

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - JUNE 26, 2019**

PRESENT: Calouro, Sweeney, Teixeira, Parella, and Ley

ALSO PRESENT: Steven Contente, Town Administrator  
Andrew M. Teitz, Assistant Town Solicitor  
A. Archie Martins, Town Sergeant

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening, June 26, 2019 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, beginning at 7:03 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

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

Sweeney/Ley - Voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda withholding Consent Agenda item HH14 for further consideration.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilwoman Parella asked that Consent Agenda item HH14 might be withheld for further consideration.

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

**1. Town Council Meeting - June 5, 2019**

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

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Vatche Avedissian, Vatche Avedissian LLC, d/b/a Classic Pizza & Grill, 349 Metacom Avenue - Request for New Class BV Limited Liquor License (see agenda item D1 also)**

**a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development**

Parella/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to continue this Public Hearing until the meeting of September 18, 2019.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro opened the Public Hearing.

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Assistant Solicitor Teitz suggested that the matter might be continued pending the resolution of the petitioner's application for the necessary Special Use Permit from the Zoning Board of Review.

2. Christian Ferreira, Christian's Wood Fired Grille, LLC, d/b/a Christian's, 382 Thames Street - Request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to: Ryan Roberge and Leah Roberge, Roberge Enterprises, LLC, (same d/b/a and location), (see agenda item D2 also)
  - a. Gregory A. Mancini, Esq., Sinapi Law Associates, Ltd., for Horizon Beverage - Objection to Liquor License Transfer
  - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

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

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to grant transfer of this license per the recommendations received and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances, any and all conditions of record and satisfaction of all debts. Said granting is also subject to adherence to the closing time of the previous establishments as found in the Council record.

(NB: It is noted for the record that the closing time of 11:00 PM was established by Council action on September 17, 2014)

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking in favor of the petition was the prospective transferee, Leah Roberge who informed the Council that it was her intention to "keep everything the same."

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Councilwoman Parella asked to know about the proposed closing time with Ms. Roberge indicating that she believed that the closing hour is 1:00 AM but that it is her plan to close at 9 o'clock PM on weekdays and 10:00 o'clock PM on weekends, and voluntarily agreed to thus set these as the hours of operation.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she did not believe that this establishment had a 1:00 PM closing time.

Mr. Ferreira, the petitioner and current licensee stated that his established closing time was 11:30 PM and added that he closes at 9:00 o'clock PM on week nights and 10:00 o'clock PM on weekends. He also added that his establishment is "not a bar" and that he had "no issues" in the past.

Scott Sogard (no address given) spoke in favor of the petition. He explained that he was a restaurateur and that he believes that the new operator "will be great." He added that he also anticipates that everyone will be happy with the new owners.

No one else spoke in favor of the transfer petition and no remonstrance was presented in opposition thereto.

Since there was some question regarding the approved hours of operation, the Council agreed that the hours would be established according to the record.

3. Ordinance #2019-07, Chapter 28, Zoning, Article I, In General, Section 28-1, 28-3, Article III, Permitted Uses, Section 28-82, Article IX, Land Development Projects and Special Zones, (new) Division 1.5, Large-scale, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facility, (new) Section 28-286-28-290 (to implement local zoning for installation of Solar Photovoltaic Facility), (see agenda item C1 also), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption**

- a. Recommendation - Planning Board

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

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of Ordinance #2019-17. Advertise in local newspaper.

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Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro opened the Public Hearing.

There was no testimony presented in favor of the ordinance and no remonstrance was presented in opposition thereto.

4. Director of Community Development Williamson re Harbor Management Plan and Ordinance 5-Year Update (2018-2019), (see agenda item C2 also), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption, continued from June 5, 2019**

- a. Director of Community Development Williamson re Edits to Draft Harbor Management Plan

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

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of the Harbor Management Plan and Ordinance (uncodified) 5-Year Update (2018-2019), as edited, and to refer same to the State for its approval.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro opened the Public Hearing.

Director of Community Development Williamson noted that there were several edits included at the request of Town Administrator Contente relating to the parking chart.

Harbormaster Marsili explained the changes to the parking plan. It was noted that the new parking arrangement will allow for the use of the Prudence Ferry dock parking lot by the public. Town Administrator Contente explained that the Town must "own" its marina parking area to satisfy the parking requirements of the new marina.

Harbormaster Marsili added that he is working on signage to clarify the regulations for parking on the ferry dock and also the two leased parking lots.

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Councilman Ley asked to know if there are additional spots gained by the new arrangement with Town Administrator Contente explaining that the new arrangement resulted in 15 additional parking spots.

Town Administrator Contente also explained that the Town recently purchased the formerly leased downtown parking lot on State Street and that it has invested in wayfinding signage to help guide those seeking parking lots.

There was no further testimony presented in favor of the adoption of the plan and no remonstrance presented in opposition thereto.

C. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #2019-07, Chapter 28, Zoning, Article I, In General, Section 28-1, 28-3, Article III, Permitted Uses, Section 28-82, Article IX, Land Development Projects and Special Zones, (new) Division 1.5, Large-scale, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facility, (new) Section 28-286-28-290 (to implement local zoning for installation of Solar Photovoltaic Facility), (see agenda item B3 above), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption**

*It is hereby noted for the record that action concerning this agenda item took place as part of Agenda Item B3 as found above.*

2. Director of Community Development Williamson re Harbor Management Plan and Ordinance 5-Year Update (2018-2019), (see agenda item B4 above), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption, continued from June 5, 2019**

*It is hereby noted for the record that action concerning this agenda item took place as part of Agenda Item B4 as found above.*

3. Ordinance #2019-08, Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article II, Alcoholic Beverage Establishments, Section 17-82, Number of licenses (to increase number of BV limited licenses from 5 to 6), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption**

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to continue this matter until the meeting of September 18, 2019

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D. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. Vatche Avedissian, Vatche Avedissian LLC, d/b/a Classic Pizza & Grill, 349 Metacom Avenue - Request for New Class BV Limited Liquor License (see agenda item B1 above)

*It is hereby noted for the record that action on this agenda item took place as part of Agenda Item B1 as found above.*

2. Christian Ferreira, Christian's Wood Fired Grille, LLC, d/b/a Christian's, 382 Thames Street - Request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to: Ryan Roberge and Leah Roberge, Roberge Enterprises, LLC, (same d/b/a and location), (see agenda item B2 above)

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

3. Leah Roberge, d/b/a Christian's, 382 Thames Street - Request for Victualling License
  - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Water Pollution Control
  - c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendations received and subject to the established closing time of the previous licensee and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

4. Leah Roberge, d/b/a Christian's, 382 Thames Street - Request for Dancing and Entertainment License
  - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

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- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendations received provided that the entertainment shall be unamplified, and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

- 5. Diane Mederos, for Elder Care One, 150 Franklin Street - Request for Bingo Licenses, September 18 & December 4, 2019

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendation received and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

- 6. Erin M. Metcalf, for Newport Music Festival, 26 Valley Road, Newport - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License for Event to be Held at Blithwold, July 17, 18, 23 & 24, 2019

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

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

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E. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS

1. Dancing and Entertainment License Renewals 2019-2020

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to grant these license renewals per the recommendations received and subject to any and all conditions of record and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

2. Hawkers and Peddlers License Renewals 2019-2020

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to grant these license renewals per the recommendations received and subject to any and all conditions of record and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

3. Public Laundry License Renewals 2019-2020

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Water Pollution Control

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to grant these license renewals per the recommendations received and subject to any and all conditions of record and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

F. PETITIONS - OTHER



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1. Joyce Formisano, 35 Catherine Street - Request for Accessible Parking Space, **2<sup>nd</sup> reading, continued from June 5, 2019**

- a. (Petitioner) re Updated Placard
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to deny this petition without prejudice.

Prior to the vote taken Councilman Teixeira thanked the Police Department for its attention in this case resulting in an equitable solution without the loss of a regular on-street parking space.

2. Louis Frattarelli, Jr., Co-Chairman, Harbor Festival Committee - Request Permission to Serve/Sell Alcoholic Beverages at Rockwell Park for 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harbor Festival Event, August 10, 2019

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

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

Prior to the vote taken, Harbormaster Marsili explained that this year's event will be run according to past practice. He outlined the various component parts of the festival.

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Harbormaster Marsili also noted that tickets for the little-neck boil are available on the festival's website [bristolharborfest.com](http://bristolharborfest.com) and cautioned that those who are relying upon the internet information should not confuse the Bristol, Rhode Island Harbor Festival to one that takes place in Bristol, England. He also noted that tickets are also available in-person at the Maritime Center on Thames Street.

Harbormaster Marsili and Town Administrator Contente also informed the Council that the proceeds from this year's event will be utilized to offset the cost of a marine trash collection system which will be utilized to remove litter from the waterfront shoreline.

3. Pamela F. Lenehan, President, Poppasquash Associates  
- Request to Place Guard House on Town Property

Teixeira/Parella - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator with the suggestion that the petitioner apply for a license to maintain any Town property that may be utilized by the proposed turn-out.

Prior to the vote taken, it was noted that Principal Planner Tanner reviewed the matter and provided a late item recommendation for a "hammer-head" turn-out.

Town Administrator Contente agreed that the proposal of Principal Planner Tanner would be a suitable solution.

Council Chairman Calouro suggested that the matter might be referred to the Town Administrator.

Jonathan Enright of 412 Poppasquash Road, representing the Poppasquash Associates, stated that the Associates staff the guard house on weekends and holidays to reduce road traffic due to safety concerns since many residents walk in the roadway.

Mr. Enright stated that the Associates' goal is to work with the Town toward a solution.

Daniel Ferreira of 204 Poppasquash Road informed the Council of his concern that motorists are now turning-around in his driveway which may be unsafe since he has small children who sometimes play in the driveway.

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Mr. Ferreira explained that he sometimes sees 15-20 cars per hour turning in his driveway on weekends.

4. Gaetano Armolotto, 150 Franklin Street, Apt 203, et al - Request to Extend Existing No Parking Area on Franklin Street, West Side of Elder Care Parking Lot Exit

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he might draft appropriate ordinance language for further Council consideration.

5. Joseph Cortellessa, 208 Hope Street - Request for a No Parking Area on Summer Street, North Side, East of Driveway for 208 Hope Street

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he might draft appropriate ordinance language for further Council consideration.

6. Susan Rancourt, 3 Mayo Drive, Warren (for Rhode Races & Events in partnership with Bristol 4th of July Committee) - Amended Petition to Allow Announcements and Music, per Past Practice, at 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Half Marathon Race, June 29, 2019

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police

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Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted grant this petition per past practice based upon the recommendations received and any and all conditions of record and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances. Voting in favor of this motion were Council Chairman Calouro, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Teixeira, and Councilman Ley. Voting opposed was Councilwoman Parella.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro noted that this item appeared on the Council Docket of June 5, 2019 and that the information that was shared at that time may be incomplete.

Ms. Rancourt, the petitioner, addressed the Council and stated that the plan this year is consistent with past practice and that the announcer is directed to turn off the sound system after everyone starts the race by 7:30 AM. She also noted that the group agrees to bring the noise levels down.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she did not recall ever agreeing to music early in the morning and that she is concerned about keeping the peace for the neighbors. Councilwoman Parella noted that the police report indicates that the race announcers were repeatedly asked to keep noise down and that having noisy activities in residential neighborhoods can be intrusive. Councilwoman Parella also stated that she did not believe it to be appropriate to have loud-anything at that hour of the morning.

Councilwoman Parella added that she is concerned that those wishing to have special events in the downtown area forget that this is a neighborhood and that she is concerned about noise "blasting" at the residents.

Ms. Rancourt stated that the organizers plan to direct the loudspeakers away from residential structures. She noted that announcements will commence at 6:30 AM in order to conclude the activity early.

Councilman Sweeney asked to know if there were any past complaints with Acting Police Chief Peters reporting that there were no recorded complaints from the public but that police officers found it necessary to ask announcers to lower the volume.

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Council Chairman Calouro agreed that the officers should be proactive when dealing with the announcers.

Councilman Ley stated that he hopes that the sound will be managed better.

G. APPOINTMENTS

H. OLD BUSINESS

I. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

1. Town Administrator Contente - Request for Support of Sail Bristol Warren Program

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to appropriate \$1,500 from the Town Council Contingency line (FY 2018-2019) item in support of this program.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Administrator Contente noted that this is a program for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and that the principles of physics and mathematics are put into application through sailing lessons. He added that this is a very good program since it connects learning with practical experience.

Assistant School Superintendent Diane Sanna along with Vanessa Cronan, both representing the regional school district, explained that this program is done with the cooperation of the RI Marine Trades Association and the Herreshoff Marine Museum and includes learning in the areas of the marine trades and shipbuilding. It was noted that the students are pleased to "put on the life-jackets.

Ms. Sanna explained that the funding for the program is substantially in place and that donations are sought to cover any shortfall.

Councilman Teixeira asked to know how students are selected for participation with Ms. Sanna explaining that the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is able to participate.

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Councilman Ley stated that the Town is fortunate to have the resources of the Marine Trades Association and that he supports the idea of connecting the students to the local marine heritage.

2. Dennis Roy, CEO, East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP) - Presentation and Request for Support re Proposed Application for Drug Free Community Grant Funds

Parella/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to authorize the Clerk to send a letter of support provided that the Chairman of the Prevention Coalition reports that the Coalition agrees to such letter.

Prior to the vote taken, Mr. Roy and Robert Crossley, representing the East Bay Community Action Program appeared before the Council. Mr. Roy explained that there is \$19 million awarded in the form of 150 grants. He also explained that the deadline for the grant application is July 8, 2019 for a start date of October 31, 2019. He explained the details of the grant.

Mr. Roy requested that the Council might approve the concept of a partnership between his agency (EBCAP), the Town and the Prevention Coalition. He noted that the proposed grant may result in \$125,000 per years for a period of five years. He also noted that there was a similar grant in the past.

Mr. Roy explained that there would be a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and that the Coalition's collaboration was essential since there would be much to do and also that the citizen-managed group would be in control of prevention activities.

Councilman Teixeira asked to know if this would be a Bristol-only program with Mr. Roy responding that the grant would be applicable only to the Bristol Prevention Coalition.

Councilman Teixeira asked to know why the Town would not simply do this on its own without the help of EBCAP with Town Administrator Contente responding that EBCAP has resources and an excellent track record in these matters. He suggested that the proposal was well-organized and that EBCAP will provide technical support and direction for the Coalition and that the Coalition will run the program. He added that he did not see any downside to the proposal.

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Councilwoman Parella asked to know who would be the applicant with Mr. Roy responding that EBCAP would be the applicant.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if the Town of Warren has a similar grant with Mr. Roy responding that it does.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if there will be collaboration with the Town of Warren with Mr. Roy explaining that the two coalitions will be working together and that he believes that the Town of Warren is in its first year of the grant cycle.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Roy explaining that the grant funds will be applied by the Coalition for prevention programs.

Councilwoman Parella stated that it appears that the proposed partnership between the Coalition and EBCAP is a good match.

Mr. Roy noted that there is a need to have the support of the Parks and Recreation and Police departments.

Councilman Teixeira asked to know if Mr. Roy has met with the Coalition with Mr. Roy responding that he met with individual members but that his meeting with the full Coalition will be on Monday next.

Councilman Teixeira stated that he was concerned that any action of the Council at this time might be circumventing the authority of the Coalition and that he would have preferred if Mr. Roy had met with the Coalition first.

Council Chairman Calouro suggested that the plan seems to align well with the Town's needs.

Barbara Palumbo, a member of the Coalition, stated that she believes the plan as proposed to be a good idea but that she has many questions about it. She suggested that the Council needs to know more before it approves of the plan.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know who chairs the Coalition with Ms. Palumbo responded that the Chairman is Michael Byrnes.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the Council vote might be subject to the approval of the letter of support by Chairman Michael Byrnes.

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Ms. Palumbo noted that it was "iffy" if the Coalition would qualify for the grant since it must have 12 sectors and that the Coalition does not have representatives from the 12 sectors at this time.

Mr. Roy explained that it was not necessary to have membership from each of the 12 sectors and that he believes that the Coalition will qualify for the grant.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that part of the grant program will help with compliance and that he is concerned that the program is properly formed.

Councilwoman Parella agreed that the grant program will likely help build the Coalition.

3. Director of Community Development Williamson re Request for Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5) Lease of Town Property - Solar Project at Landfill

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

J. BILLS & EXPENDITURES

1. Bid #911 - RBC #4A Repair-Water Pollution Control Facility

Sweeney/Teixeira - 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:

Darlington Equipment Co.	Negley, OH	\$28,995
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K. SPECIAL REPORTS

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



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

L. TOWN SOLICITOR

1. Request for Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(2) Litigation - Litigation Report Update

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

M. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

1. Calouro

a. Fourth of July - Council Chairman Calouro stated that the Fourth of July activities have been successful thus far and thanked the police and special constables for their efforts toward maintaining security. He also thanked all who have and will continue to work to assure the success of this year's celebration.

b. Superintendent of Schools - Council Chairman Calouro noted the resignation of School Superintendent Mario Andrade and noted that this is an opportunity to "reset the clock." He also noted that a change of command is a good reason to re-examine finances and look for better ways to accomplish goals.

2. Sweeney

a. National Search - Councilman Sweeney suggested that there should be a national search for a new School Superintendent and that he would like to serve on the search committee. He added that he believes that the Council should be somehow part of this search process.

b. Acting Police Chief Brian Peters - Councilman Sweeney noted that Chief Peters will be leaving to pursue other opportunities as the new Chief of Police in Portsmouth and thanked him for his tenure in Bristol.

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c. Happy Fourth of July - Councilman Sweeney extended Fourth of July greetings.

3. Teixeira

a. Forensic Audit - Councilman Teixeira stated that he agrees with Council Chairman Calouro regarding the Regional School District and suggested that there should be a forensic audit of School District finances.

b. Chief Peters - Councilman Teixeira also thanked Acting Police Chief Brian Peters for his service to the Town.

c. Fourth of July - Councilman Teixeira also extended Fourth of July greetings.

4. Parella

a. School Budget - Councilwoman Parella noted that some citizens are asking to reopen the School Budget. She noted that the budgeting process needs much work in the legislature since the funding formula as "a mess."

b. Police Leadership - Councilwoman Parella noted that Acting Police Chief Peters will remain on duty until after the Fourth of July activities and both thanked him for his service and offered best wishes to the new Acting Police Chief Brian Burke.

c. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Annual Feast - Councilwoman Parella noted that the Annual OLMC Feast will commence on July 11, 2019 on the Town Common.

d. Interfaith Service - Councilwoman Parella noted that the Annual Fourth of July Interfaith Service will take place on June 30 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

5. Ley

a. School District - Councilman Ley noted that the change of administration at the School District presents opportunities.

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b. HEZ Survey - Councilman Ley noted that there is a survey regarding opioid use/abuse on the HEZ Facebook Page.

c. Citizenship - Councilman Ley noted that resident Sarah Bullard recently became a new citizen and will be celebrating Independence Day for the first time as a citizen.

d. Happy Fourth of July - Councilman Ley also extended Fourth of July greetings.

**N. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)**

1. Zelia Amaral - Town Administrator Contente noted the passing of Amaral family matriarch Zelia Amaral. He also noted that she was well known for her Portuguese sweet-bread baking abilities.

2. Chief Peters - Town Administrator Contente thanked Acting Police Chief Brian Peters for his willingness to step-in as Acting Chief.

3. Brian Burke - Town Administrator Contente complimented newly appointed Acting Police Chief-elect Brian Burke for his work ethic and strong character. He noted that the police chief selection process was ongoing.

4. Police Accreditation - Acting Police Chief Peters provided a report on the department's re-accreditation effort noting that the department is working hard to clear the national standards and that it will be ready for an initial assessment in July and a site visit on August 19-21. He noted that this is much earlier than was initially thought since the site visit was first thought to be taking place in December. He credited police officers Murato, Nappi, and Correia for their leadership in this effort on assembling the policies and standards.

Chief Peters also noted that the department is a professional organization which works in the best interest of the Town and that it is important for its citizens to know this.

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Chief Peters also thanked Town Administrator Contente and the Council for its trust, patience. He also thanked the public and the other towns in the mutual aid pact for their cooperation during his time as Chief.

5. Happy Fourth of July - Town Administrator Contente also extended Fourth of July greetings on behalf of the Town.

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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 - June 3, 2019
2. Bristol Housing Authority - May 8, 2019
3. Historic District Commission - May 9, 2019
4. North and East Burial Grounds Commission - April 10, 2019
5. Bristol Housing Authority - May 16, 2019
6. Harbor Commission - June 3, 2019

**(CA) BB. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

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

1. Tax Assessor DiMeo re Recommended Abatements & Additions - June 2019

**(CA) CC. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

1. Town Treasurer re Adopted Budget Survey - 5 Year Forecast, FY2020
2. (Town Treasurer Goucher) re Revenue and Expenditure Statement - June 19, 2019

**(CA) DD. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS & CITATIONS**

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

1. Commendation - Nathan Mineese, Eagle Scout Court of Honor

**(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. Debra A. Todd, North Smithfield Town Clerk - Resolution in Support of Authorization to Fully Fund E-911 Service
2. Lisa Petrone, Smithfield School Committee Clerk - Resolution in Support of Safe Schools Act of 2019 (H-5762 and S-0636)

**(CA) HH. DISTRIBUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. Late Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police re Portside Tavern-Request for Extension of Liquor License Hours of Operation (June 5, 2019 Meeting)

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2. Late Recommendation - Interim Chief of Police re Portside Tavern-Request for Temporary Expansion of Liquor License (June 5, 2019 Meeting)
3. Late Recommendation - Town Administrator and Interim Chief of Police re Bristol Sunset Café-Request for Sidewalk Use License (June 5, 2019 Meeting)
4. Roy Leffingwell, Scoutmaster, Troop 6 re Nathan Minese - Eagle Scout Court of Honor, July 7, 2019
5. Resolution - Prudence Ferry Dock and Marina Parking Fees (signed copy)
6. Resolution - Bristol Fourth of July Celebration-2019 (signed original)
7. Resolution - Adopted 2019-2020 Budgets: Operating, Capital and Sewer (signed copy)
8. Coastal Resources Management Council - June 2019 Calendar (amended)
9. Town Administrator Contente to New England Building & Bridge Co., Inc., Providence, RI re Award of Bid #902 - Prudence Island Ferry Dock Phase II Pier Repairs
10. Town Administrator Contente to Agresource Inc., Rowley, MA re Award of Bid #906 - Compost Marketing Program
11. Warrant - Peter A. Hewett, Board of Canvassers, Alternate Member
12. Lease Between Town of Bristol and Russ-Russ Realty Co. - Parking Lot, Corner of Thames Street and Church Street (signed copy)
13. Town Solicitor Ursillo to Maria Doherty, President, Benjamin Church Senior Center re Motor Vehicle Lease Agreement
14. Cynthia Daniels, 412 Thames Street re Portside Tavern - Temporary Tent and 1:00 AM Closing Time

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Parella/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator

Prior to the vote taken, Ms. Daniels appeared before the Council and explained that she lives next-door to the Portside Tavern. She informed the Council of her desire to object to the Council's recent action permitting the Portside to have an outdoor tent for service to customers in its parking lot.

Ms. Daniels relayed several activities relating to the tent; explaining that vendors service the facility during early morning hours and that there are portable toilets, used by Portside customers, directly under her bedroom windows.

Ms. Daniels explained that beer-delivery trucks block Thames Street at times and that the dumpster-containers, previously located in the parking lot, are now rolled out to obstruct passage on the Town sidewalk.

Ms. Daniels also noted that the Portside places 8-foot tables on the Town sidewalk and that the portable toilets are serviced during early morning hours and that the odor beneath her windows is "ungodly."

Ms. Daniels suggested that the tent and its related issues has disturbed her peace and asked that the Council should not grant this permission again at any time in the future.

Ms. Daniels expressed concern that the sidewalk is sometimes impassible due to the tent activities and also questioned the ability of emergency vehicles to reach her property.

Ms. Daniels also questioned the Council's recent decision to extend the hours of operation of the Portside Tavern until 1 AM. She questioned the need for establishments to operate from 10:30 PM until 1 AM and suggested that these late hours impact the quality of life for the abutting property owners.

Ms. Daniels expressed concern that she was not informed that these decisions were pending and asked that she may be notified the next time something is considered.

Councilwoman Parella stated that Ms. Daniels called her about these problems and asked if it would be possibly to notify abutters if there is a "big change" to a drinking establishment.

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It was suggested that Ms. Daniels should report her concerns to the Police Department.

Council Chairman Calouro suggested that the business may be able to make some adjustments to the delivery schedule and other vendor visits.

Ms. Daniels stated that she would not like to be thought of as a "complainer" and that the tent has been a nightmare and that the 1:00 closing time is bad for a variety of reasons.

Julio Amaro, also of 412 Thames Street stated that he observed loud speaking at 1:30 AM in the street by his residence.

Council Chairman Calouro agreed to look at how the public is notified.

Ms. Daniels stated that she is concerned about the dumpsters.

Mr. Amaro noted that no one spoke to the abutters prior to the decision and that it would have made sense for the petitioner to approach his neighbors about these plans.

Ms. Daniels stated that she does not wish to be a difficult neighbor but suggested that the restaurant should endeavor to be more neighbor-friendly.

Councilwoman Parella asked if it would be possible to notify residents. She also suggested that neighbors need to be vigilant and that the businesses need to be cooperative.

Councilwoman Parella added that the Police Department is already busy, especially during the Fourth of July activities and expressed concern that this tent permit may have set a difficult precedent.

Ms. Daniels stated that prior to the tent and the extended hours she had no difficulty.

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

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1. Zoning Board of Review - June 3, 2019 (amended)



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2. Harbor Commission - June 3, 2019
3. Bristol Warren Regional School District—Schedule of Meetings - Week of June 2, 2019
4. Bristol Warren Regional School District—Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee - June 3, 2019
5. Conservation Commission - June 4, 2019
6. Fourth of July Committee - June 6, 2019
7. Fourth of July Committee—Executive Board - June 6, 2019
8. Bristol Warren Regional School District—Schedule of Meetings - Week of June 9, 2019
9. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Workshop, June 10, 2019
10. Bristol Housing Authority - June 13, 2019
11. North and East Burial Grounds Commission - June 12, 2019
12. Bristol Warren Regional School District—Schedule of Meetings - Week of June 16, 2019
13. Bristol Warren Regional School District—Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee - June 17, 2019
14. Bristol County Water Authority - Special Meeting, June 20, 2019
15. Fourth of July Committee - June 19, 2019
16. Zoning Board of Review - July 9, 2019
17. Zoning Board of Review - July 15, 2019
18. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees - June 20, 2019
19. Bristol Warren Regional School District—Schedule of Meetings - Week of June 23, 2019

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20. Bristol Warren Regional School District-Budget/  
Facilities Subcommittee - June 24, 2019
21. Bristol Warren Regional School  
District-Personnel/ Contract Negotiations  
Subcommittee - June 24, 2019
22. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - June 24,  
2019

(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."**

Sweeney/Parella - Voted  
unanimously to convene in  
Executive Session pursuant to RIGL  
42-46-5 (a)(2) and (5) per agenda  
items I3 an L1 as found above at  
9:24 o'clock PM.

Sweeney/Parella - Voted  
unanimously to resume open session  
and seal the minutes of the  
Executive Session concerning item  
L1 at 9:45 o'clock PM.

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Council Chairman Calouro reported that action was taken in Executive Session concerning agenda item I3 as follows:

Teixeira/Sweeney - (Concerning agenda item I3 Above) Voted unanimously to exercise the "walk away" provision of the contract, so called, and to terminate said agreement.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Teixeira, seconded by Councilman Sweeney and voted unanimously the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 9:46 o'clock PM.

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Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk