more time to secure the additional funding.

Council Chairman Calouro asked to know if there was further action needed at this time with Town Administrator Contente responding that the lease is in process.



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Councilman Sweeney asked to know if any building repairs are contemplated with Town Administrator Contente responding that the Building Official is evaluating the building and that it may be necessary to complete some repairs to the soffit.

9. Council Chairman Calouro re Prudence Island Ferry Dock Repairs
  - a. (Town Administrator Contente) re Pare Corporation - Ferry Dock 90% Design Drawings
  - b. Councilman Tyska re (draft) Memorandum of Understanding with A & R Marine

Tyska/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator so that he may negotiate a new lease with A & R Marine.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro reported that there have been some conversations with the Town of Portsmouth.

Stephen Antaya, of A & R Marine appeared before the Council. He stated that Portsmouth appears to be concerned regarding the terms of the lease. He added that it appears that Portsmouth would like to be confident that the ferry will remain at the dock prior to it making a commitment regarding sharing in the cost of repairs.

Mr. Antaya noted that the lease states that his company will participate in dock repairs and that he is concerned that these repairs will include the northerly side of the dock which is of no use to his company. He informed the Council that A & R needs only the west side of the dock and the gallows.

Mr. Antaya reported that his operation is controlled by the Public Utilities Commission and perhaps his needs might be better known if the lease was renegotiated.

Mr. Antaya reported that Portsmouth is "fairly comfortable" but they wish to continue with the dialogue. He added that Portsmouth would like to be confident that the ferry service will continue from the dock if they are going to pay for 1/3 of the cost of the repair.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that the memorandum of understanding is only a draft and that it would be up to the Council and Town Administrator to work on the details.

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Council Chairman Calouro added that the dock might also be available for use by RIPTA for the Providence-Newport ferry service previously discussed.

Councilman Tyska stated that the parties would ideally redo the lease and that the resolution would provide Portsmouth with a level of comfort.

Town Administrator Contente reported that he plans to meet with Portsmouth officials. He added that the Pare Engineering estimate to repair the dock is \$262,000 and that the current lease will expire in seven years. He added that the Town appears to be committed to the ferry. He suggested that the repair of the west end of the dock should be the priority so that it can continue to function and be safe.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she thinks it advisable to renegotiate the lease.

Councilman Tyska stated that the resolution was drafted to aid in the discussion.

Mr. Antaya stated that he believes that Portsmouth is looking for more of a "presence" and would like to be assured that their investment will result in ferry service.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the current lease is vague. She asked to know if the lease would require ferry service.

Councilman Stuart stated that he was surprised to learn that of Portsmouth's concerns since the ferry has been served from that location for about 100 years.

Public Works Director McBride noted that the project will need a funding source with Council Chairman Calouro reporting that Town Treasurer Goucher and the Bond Counsel is working on this.

Public Works Director McBride reported that work is progressing on the repair documents.

10. Councilman Tyska re Request for Support of Proposed Legislation Allowing Implementation of a Landing Fee

Tyska/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to support the legislation, as written, and to authorize that this legislation

along with a supporting resolution, be sent to the local General Assembly delegation for introduction to the Legislature.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Tyska reported that provided is draft resolution and that this particular privilege is allowed in the City of Newport and in the towns of New Shoreham and Narragansett.

Councilman Tyska also reported that the funds derived from the landing fee could be used to maintain the Prudence Ferry dock and to provide/improve parking facilities, etc.

Councilman Tyska suggested that the landing fee would be set at \$.35 per passenger landing in Bristol and that the fee would be collected by A & R Marine as part of their passenger ticketing responsibilities and that he estimates revenues to be approximately \$20,000 per years based upon last year's ferry ridership.

Councilman Stuart noted that the Town of Narragansett also charges \$.35 and that he is pleased that Councilman Tyska is recommending the low end of the existing scale. He added that this appears to be a modest amount and agreed that it would provide the Town with assistance toward dock repairs, etc.

Council Chairman Calouro asked Town Solicitor Ursillo how the Town might proceed with Town Solicitor Ursillo explaining that the draft bill legislation and resolution would be provided to the local general assembly delegation who would in turn introduce it into the legislature. He added that it may be necessary for Town representatives to testify before the various House and Senate Committees which will be considering the bill.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if the Town would then have to pass an ordinance to begin collecting the fees with Town Solicitor Ursillo explaining that it would be necessary to have an ordinance in addition to the legislation.

Councilman Sweeney asked to know how the fee would be collected with Councilman Tyska explaining that the ferry company would collect the fee and forward the fee to the Town.

Mr. Antaya suggested that the \$.35 would be a burden on the passengers and added that the Public Utilities Commission recently authorized an increase to the passenger ticket price.

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Councilman Sweeney asked to know the current price of a ticket with Mr. Antaya responding that tickets are \$5.80 round trip.

A discussion ensued.

Councilman Tyska noted that A & R and the Public Utilities raised the rate to increase revenues to support operational cost and that Bristol should be able to do the same thing. He noted that it is not possible for the Town to balance its costs with the lease only and that this would be a suitable mechanism to adjust rates.

Council Chairman Calouro stated that he does not think that \$.35 would be burdensome.

Mr. Antaya suggested that it may be more palatable if the plan for the revenue is known such as improving parking.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she is "torn" on the issue since it appears to be a good way to raise revenue but she is also aware that the ferry is known to enhance downtown businesses and that she wished to support this concept. She also noted that the Council decided some time ago to stop leasing one of the area parking lots and that this decision resulted in less parking available. She suggested that the increase in revenue might be applied toward reopening the closed parking lot or to repair the dock.

Councilwoman Parella also expressed concern that the landing fee might jeopardize the discussions with the Newport/Providence ferry.

Councilman Stuart stated that he believes that the modest fee will not jeopardize the discussions and that the fee will also allow the Town to reinvest the revenue in infrastructure.

Councilwoman Parella stated that it would be preferable to indicate the Town's plan for the revenue.

Town Administrator Contente expressed concern that the fee will hurt the regular ferry users. He noted that the Town does receive revenue from the rental to the ferry service and also for the rented parking spaces. He added that he believes that the timing is "off" for this initiative.

Councilman Tyska stated that the proposed bill will only allow the Town to charge the fee and that the Council would still need to pass an ordinance to collect the fee. He added that it would

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be advisable for the Town to keep its options even if it chooses not to charge the fee right away.

Councilman Tyska noted that after all revenues are considered, the Town still has \$40,000 of cost to own and maintain the dock and that the landing fee would give the Town a bigger stake in the operation.

Council Chairman Calouro agreed that more public dialogue would be necessary before a fee is actually charged and collected and that he is sure that the Council will wish to listen to all sides before making a final determination.

After the vote taken, Councilwoman Parella stated that she voted in favor of the motion since the legislative deadline is approaching and that she wished to assure that the Council's options remained open.

11. Council Clerk Cirillo re (draft) Budget Workshop Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to approve this Budget Workshop schedule changing the start time for all workshop sessions (not including public hearings and meetings) to begin at 6:30 o'clock PM.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Sweeney suggested that the workshop sessions might begin early.

Councilman Stuart expressed concern that the additional time might be wasted if not used efficiently.

J. BILLS & EXPENDITURES

1. Bid #852 - Cooling and Heating Equipment Replacement-Town Hall Vault

Sweeney/Parella - 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 as received:

Name/Address	Base Bid	Alternate #1
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All State Construction Farmington, CT	\$86,443.00	\$97,710.00
Arden Engineering Pawtucket, RI	\$20,810.00	\$45,100.00
Tempotec Mech Providence, RI	\$11,868.00	\$37,250.00
Automatic Temperature Cranston, RI	\$13,911.75	\$38,585.15
G.M. Refrigeration Fall River, MA	\$14,995.00	\$47,500.00

2. Bid #853 - Town-Wide Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Repair & Maintenance

Stuart/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 as received:

Arden Engineering	Pawtucket, RI	\$26,827.00
Tempotec Mech	Providence, RI	\$30,000.00
Automatic Temperature	Cranston, RI	\$15,253.00
G.M. Refrigeration	Fall River, MA	\$18,775.00

K. SPECIAL REPORTS

L. TOWN SOLICITOR

1. Request for Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5) Lease/Sale of Real Property - Town-Owned Land

*It is hereby noted for the record that action on this agenda item took place at the conclusion of the public agenda as found below.*

M. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

1. Calouro

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a. Boards and Commissions - Council Chairman Calouro displayed the Council's application for public service appointments. He encouraged those present to apply for open Board and Commission positions.

2. Sweeney

a. Capital Spending - Councilman Sweeney suggested that the Town might set aside some funding to support future capital projects and minimize the need to appropriate the full amount for large purchase in a single year.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that the Town does do this already and suggested that expanding the practice for may be possible.

b. Recycling Committee - Councilman Sweeney reported that the citizen recycling committee will be meeting to determine ways to increase the Town's recycling rate. He noted that the goal for recycling is 35%.

3. Tyska

a. Boat Building and Repair Courses - Councilman Tyska reported on a collaboration between the Governor's Workforce Board and the Herreshoff Marine Museum. He explained that this collaboration will result in opportunities for 10 Mt. Hope High School students who will participate for ten weeks at ten hours per week and will also earn \$10 per hour.

b. Providence Boat Show - Councilman Tyska reported that the Providence Boat Show will take place from February 3 through 5, 2017.

4. Parella

a. Warren Animal Hospital - Councilwoman Parella congratulated Richard Mello, DVM, who is celebrating fifty years of veterinary service to the animals of Bristol County.

5. Stuart

a. Senior Center - Councilman Stuart noted that the Benjamin Church Senior Center is offering a fostering and pen-pal program to engage senior citizens who may

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be homebound and without association. He suggested that those wishing to participate may call the center.

b. Thanks Participants - Councilman Stuart thanked all who participated in this evening's meeting and specifically recognized Mike Davis and Archie Martins for their services.

N. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) - Town Administrator Contente reported that he recently attended a grant award ceremony where four Bristol arts organizations received grant awards. These are Coggeshall Farm Museum, Linden Place, Bristol Art Museum, and Arts in Common.

2. Hall Spars - Town Administrator Contente reported that he spoke with Hall Spars President and CEO Tom Rossi who remains optimistic that the company will be up and running again soon. He explained that Mr. Rossi informed him that most of Hall's employees have found new employment and are no longer unemployed.

3. Snow Storm - Town Administrator Contente reported that the snow storm which occurred on January 7, 2017 went well and that there were no accidents or injuries resulting.

4. Victor Pacheco de Medeiros, M.D. - Town Administrator Contente noted that passing of long-time physician Dr. de Medeiros who passed away on January 24, 2017. Town Administrator Contente noted that Dr. de Medeiros was the School Department physician for many years and that during his tenure attended every football game to assure the safety of the players.

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CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM

It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action concerning Consent Agenda item HH3 took place during this forum section the record of which appears, in place, as found below.

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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. Historic District Commission - December 1, 2016
2. Harbor Commission - December 12, 2016
3. Harbor Commission - January 9, 2017

(CA) BB. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

(CA) CC. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. (Town Treasurer Goucher) re Revenue and Expenditure Statement - January 18, 2017

(CA) DD. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS & CITATIONS

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

1. Citation - Manuel "Manny" Menezes, 30 Years of Service to Department of Public Works

(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-February

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

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

(CA) HH. DISTRIBUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

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1. Junk and Secondhand Dealer's License Renewals - Late Petitions (granted January 4, 2017)
2. Coastal Resources Management Council - January 2017 Calendar
3. Lynn M. Hawkins, Exeter Town Clerk re Resolution in Opposition of Siting of Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted to instruct the Clerk to draft a resolution of support concerning this matter. Voting in favor of this motion were Council Chairman Calouro, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Tyska and Councilman Stuart. Abstaining from the vote was Councilwoman Parella.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilwoman Parella stated that this issue appears to be controversial and that she is not comfortable taking an official position since all of the facts of the case are not before the Council. She noted that it appears that many people are opposed to the plans for the power plant and that she is not sure if it is a good idea. She added that there are others in an official capacity who must review the facts and make the decision.

Michael Lamoureux of 608 Camp Dixie Road, Pascoag, Rhode Island who explained he represents Burrillville Land Trust addressed the Council. Mr. Lamoureux described the proposed project and noted that is recommended land area is in a rural location surrounded by State parks.

Mr. Lamoureux also noted that Rhode Islanders generally approve open space bonds and questioned why a power plant would be built in a conservation area.

Mr. Lamoureux reported that there was an earlier plan for this type of plant and that it was rejected by the Department of Environmental Management due to its proximity to the State parks.

Mr. Lamouruex also reported that the EFSB Board will make the final decision on the location of the plant and that the Town of Burrillville has been provided with authority for an advisory opinion only and that it has spent \$200,000 on consultants to consider this matter.

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Mr. Lamoureux noted that 22 other communities, Save the Bay, and the Audubon Society of RI have provided objection to the project already and that he anticipates that others will also object.

After the vote taken, the Council heard from William J. Eccleston from 3 Allison Avenue, North Providence and Rhoda-Ann Northup of 85 Summit Street, Cranston, who also offered testimony in opposition to the power plant.

4. Warrant - Raymond P. Payson, Conservation Commission

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

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

1. Bristol County Water Authority - Finance Committee, January 10, 2017
2. Bristol County Water Authority - Policies/ Procedures Review Committee, January 9, 2017
3. Harbor Commission - January 9, 2017
4. Bristol Warren Regional School District - Schedule of Meetings, Week of January 8, 2017
5. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee, January 9, 2017
6. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - January 9, 2017
7. North and East Burial Grounds Commission - January 18, 2017
8. Bristol Warren Regional School District - Schedule of Meetings, Week of January 15, 2017
9. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee, January 17, 2017
10. Fourth of July Committee - January 17, 2017

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11. Fourth of July Committee - Fundraiser Subcommittee, February 1, 2017
12. Bristol County Water Authority - Board of Directors, January 19, 2017
13. Bristol County Water Authority - Public Hearing, February 2, 2017
14. Bristol Warren Regional School District - Schedule of Meetings, Week of January 22, 2017
15. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Personnel/Contract Subcommittee, January 23, 2017
16. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee, January 23, 2017
17. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - January 23, 2017
18. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee, January 26, 2017

(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."**

(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."**

(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."**

(CA) MM. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these items."**

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Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a)(5) concerning the sale/lease or acquisition of real property at 9:31 o'clock PM.

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to resume open session and seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 10:09 o'clock PM.

Council Chairman Calouro announced that action was taken in Executive Session.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Stuart, seconded by Councilman Sweeney and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 10:10 o'clock PM.

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Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk