

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

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

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening, May 23, 2018 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, beginning at 7:01 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

**PRESENTATION**

Emily Spence, HEZ Coordinator re Summer Camp

Prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda, the Council heard from Emily Spence regarding a Summer Camp initiative which will take place on the Town Common. She noted that the camp will be co-sponsored by the Mt. Hope Church, the South Coast Community Church and the Health Equity Zone (HEZ) program.

Ms. Spence noted that the camp will take place in August and will feature a week-long program of activities. She added that the camp is designed to help children make good choices and that she hopes to include the Fire and Police Departments.

She introduced camp volunteers Dayona Clemens and Sean Smith.

The Council also heard from Rev. Smith, pastor of the South Coast Community Church who explained that he learned that children playing in the vicinity of the Town Common have been solicited by drug dealers which is of great concern to him. Pastor Smith also explained that this camp is not intended to be a Christian Bible study group and that it is not religious oriented but rather that the group wishes to "team up with the community" to offer a meaningful program for families.

Ms. Spence explained that there will be 25 volunteers supervising 75 campers and that the children-campers will be admitted at no charge and will also receive a free meal. She also explained that the program is intended to serve children from 6-12 years.

Councilman Stuart commended the volunteers for their interest in the program.

Councilman Tyska asked to know what is being done to make the HEZ program sustainable with Ms. Spence explaining that the group is working on several sustainability projects including a Rhode Island Foundation grant which may provide \$200,000 for five years. She explained that this amount is less than the existing HEZ grant. She noted that she is also looking for partners who may be able to provide sustainability income also.

Councilman Sweeney suggested that it will be important to secure some Federal funding through Senators Reed and Whitehouse.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if Ms. Spence is working with the Drug Free Community Grant which may be able to share resources with HEZ. She noted that the RI Department of Health is also looking for funding from the RI Legislature.

Councilwoman Parella also asked to know if the HEZ was lined with COZ with Ms. Spence explaining that there is collaboration.

Councilman Sweeney stated that he is excited about the camp.

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

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. Town Council Meeting - May 2, 2018

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. John DiCarlo, Director of Events and Festival Organizer, on behalf of Thames Street Landing Tavern Co., LLC, d/b/a DeWolf Tavern, 259 Thames Street - Request for Temporary Expansion of Class BV Licensed Premises to Include Adjacent Brick Alley and Parking Lot for 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Oyster Festival" Fundraising Event, June 17, 2018 (see agenda item D1 also)

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to grant this petition per the recommendations received and the conditions delineated and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

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

Speaking in favor of the petition was Gary Sauick of 27 State Street, Warren, who asked to know why there was a public hearing for this matter since there appeared to be no reason for one for past years.

He also noted that the festival will raise funds for the East Bay Food Pantry.

The Clerk noted that the Town Solicitor's Office recommended that there should be a public hearing since the type of expansion requested does not appear to be allowed by the State Statute without one.

Assistant Solicitor Goins noted the controlling state statute and noted that this was not a temporary "seasonal" expansion as allowed by the statute.

2. Michael Mizrahi, for State Street Tavern, LLC, d/b/a Bar 31, 29 State Street - Request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to: Elser L. Ramirez, State Street Tavern, LLC, d/b/a Bar 31, 29 State Street (new owner), (see agenda items D2 and D3, Victualling License petition, also)
  - a. Gregory A. Mancini, Esq., Sinapi Law Associates, Ltd., for Horizon Beverage Co. and Rhode Island Distributing - Objection to Transfer
  - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief (approve)
  - LATE ITEM** c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to grant this transfer per the recommendations received and subject to any past conditions delineated and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies and release of the objection so-noted.

Prior to the vote taken, Mr. Mizrahi appeared before the Council and explained that he opened the establishment four years ago as a family endeavor and that at this time he wishes to move on and that his chef wishes to acquire the business.

There was no further testimony provided in favor of the petition and no remonstrance presented in objection thereto.

C. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #2018-07, Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-143, Parking prohibited at all times (to amend parking on King Philip Avenue-Division Street to Narrows Road), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption**

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of Ordinance #2018-07. Advertise in local newspaper.

2. Ordinance #2018-08, Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-143, Parking prohibited at all times (to amend parking on King Philip Avenue-Sunrise Drive to Dyer Street), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption**

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of Ordinance #2018-08. Advertise in local newspaper.

3. Ordinance #2018-09, Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, Section 16-1, Definitions; Article V, Section 16-142, Overnight parking prohibited; and Article IX, Section 16-344(e) Procedures for parking in a residential parking zone (to establish gross vehicle weight rating system), **1<sup>st</sup> reading**

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2018-09. Advertise in local newspaper.

4. Ordinance #2018-10, Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-143, Parking prohibited at all times (to amend parking on Noyes Avenue), **1<sup>st</sup> reading**

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2018-10. Advertise in local newspaper.

D. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. John DiCarlo, Director of Events and Festival Organizer, on behalf of Thames Street Landing Tavern Co., LLC, d/b/a DeWolf Tavern, 259 Thames Street - Request for Temporary Expansion of Class BV Licensed Premises to Include Adjacent Brick Alley and Parking Lot for 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Oyster Festival" Fundraising Event, June 17, 2018 (see agenda item B1 above)

*It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action concerning this agenda item took place as part of agenda item B1 as found above.*

2. Michael Mizrahi, for State Street Tavern, LLC, d/b/a Bar 31, 29 State Street - Request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to: Elser L. Ramirez, State Street Tavern, LLC, d/b/a Bar 31, 29 State Street (new owner), (see agenda item B2 above)

*It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action concerning this agenda item took place as part of agenda item B2 as found above.*

3. Elser L. Ramirez, d/b/a Bar 31, 29 State Street - Request for Victualling License
  - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief (approve)
  - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Water Pollution Control (approve with conditions)

- LATE ITEM** c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police (approve)

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

4. Jessica Liberatos, on behalf of Gerasimos Liberatos, Liberatos Lounge and Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a The Beach House, f/k/a Agave, 805 Hope Street - Request for Amendment to Class BV Existing Licensed Premises to allow New Temporary Seasonal Outdoor Bar within Lower Patio Service Area, April 1 - October 31, **continued from May 2, 2018**
  - a. Petitioner - Revised Plans with Photos

Tyska/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to approve this amendment to the configuration of the licensed premises subject to Council review at a time to coincide with the completion of two months of operation, provided also that the outdoor area shall be used only from April 15 through October 15 in any given year and that the outdoor bar is to contain a maximum number of 16 seats. Said approval is also subject to conformance to all laws and

ordinances and payment of all fees,  
taxes and levies.

Prior to the vote taken, the Ms. Liberatos appeared before the Council and explained that she submitted further amended plans for review. She noted that after reviewing the diagrams as compared to the actual bar furniture, she realized that this bar will accommodate only a maximum of 20 seats. She also noted that the bar structure will be secured whenever the restaurant is not in operation and that it will be double-locked with a drop-down door.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she is concerned about the presence of alcoholic beverages since the area is sheltered from view and not easily patrolled and that it may become a target for unlawful activity when the restaurant is closed. She explained that other downtown facilities have outdoor bars but that these are more visible and less likely to be disturbed at nighttime. She asked to know if the bar could be emptied at night when the restaurant is closed.

Mr. Liberatos stated that it may be possible to do this.

Councilman Stuart stated that he viewed the plans for the structure and is of the opinion that it could be kept secure. He added that his primary concern is for public safety and that he would support the request if the petitioner will have no more than 20 seats at the outdoor bar. He also suggested that approval should be made on a "trial" basis subject to a review period.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she benefitted from the visiting the place to see the actual layout. She noted that prior to her visit she had a very different opinion of the plan.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if the new bar will have sides with Mr. Liberatos explaining that the bar will have sides that are put in place when the restaurant is closed and that these sides will secure the bar.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the operation of the outdoor area should be restricted to the warm weather months and expressed concern that the request includes the date of Halloween. She expressed further concern that there may be a plan for an outdoor Halloween party which may be problematic. She stated that she would prefer if the season would end on October 15 rather than October 31.

Ms. Liberatos stated that they do not plan for any outdoor Halloween activities and agreed to close the outdoor area on October 15 as a condition of approval.

Councilman Sweeney stated that he likes the concept and asked for a clarification on the number of bar seats that might be allowed.

Council Chairman Calouro stated that other establishments were allowed only 12 seats and that he is concerned about being even-handed with all applicants.

Council Chairman Calouro suggested that the Council may wish to approve 15 or 16 seats and perhaps consider allowing more in the future if there are no incidents reported after a trial period.

Police Chief Canario stated that he remains concerned about the proposed configuration since the location of the bar is problematic in its proximity to the parking lot and the East Bay Bicycle Path. He noted that the bicycle path is frequented by many elderly persons with children and that he anticipates that there will be complaints coming forward from persons who frequent the bicycle path.

Police Chief Canario noted that the Police Department receives many calls concerning loud noise emanating from establishment which serve alcoholic beverages and that the new large bar will likely exacerbate the problem. He added that he is also concerned about the location of the bar in its proximity to the harbor since people do "strange things" while intoxicated.

Police Chief Canario noted that his department has limited personnel and limited staffing on weekends when the bar will likely be full. He added that he believes that 20 bar seats is too much and asked the Council to try to keep this establishment in line with others that have fewer bar seats.

Police Chief Canario stated that he is in favor of allowing businesses to grow but again stated his concern about this particular location. He asked the Council to consider a trial basis if they choose to approve the petition at all.

Police Chief Canario noted that there have been no specific problems at this location recently but explained that his concern considers that this place may morph into "something else" at some point in the future.



Councilwoman Parella noted that the establishment already serves drinks to patrons at tables in the area. She asked to know if there is a plan to have supervising "hostesses" outdoors.

Ms. Liberatos explained that there will be three hostesses on duty during the summer season and that the area in question is not just a bar but rather that the bar structure is a "focal point" for the outdoor dining area which will also include customers seated at tables. She added that there will be a "full" menu provided to persons seated at the bar and that customers are encouraged to order food while seated at the bar.

Ms. Liberatos stated that she would agree to a limit of 16 bar seats for the trial period.

Economic Development Coordinator Vitale stated that he did a "walkthrough" of the area and that there are now 23 outdoor tables with 92 seats. He added that the new configuration will have half as many seats.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she would prefer if the establishment would keep a good amount of tables with Mr. Liberatos explaining that it is not in his best interest to remove tables.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the floor configuration would be subject to review for safety considerations by the Fire Marshal.

Councilman Stuart agreed that there is a need to have good access for both safety and serving considerations.

Councilman Tyska stated that he agrees that there is a need to have approval on a trial basis.

Police Chief Canario noted that his concern about unruliness and noise are quality of life issues and that his department attempts to keep the Town on an "even keel."

Councilwoman Parella stated that she does not think that more than 20 bar seats would be appropriate with Ms. Liberatos explaining that the bar will not accommodate more than 20 seats.

5. Ellen Blomgren, d/b/a Hotpoint Emporium Artist Cooperative, 39 State Street - Request for Sidewalk Use License

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works (approve with conditions)
- LATE ITEM** b. Recommendation - Code Compliance Coordinator (approve)
- LATE ITEM** c. Recommendation - Chief of Police (approve with conditions)

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

Prior to the vote taken a discussion ensued regarding the illustration provided which includes a "sandwich board" sign.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that the current Town ordinance regarding signage prohibits these signs. He suggested that there may be a need to amend and update the ordinance.

- 6. Yu Lin Zhang, agent by agreement for Cheng Liang Yu, formerly IFC Inc. (revoked April 28, 2017), d/b/a Sawa Asian Bistro, 531 Wood Street - Request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to: Xinhong Wang, d/b/a Sakuratani Ramem, 531 Wood Street, **call for public hearing June 13, 2018**

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to consider this matter for June 13, 2018, beginning at 7:00 o'clock PM. Advertise in local newspaper.

**E. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS**

- 1. Sidewalk Use License Renewals for 2018-2019
  - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works (approve with conditions)

- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance Coordinator (approve)

- LATE ITEM** c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police (approve with conditions)

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to grant renewal of these licenses per the recommendations received and conditions delineated and also subject to any and all conditions of record and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fess, taxes, and levies.

- 2. Sidewalk Alcohol Service License Renewals for 2018-2019

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

- LATE ITEM** b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police (approve with conditions)

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to grant renewal of these licenses per the recommendations received and conditions delineated and also subject to any and all conditions of record and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fess, taxes, and levies.

F. PETITIONS - OTHER

- 1. Lynn Shaw, for Bristol Merchants Association, in Partnership with Department of Parks and Recreation, and HEZ - Request for Permission to Hold Farmers Market at Independence Park - Saturdays, May 26 - October 27 and also, Request for Permission to Have Fixed Banners in Vicinity of Event, **continued from May 2, 2018**

- a. Petitioner re Withdrawal of Petition

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

2. Daniel Cabral, 14 John Street - Request for Disability Parking Space in Vicinity of Residence, **1<sup>st</sup> reading**

- a. Recommendation - Director of Public Works (deny)

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of a request for an accessible parking space and to continue said matter until the meeting of June 13, 2018 for second reading.

3. Barbara Pyle, 12 Church Street - Request for Disability Parking Space in Front of Residence, **1<sup>st</sup> reading**

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of a request for an accessible parking space and to continue said matter until the meeting of June 13, 2018 for second reading.

4. John M. Lannan, for JML Excavation, Inc., 3 Doris Avenue - Request Reimbursement for Installation of Sewer Laterals on Theresa Avenue

- a. Town Code Sections 22-150, 22-352, and 22-355

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

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk reported that the petitioner requested that this petition might be withdrawn.

G. APPOINTMENTS

1. Public Service Appointments-May

- a. Capital Project Commission (term to expire May 2023)

1. William L. Goneau, 11 Smith Street - interest/reappointment

Councilman Stuart nominated Mr. Goneau for reappointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Goneau with term to expire in May 2023.

- b. Harbor Commission (unexpired term to expire March 2019)

1. Town Clerk Cirillo re Richard Scott Medeiros - interest/appointment

Councilman Stuart nominated Mr. Medeiros for appointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. Medeiros to fill the unexpired term with term to expire in March 2019.

- c. Town Solicitor Ursillo re Appointments to Bristol Redevelopment Agency

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor to draft a Resolution of Need for consideration at a Special Meeting to be held on June 6, 2018.

Prior to the vote taken, Assistant Solicitor Goins noted that the Council should be appointing members to serve on this Agency at its earliest convenience. Council Chairman Calouro suggested that Council members should suggest candidates for appointment.

Assistant Solicitor Goins explained that the Council should also adopt a "resolution of need" to re-establish the Agency. It was suggested that this matter might be taken up at the special meeting to be held on June 6, 2018.

H. OLD BUSINESS

I. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

1. (Draft) Resolution re Bristol Fourth of July Celebration - 2018

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works (approve with conditions)
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief (approve)

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to adopt this resolution per the recommendations received and the conditions delineated.

2. Councilwoman Parella re East Bay Bicycle Path Structures

Parella/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to go on record as opposed to the building of any private structures on the East Bay Bicycle Path property.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilwoman Parella expressed concern that the State may be considering allowing the building of private structures within the right of way comprising the East Bay Bicycle Path. She noted hearing about someone seeking to build a garage on the State property and suggested that this may create a firestorm of requests from residents abutting the path for a broad range of similar structures.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the Town might make enquiry of the State regarding this proposal and indicate its concern about private use of public property. She noted that she would not necessarily object to abutters planting flowers and shrubs along the path but that anything allows should be easily reversible.

Town Administrator Contente noted that he was aware that someone applied to construct a 12 X 24 foot shed on the path and that this application was provided to the Department of Environmental Management (DEM). He noted that the DEM asked to know if the Town issued a building permit and was told that the Town did not issue a building permit for the structure. Town Administrator

Contente also explained that he spoke to the Director's office and was told that there was some sort of lease between the property owner and that State Department of Transportation and that permission for the structure must come from the State Properties Committee.

Town Administrator Contente noted that this matter must come before the Committee at a meeting and that it may be held on or about June 6 and that he plans to keep track of the agendas for this Committee.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the Council should go on record as opposed to this type of private use of the Bicycle Path property. She added that she was surprised that the State would consider anything like this proposal.

N. B. At this point in the meeting the Council heard from Caroline Parker of 87 Woodlawn Avenue. Ms. Parker, a graduating senior at Mt. Hope High School, invited Council members to attend the Class Night and Graduation ceremonies.

3. Council Chairman Calouro re Non-Profit Mooring Rates
  - a. Current Fee Resolution
  - b. Domenic Franco, Chairman, Harbor Commission re Mooring Fees - Non-Profit Sailing Schools

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to amend the harbor fee resolution to include a \$180 annual fee for non-profit sailing schools to be retroactive to January 1, 2018.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro stated that he initially opposed the idea of a special mooring rate for non-profit sailing schools but now he has reconsidered the proposal and will support a fee of \$180 for these. He noted that this category should impact no more than 12 moorings at this time.

J. BILLS & EXPENDITURES

1. Bid #878 - Tanyard Brook Culvert Replacement Project Phase II

Stuart/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:

D'Ambra Construction	Coventry, RI	\$3,967,085.00
Northern Construction	Weymouth, MA	\$4,797.675.00
Cardi Corp.	Warwick, RI	\$3,539,150.00
C. B. Utility Co., Inc.	Bristol, RI	\$3,513,620.00
John Rocchio Corp.	Smithfield, RI	\$3,615,498.00
D'Allessandro Corp.	Avon, MA	\$4,319,773.07

2. RFP #888 - Audit Services for Year Ending June 30, 2018 (with option for 2019 and 2020)

Stuart/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 bid as received:

Citrin-Cooperman	Providence, RI	2018 - \$55,000
		2019 - \$55,000
		2020 - \$55,000

3. Bristol Police Department re Request for \$1000 Financial Support for Bristol Police Youth Academy 2018 Summer Leadership Camp

- a. Program Outline

Sweeney/Stuart - Voted unanimously to appropriate \$1000 from the Town Council Contingency Line (2017-2018) in support of this initiative.

Prior to the vote taken, the Council heard from Police Chief Canario who described the initiative which will provide a learning experience for 30 youngsters. He noted that the schedule will not conflict with the Town's "Camp Poppasquaw."

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if there would be referrals for at-risk youths with Police Chief Canario explaining that the camp's organizers do not wish to force participation and that participation will be solely voluntary.



K. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Allan Klepper, Barrington Director, Bristol County Water Authority - Monthly Report for May

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

L. TOWN SOLICITOR

1. Assistant Town Solicitor Goins re Options for Addressing 'Party Houses'

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Police Department for a recommendation of the best option.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro noted that he asked the Town Solicitor's office to research this matter several weeks ago since there appears to be some "party houses" which are ongoing problems in certain neighborhoods. He noted that the current Town ordinances apparently do not have sufficient "teeth" to result in a remediation of the problem and that there appears to be a need for the Town to enact something new to complement the Town's "tool kit."

Council Chairman Calouro noted that he became aware of the Town of Narragansett's "orange sticker" program that appears to be effective.

Assistant Solicitor Goins reviewed the options outlined in her memorandum including enforcement of the current number of unrelated persons who may reside in a given residence, the current "disorderly house" ordinance which requires the measurement of sound and also the "orange sticker" program described by Council Chairman Calouro.

Councilwoman Parella noted that she is aware of a process in use in the City of Providence where insurance carriers are notified of troublesome residences and the carriers have been known to "put pressure" on the property owners who may fear losing their insurance.

Assistant Solicitor Goins suggested that the insurance option may not be the most effective.

Councilman Stuart stated that he agrees with Council Chairman Calouro about providing the additional "tool" for the "toolbox." He added that he, too, is aware of the party house problem and that the matter needs to be addressed.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that he, Town Administrator Contente and Police Chief Canario visited Roger Williams University regarding the PILOT program and that he would like for the University to participate in finding a solution to the party house problem. He added that any new rules will have to be severe enough to gain the attention of the property owners who condone the bad behavior.

Police Chief Canario stated that he agrees with Council Chairman Calouro and that the Town must take steps to assure that the quality of life is safeguarded for the law-abiding citizens. He noted that the University is responsible for the students' presence in the Town and is also responsible to take steps to make certain that these students do not disturb the peace.

Police Chief Canario noted the action taken to date and stated that he believes that more can be done. He also noted that the University does possess some leverage with the students and suggested that the Town needs to move carefully and methodically to a solution.

Paul Raducha of 636 Wood Street stated that there are problems in his neighborhood with party houses and that the neighbors call the police. He explained that excessive noise is observed through the night and that the video obtained through resident-owned surveillance cameras reveal drug transactions, extreme language and fighting at all hours. He noted that the absentee landlords do not seem to care about what is going on at their property. He suggested that the Town should institute some regulations that punish homeowners for their unruly tenants.

Mr. Raducha explained that he has experienced these same problems for over eight years and that the absentee landlords do not care about the goings-on at their properties. He expressed concern that the students appear to have no respect for their neighbor's peace and that he is concerned about the future as a taxpayer.

Mr. Raducha suggested that the Council should impose some punitive action against the landlords since the landlords are contributing to the problem via their inaction.

Mr. Raducha stated that he may have no other choice but to move away.

Councilman Stuart asked to know if the Town might impose a "booting" system for illegally parked automobiles with Mr. Raducha responding that the students' automobiles have been towed many times and that they simply pay the tow charge. He added that the towing does not seem to rectify the poor behavior.

Police Chief Canario stated that the problems described by Mr. Raducha are not due to a lack of enforcement but rather that the problems are difficult to penetrate.

John Desautel of 638 Wood Street informed the Council that he agrees with everything stated by Mr. Raducha. He suggested that the Town might look to the City of Newport for some guidance as to their methodology for dealing with similar situations with absentee landlords. He noted that the Newport regulations appear to be very effective.

Police Chief Canario agreed to speak to both Newport and Narragansett.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the Town must take action to assure that these absentee landlords "get the message."

M. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

1. Calouro

a. Memorial Activities - Council Chairman Calouro reported the Town Memorial Day parade will begin at North Burial Ground after the speaking program which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 o'clock AM on May 28, 2018. He added that there will be a memorial service at the RI Veterans Home on May 27, 2018 beginning at 9:45 o'clock AM and that the Firefighter's Memorial Day parade and exercises will be held on June 10, 2018.

b. Patrolman Derek Jensen - Council Chairman Calouro recognized the efforts of Patrolman Jensen who came to the aid of a troubled student at Colt-Andrews Elementary School. Council Chairman Calouro noted that Patrolman Jensen was able to calm the child and offered true compassion in the difficult situation.

2. Sweeney

a. Bristol Blooms - Councilman Sweeney noted that the hanging floral baskets were added to the downtown light posts by Bristol Blooms volunteers.

b. Meeting Date - Councilman Sweeney explained that he inadvertently provided the wrong date of the planned Special Meeting when the proposed marina expansion will be discussed. He noted that the actual date of this meeting will be June 6, 2018 beginning at 7:00 o'clock PM and not May 30.

c. Happy Memorial Day - Councilman Sweeney extended greetings for Memorial Day.

3. Tyska

4. Parella

a. RWU Graduation Traffic Control - Councilwoman Parella congratulated the Police Department for an efficient evacuation of the University parking lots after graduation.

b. Memorial Day - Councilwoman Parella noted the Town observance of Memorial Day and thanked all of the veterans for their service.

5. Stuart

a. Congratulations to Graduates - Councilman Stuart extended the Council's best wishes to all graduates.

b. Thanks for Participating - Councilman Stuart thanked all of this evening's meeting participants and recognized videographer and Town Sergeant specifically.

N. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. After Winter Cleanup - Town Administrator Contente reported that the Town is undergoing its annual spring cleanup after the "tough" winter. He noted that the cleanup includes working on the catch basins and making some road repairs. He asked Public Works Director McBride to provide an update on the road paving projects.

Public Works Director McBride outlined in detail the projects underway noting that he hopes to have many of these "buttoned-up" before the Fourth of July.

He noted that Metacom Avenue is "in shambles" due to the recent utility work and that there will be soon some repaving and restriping which will be accomplished mostly during the evenings.

2. Public Safety Announcements - Town Administrator Contente noted that the Police Academy will graduate two probationary patrol officers and that the police department is providing specific training on school safety. He added that the testimony provide by Mr. Raducha is correct and that the Town is taking steps to get the attention of unruly absentee landlords.

Town Administrator Contente noted that the Town will acquire a new patrol boat and that police officers are receiving training for marine enforcement.

Town Administrator Contente reported that the Town Fire Department is doing well and that there is a new fire apparatus in assembly for deliver in August.

3. Compost - Town Administrator Contente noted that the Town can arrange for delivery of those who wish to acquire some of the Town's compost product.

4. PSAs on Patch - Town Administrator Contente note that the Town will post public service announcements on the Patch and that these will be updated weekly.

5. Lifeguards - Town Administrator Contente noted that the Town is seeking qualified lifeguards for duty at the Town Beach this summer.

6. Memorial Day - Town Administrator Contente thanked the Town's veterans for their service and extended best wishes for Memorial Day.

7. MHHS Graduation - Town Administrator Contente offered the Town's congratulations and best wishes to the Mt. Hope High School Class of 2018.

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CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM

Persons wishing to speak during the Citizens Public Forum must notify the Council Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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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. Board of Fire Engineers - April 30, 2018
2. Historic District Commission - March 8, 2018
3. Historic District Commission - April 12, 2018
4. Post Retirement Benefits Fund Board of Trustees - February 22, 2018
5. Harbor Commission - May 7, 2018

(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 - May 16, 2018
2. (Town Treasurer Goucher) re Municipal Transparency Report - December 31, 2017
3. (Town Treasurer Goucher) re Municipal Transparency Report - March 31, 2018

(CA) DD. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS & CITATIONS

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

1. Citation - David Alan Gomes, 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

(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."**

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

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

1. Meredith J. DeSisto, CMC, Barrington Town Clerk - Resolution Opposing School Construction Referendum in Article 9 of Proposed RI State Budget (FY 2019)
2. Meredith J. DeSisto, CMC, Barrington Town Clerk - Resolution Supporting S2331, Extending Those Protections Currently Granted to State Contract Work to Municipal and Quasi-Governmental Agencies within State of RI
3. Meredith J. DeSisto, CMC, Barrington Town Clerk - Resolution Supporting S2464, Raising the Age for Purchase and Sale of Tobacco Products to 21
4. Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC, Charlestown Town Clerk - Resolution in Support of Recommendations Submitted by Town of Glocester to Special Legislative Commission to Study Low and Moderate Income Housing Act

(CA) HH. DISTRIBUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CNC, Jamestown Town Clerk - Resolution in Support of In-Person Early Voting
2. Town Administrator Contente to Van's Electric, Inc. of Bristol, RI re Award of Bid #879 - On-Call Electrical Services

3. Town Administrator Contente to Eric Nunes P&I of Riverside, RI re Award of Bid #880 - On-Call Plumbing Services
4. Town Administrator Contente to Scholar Painting, LLC of Seymour, CT re Award of Bid #881 - Painting Services (Byfield and Reynolds Schools)
5. Town Administrator Contente to Atlantic Power Services Inc. of Seekonk, MA re Award of Bid #883 - Boiler Replacement (Reynolds School)
6. Town Administrator Contente to MAS Building & Bridge, Inc. of Norfolk, MA re Award of Bid #875 - Bristol Harbor Boardwalk Extension
7. Amy Kemp, Public Information Officer, Office of Attorney General re Comments on So-Called Google Resolution Passed by Barrington and Portsmouth Town Councils
8. Susan M. Dillon, Foster Town Clerk re Resolution in Opposition to Governor's FY2019 Budget Request - Articles 1 and 10
9. Meredith J. DeSisto, CMC, Barrington Town Clerk - Resolution Supporting School Construction Referendum in Article 5 of Proposed RI State Budget (FY 2019)
10. Meredith J. DeSisto, CMC, Barrington Town Clerk - Resolution Urging RI Attorney General Peter Kilmartin to Distribute Google Funds to Barrington Schools
11. Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC, Charlestown Town Clerk - Resolution in Opposition to Governor's FY2019 Budget Request - Articles 1 and 10
12. Ken Wagner, PhD, Commissioner, Department of Education re Summer Meals Program
13. Coastal Resources Management Council - May 2018 Calendar (revised)
14. Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director, Coastal Resources Management Council re Notice of Public Hearing - Proposed Beach SAMP Chapters 1, 2, 6



and 7, Rescheduled from May 22, 2018 to June 12, 2018

15. Domenic Franco, Chairman, Harbor Commission to Director of Parks and Recreation Burke re Thank You and Congratulations
16. Authorizing Resolution for Town Administrator Contente to File CDBG Application (signed copy)

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

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

1. Fourth of July Committee, May 1, 2018
2. Fourth of July Committee-Freedom Raffle Subcommittee Meeting, May 16, 2018
3. Planning Board-Technical Review Committee Meeting, May 7, 2018 (11:00 AM)
4. Technical Review Committee - May 7, 2018 (3:00 PM)
5. Fourth of July Committee-Beverage Tasting Subcommittee Meeting, May 29, 2018
6. Harbor Commission - May 7, 2018
7. Conservation Commission - May 8, 2018
8. North and East Burial Grounds Commission - May 9, 2018
9. Bristol Warren Regional School District-Schedule of Meetings, Week of May 6, 2018
10. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee-Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting, May 7, 2018
11. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee-Council 94 Contract Negotiations Subcommittee Meeting, May 8, 2018
12. Christmas Festival Committee - May 17, 2018

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - MAY 23, 2018

13. Planning Board - May 10, 2018 (change of meeting location)
14. Historic District Commission - May 10, 2018 (change of meeting location)
15. Bristol Warren Regional School District-Schedule of Meetings, Week of May 13, 2018
16. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee-Budget/Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, May 14, 2018
17. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee-Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting, May 14, 2018
18. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee-Personnel/Contract Subcommittee Meeting, May 14, 2018
19. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - May 14, 2018
20. Bristol County Water Authority Board of Directors - May 16, 2018
21. Fourth of July Committee - May 16, 2018
22. Planning Board-Technical Review Committee Meeting, May 17, 2018
23. Fourth of July Committee - June 6, 2018
24. Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force - May 21, 2018
25. Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force - May 31, 2018
26. Bristol Warren Regional School District-Schedule of Meetings, Week of May 20, 2018
27. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee-Council 94 Contract Negotiations Subcommittee Meeting, May 21, 2018
28. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee-Budget/Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, May 21, 2018

**(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. Carolyn White, 224 Hope Street - 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."**

(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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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 9:16 o'clock PM.

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Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk