

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

The council met on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, and called to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, Council Chairman Calouro presiding:

PRESENT: Council Chairman, Nathan Calouro  
Vice-Chairwoman, Mary Parella  
Councilman, Antonio "Tony" Teixeira  
Councilman, Timothy Sweeney  
Councilman, Aaron Ley

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator, Steven Contente  
Town Solicitor, Andy Teitz, Esq  
Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Chair Calouro led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Service Interviews and Appointments**

Historic District Commission - 1 unexpired three-year term, 2nd Auxiliary position set to expire July 2028

- a. Robert Camara, 71 Sea Breeze Lane - interest/appointment

The Council heard from Mr. Camera who expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Bristol historic district commission. Discussions ensued between members of the Council and Mr. Camera pertaining to Mr. Camera's qualifications and experiences. Mr. Camera also stated why he would consider himself to be a good fit for the position.

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to appoint Robert Camara to the Historic District Commission with a term set to expire in July 2028

**(Recess)** At this point in the meeting, Council Chairman Calouro declared a brief recess from 6:51 PM until the regular order of business at 7:00 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Chair Calouro led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda**

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

**A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

**A1.** Town Council Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2026

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

**B. Public Hearings**

**B1.** Thomas Bergenholtz 205 LLC D/B/A Bistro 205, 205 Thames Street - request for Class BV Limited Intoxicating Liquor License (**see also C1, D1, D2**)

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Pretreatment Coordinator

Teixeira/Parella-Voted unanimously to receive and file.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted that Mr. Bergenholtz submitted a letter to withdraw his petition for requesting the liquor license.

### C. Ordinances

- C1.** Ordinance 2026-02 - Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - (to increase the number of limited BV Licenses from four to five) **(2nd Reading) (see also B1, D1, D2)**

Parella/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to April 1<sup>st</sup>

- C2.** Ordinance No 2026-03 Chapter 21, Police, Article I-Sec. 21-11. - Regulations governing the use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology (Flock cameras) **(2nd Reading)**

- A. Councilman Ley re- Proposed amendment to the draft ordinance

Teixeira/Sweeney- motion to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2026-03. Advertise in the local newspaper.

Voting in favor were: Calouro, Parella, Teixeira, and Sweeney.

Voting Opposed was: Ley

Motion Carries

Prior to the vote being taken, Councilman Ley provided a detailed overview of a package of proposed amendments he had developed in relation to the ALPR ordinance. He explained that, following the Council's vote two meetings prior to move forward with the ordinance, he had consulted with the Council Chairman and Town Solicitor to explore potential enhancements. He reviewed the draft ordinance, proposed edits, and additional substantive provisions, and sought feedback from attorney colleagues, the Town Solicitor's Office, residents, and representatives of the Rhode Island ACLU, including Madeline McGonagall, who was present at the meeting.

Councilman Ley stated that his earlier alternative draft was intended as a starting point for discussion and, at the suggestion of the Solicitor, he reorganized his proposals into a

memorandum of "amendment options" to facilitate review by Council members. In refining these proposals, he consulted with Chief Lynch and the Solicitor's Office and removed or revised provisions that raised operational or legal concerns.

Councilman Ley grouped his proposed amendments into categories. First, he identified several lower-priority provisions he was willing to withdraw, including: Amendment 1, relating to the definition of "official law enforcement purpose," which had raised concerns from Chief Lynch; Amendment 4, which had not generated significant concern; and Amendment 7, regarding regular updating of "hot list" databases, which he noted may be more appropriate for state-level regulation.

He then outlined a second group of transparency-focused amendments that had received broader support in his discussions and were of particular interest to the ACLU. Amendment 2 would require that officers provide a more specific justification when conducting searches, rather than using a general designation such as "investigation." Amendment 3 would require that the addition of new cameras be approved by ordinance rather than resolution, thereby ensuring formal public notice and a more comprehensive legislative process. Amendment 6 would require auditing of 20% of manual ALPR searches, which he indicated could be conducted without additional staffing by utilizing data available through Flock Safety. Amendment 8 would establish a public transparency log, with flexibility in its implementation.

Councilman Ley further identified Amendment 5 as a high-priority provision, aimed at restricting the use of Bristol's ALPR data in connection with federal immigration enforcement. Referencing Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, he explained that while outside agencies could request data, such data would not be provided under the Town's policy if used for immigration enforcement purposes. He noted that while the ordinance governs local use of the system, control over data diminishes once shared externally. He indicated that he had previously considered broader restrictions on data sharing but removed those provisions, believing they were more appropriately addressed at the state level. He emphasized the importance of safeguarding civil liberties in the use of such technology.

Councilman Ley concluded by noting that the amendments were presented as a range of options for Council consideration rather than a single recommended package.

In response, members of the Council and the Town Solicitor characterized the remaining issues as policy decisions rather than legal requirements. Solicitor Teitz advised that the

current version of the proposed amendments did not present legal conflicts, noting that earlier concerns had been addressed through revisions. The remaining considerations involved balancing additional safeguards with operational flexibility.

Council members observed that many of the proposed amendments appeared to address similar objectives already reflected in the ordinance and, in some cases, were duplicative. Concerns were expressed regarding potential overcomplication of the ordinance, possible impacts on law enforcement operations, and whether certain provisions would be more appropriately addressed through internal police policies rather than codified in ordinance. It was also noted that the Council had already expanded the scope of the original proposal by adopting the framework through ordinance rather than by inter-agency agreement.

Chairman Calour emphasized that the ordinance before the Council reflected substantial input from Council members, the public, the Police Department, and other stakeholders. He highlighted the inclusion of a one-year sunset provision, requiring the Council to revisit and affirmatively renew the ordinance or allow it to expire. He noted that this provision provides an opportunity to evaluate the ordinance's effectiveness and make adjustments as necessary. He characterized the proposed amendments as largely reflective of alternative drafting approaches rather than fundamental policy differences.

Councilman Sweeney noted that broader regulatory considerations, including statewide standards for ALPR systems, would be more appropriately addressed at the state level, where related legislation is under consideration.

Councilman Teixeira expressed appreciation for Councilman Ley's efforts but stated that, in his view, a more streamlined ordinance was preferable and raised concerns that certain amendments could impede law enforcement operations or limit necessary discretion.

In closing remarks, Councilman Ley thanked his colleagues for their consideration and acknowledged the time invested in developing the proposals. While expressing disappointment that the amendments were not being adopted, he noted that some concepts could still be implemented through policy or future legislation at the local or state level. He also emphasized the importance of continued public dialogue regarding emerging technologies and their implications for privacy and civil liberties.

- C3.** Ordinance No 2026-04 Changes to Chapter 11 Fee Changes Sec. 11-1 Comprehensive fee schedule of fees - (removal of beach fees now set by resolution) **(1st Reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2026-04. Advertise in the local newspaper.

- C4.** Ordinance 2026-05 - Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - (to increase the number of limited BV Licenses from five to six) **(1st Reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to constitute as first reading of ordinance 2026-05. Advertise in local paper

**D. Licensing Board - New Petitions**

- D1.** Thomas Bergenholtz 205 LLC DBA Bistro 205, 205 Thames Street - request for Class BV Liquor License **(see also B1, C1, D2)**

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Dept. of Community Development
- d. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

Teixeira/Parella-Voted unanimously to receive and file.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted that Mr. Bergenholtz submitted a letter to withdraw his petition for requesting the liquor license.

**D2.** Thomas Bergenholtz 205 LLC DBA Bistro 205, 205 Thames Street - request for Victualling License **(see also D1)**

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- d. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to receive and file.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted that Mr. Bergenholtz submitted a letter to withdraw his petition for requesting the liquor license.

**D3.** Sean Reilly, Mason & Twine d/b/a Tamp, 359 Wood Street, Unit A - request for Sidewalk Use License

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works
- c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- d. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance Officer

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

Prior to the vote being taken, petitioner Sean Reilly addressed the council to request a sidewalk use license to place two

tables outside his shop. He explained that the café opened at the end of October and has received a very warm response from the Bristol community, noting that many customers have asked for outdoor seating. Because the interior is a very small space (the former shoe repair shop from Melo's), adding two outdoor tables—enough for four more customers—would meaningfully expand capacity and allow people to sit, study, or work on laptops (e.g., Roger Williams students and remote workers) without the business feeling pressured to rush them out. Council members responded positively and light-heartedly (recalling prior joking about bringing chocolate for everyone), and there were no objections or operational concerns raised

**D4.** Renee Soto, Co-chair Bristol Book Fest- request to sell & serve alcohol on town land for the 6th Annual Book Fest on April 10th from 6:30-8:00 PM at Rogers Free Library 525 Hope Street

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

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

Prior to the vote being taken, petitioner Rene Soto, co-chair of the Bristol Book Festival, addressed the council for permission to sell and serve alcohol on town lands for the 6th annual Book Fest event on April 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Rogers Free Library, 525 Hope Street. Ms. Soto briefly introduced herself. She thanked the Town for its consistent support of the Book Fest over the years, noted that it is now in its sixth year and is a significant achievement for a small community, and invited council members and the public to attend associated events, including a performance by the Orea Ensemble at St. Michael's Church and the main festival weekend on April 10-11 (with more details at [bristolbookfest.com](http://bristolbookfest.com)).

**D5.** Paiwarin Pongpimai ,Tong Phoon, 382 Thames Street, Phanta's Thai, LLC - request Victualling License **(new ownership) - (call for public hearing)**

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
- d. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

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

Prior to the vote being taken, the applicant Paiwarin Pongpimai and Thomas Dunley (a representative helping to speak) confirmed their address (13 Pershing Ave, Cranston) addressed the council requesting a victualling license. They explained that, under the new ownership, the menu would remain essentially the same, with continuity of quality, noting that the chef has cooked internationally (including in Egypt and Kazakhstan) and would bring some new ideas while preserving the existing offerings.

- D6.** Jesse James, Le Central, 483 Hope Street - Request one-day Liquor License extension on Friday, July 3rd to 1:00 AM to accommodate a Wedding Reception

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to grant a one-day liquor license extension closing time to Jesse James, Le Central for Friday, July 3, 2026 to 1:00 AM; with the condition that shuttle or bus service be provided for all patrons and that the owner submit the shuttle/bus company information to the Police Department in advance.

Prior to the vote being taken, applicant Jesse James, representing of 483 Hope Street, addressed the council to

request a one-day liquor license extension on Friday, July 3, to serve alcohol until 1:00 a.m. for a private post-wedding reception. Mr. James explained that the event would run roughly from 10:00/10:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., serving food and beverages exclusively to a private party of about 50-60 guests.

Chairman Calouro noted that the police department's written recommendation suggested limiting service to midnight, citing concerns tied to the heavy public safety and public works workload associated with the July 3-4 festivities and the need to keep downtown clean and manageable for the parade.

Mr. James clarified that guests would not park downtown but instead would park near Blithewold and use shuttle transportation to and from the venue, and that La Central intended to hire a police detail regardless, partly to manage any walk-up attempts by passersby and to ensure order. Hearing that there would be shuttle service and a detail officer, Council members expressed comfort with allowing service until 1:00 a.m., noting La Central's strong history with no prior issues and the additional safety measures.

Police Chief Lynch supported the request in principle but warned that staffing the detail might require assistance from another community due to the "all-hands-on-deck" nature of July 3 operations; he also reminded everyone that cars left on nearby "finger streets" after midnight are subject to towing for parade preparation.

At the Solicitor's recommendation, the Council added a condition that shuttle or bus service be provided for all patrons, and that the owner provide the shuttle/bus company information to the police department in advance.

**D7. Executive Director, Karen Binder, Blithewold Inc, 101 Ferry Road - Request for a Class BVL (limited) Liquor License (call for Public Hearing April 1st)**

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to consider this matter on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026,

- D8.** Maria Cesario, Bristol Rotary Charities Foundation re: rescheduling of Bingo Fundraiser from February 26th to April 22nd due to inclement weather

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to grant the rescheduling of the Bingo license to April 22, 2026 -per the recommendations received and conditions, if any, as delineated, and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies

- D9.** Alicia V. Saldana, Qhali Corporation, d/b/a Qhali Kitchen, 34 Gooding Avenue, request for Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to Toufic Walid Assi, Qhali Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Qhali Bar & Grill  
**(new ownership) (call for public hearing on April 1st)**

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

Parella/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to call for a public hearing to consider this matter on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, subject to the payment of levies; and to advertise in the local newspaper.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted a "received at meeting" document: a notice of claim filed by Medina Petashville.

Ms. Saldana came forward, she explained that the claim was directed at her personally and the corporation, and that it did not involve the matter before the Council that night; she stated her lawyers were already handling it.

Town Solicitor Teitz then clarified for the record that he had a copy of the Superior Court complaint, and that Qhali Corporation is in fact named as a defendant, meaning the Council must treat it as a claim related to a license holder. He advised that, before the Council can transfer the license, the claim issues must be resolved, and that Ms. Saldana must ensure her attorney addresses them.

Ms. Saldana responded that her attorney had already submitted paperwork, said there were errors in the complaint and no written agreement underlying some of the allegations, and indicated that her lawyer expected the matter to be revoked/dismissed; she offered to bring documentation by April 1 and stressed they were not selling the corporation itself, only the business assets, and that counsel had told her the license transfer could still proceed once the claim was resolved.

Town Solicitor Teitz reiterated that the Council must see that the claim has been properly handled before acting on the transfer.

Chairman Calouro instructed her to contact the Clerk's office and, if any questions arose, the Clerk would follow up with the Solicitor, so that all materials would be in order for the April 1 hearing.

**E. Licensing Board - Renewals**

**E1. 2026 Cesspool License Renewals**

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Superintendent Water Pollution Control

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

**E2. 2026 Tattoo License Renewals**

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

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

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro added light-hearted context, recalling that former council member Halsey had been strongly opposed to tattoos and tattoo parlors, so each year when the renewals come up they remember his "disdain" and then typically approve them. Councilman Sweeney jokingly stated that if Halsey was watching he should turn down the volume.

**E3.** David Fierabend, The Franklin, LLC, 195 Franklin Street, request for Modification to BV Intoxicating Beverage License (to expand alcohol service area to include outdoor seating area)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

Teixeira/Sweeney -Voted unanimously to table the matter.

Prior to the vote being taken, Todd Renner, Director of Operations for Groundswell Guild and The Franklin restaurant at 195 Franklin Street, addressed the council on a request to modify the existing Class BV intoxicating beverage license to expand the licensed alcohol service area to include an outdoor seating area. Mr. Renner introduced himself and confirmed that they had already submitted the required paperwork to the Zoning Board but were unsure how the Council would proceed that evening.

Chairman Calouro clarified that, because the requested change involves expanding the premises where alcohol is served, the matter must first be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Board

before the Council can act on the license modification. At the Solicitor's recommendation, rather than denying or approving prematurely, the Council chose to table the item until zoning action is complete. He further noted that, if and when approval is granted by the Zoning Board, the petitioner shall contact the Town Clerk's Office to have the matter placed back on a future Council agenda.

**F. Petitions - Other**

**F1.** Jason Paganelli, True North Running Company, regarding the 2026 Colt State Park Half Marathon on November 1st, from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM - portion of the race is on public roadway

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to approve the petition per the recommendations received and conditions delineated and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances

Prior to the vote being taken, Jason Paganelli of True North Running Company addressed the council. Mr. Pagnelli requested to hold the 2026 Colt State Park Half Marathon on November 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a portion of the race on public roadways. Paganelli noted this event has been held for many years—approximately 16-17 years in total, with his team managing it for about the last eight years—and that it is one of three races they host in Bristol, the only one that affects public roads (on Poppasquash). He thanked the Town for its longstanding support, highlighting Bristol as a "beautiful community" and saying they are proud to bring a couple thousand runners each year. He also mentioned that all three Bristol events are state or national championship races as sanctioned, which he described as a point of pride as both a race director and local resident. Council members responded favorably, noting there had been no significant problems with past races. One councilor reminded Paganelli that he must arrange police details and submit a medical plan to the Fire Department; Paganelli

confirmed that they typically have an on-site medical director and would formalize coordination with the Fire Department.

**F2.** Dana Card, 23 Dixon Avenue requests the installation of no-parking boxes across the street from the residence

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer the matter to the Police department for further review and continue to the April 1<sup>st</sup> council agenda.

Prior to the vote being taken, applicant Dana Card, of 23 Dixon Avenue, addressed the council. Ms. Card who requested installation of a "no parking box" across from her driveway. Ms. Card explained that Dixon Avenue narrows as you go up the hill, and that during the recent blizzard, and at other times when vehicles park directly across from her multiple driveways (including a U-shaped driveway and a three-car-wide driveway), it becomes extremely difficult to back out or back in, particularly with a large Bristol Aluminum box truck and other family vehicles. She said this has been an issue "for a long time," but the storm "put us over the edge." She contrasted her situation with a neighbor across the street who already has a no-parking box in front of his driveway, reportedly granted years earlier when a nearby group home's vehicles frequently blocked his access; she argued that if he has one, she should be able to obtain one as well.

Chairman Calouro explained that the Town recently adopted a consistent, objective protocol (developed by Chief Lynch) for evaluating such requests, using police vehicles to test whether normal vehicles can reasonably enter and exit driveways when a car is parked across the street. The Chief described this protocol and presented two video showing a police SUV maneuvering out of Card's driveway with a car parked opposite. Under the policy, if more than three corrections (back-and-forth maneuvers) are required, a no-parking box is recommended. In the video, the officer needed only one correction, leading the Police Department—and separately, the DPW, which also

recommended denial—to conclude that a box was not warranted under the standard.

Ms. Card disagreed and presented a photo showing the neighbor's existing no-parking box and explaining that when vehicles are parked there, her husband cannot back in the large cube truck or their trailer; she also recounted difficulties with landscapers and others parking opposite her driveway and refusing to move, one telling her to "hit it" when she expressed concern about striking a vehicle. Vice Chairwoman Parella asked how frequently this happens outside of unusual storms; Ms. Card said it is not daily but occurs "quite a few times," especially with landscapers and larger vehicles.

There was a broader discussion about the neighbor's older no-parking box, with Councilors and the Chief noting it likely pre-dated the current protocol and had been granted under a more subjective process. Council members emphasized they now try to apply the new standard consistently to all similar requests. Given the storm-related narrowing of the street and the fact that the earlier police test did not account for the large commercial box truck and trailer, Vice Chairwoman Parella suggested, and the Council agreed, that the Police Department should re-evaluate the location with the resident's actual vehicles present.

Chief Lynch supported this approach and agreed to coordinate a time when the trucks could be on site, re-run the maneuverability test, and report back. Accordingly, Councilman Sweeney moved to refer the matter back to the Police Chief for another look, and to continue the item to the April 1 meeting;

- F3.** Kelly and Lawrence Saulnier, East Landing, 205 Thames Street - Request for One Additional BV Limited Intoxicating Beverage License
- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
  - b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
  - c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development
  - d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted  
unanimously to schedule the public  
hearing for the April 1<sup>st</sup> , council  
meeting

Prior to the vote being taken, applicant Lawrence Saulnier addressed the council to seek a class BV liquor License. Mr. Saulnier explained that they have been operating a successful mobile kitchen/food truck for three years, always intending to transition to a brick-and-mortar restaurant, and that they have now entered into a sublease with the Bergenholtz family for the 205 Thames Street space. They plan to open a family-friendly American bistro-style restaurant, aiming for an early- to mid-May opening, with a menu that is reasonably priced and includes offerings suited to families and children.

Council members commented favorably on the detailed background material submitted, including the owners' and family's nautical and boat-building ties, their prior community, and their efforts to source locally (for example, featuring Pivotal on the beverage menu).

Clerk Cordeiro clarified that although the agenda line referenced a "BV limited" request, the petition itself seeks a full BV license, but the applicants understand and accept that Bristol's policy requires them to begin with a BV limited license for the first six months.

**F4.** Daniel Manchester for The Bristol Historical Preservation Society - Request use of Town Common for "Annual Flea and Fair" August 8, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (set-up 7AM) (rain date August 9, 2026)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Parks and Recreation

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted  
unanimously to approve the  
petition per the recommendations  
received and conditions delineated  
and also subject to conformance to  
all laws and ordinances

**F5.** Draft Resolution No. 2026-11-3-F3 Bristol Fourth of July Celebration - 2026

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and provide a copy to the Administration for distribution to all departments

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted that an amended resolution had been provided to the Council as a "received at meeting" item, reflecting a correction to include the pickleball tournament scheduled for April 25, 2026, in the list of events.

Chairman Calouro then displayed the large, double-sided resolution outlining the various events hosted by the Committee to fundraise for the Fourth of July celebration. He commended the volunteers for their efforts and dedication in supporting a successful and well-organized events.

**F6.** Bristol Firemen's Memorial and Welfare Committee request for support of 71st Annual Fundraiser and Program Book

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to appropriate \$150 from the Town Council Contingency account in support of this program

**G. Appointments**

**G1.** Bristol Planning Board - 2 three-year terms set to expire April 2029

a. Charles Millard, Jr. 620 Hope Street- interest/reappointment

b. Brian Clark, 31 Evelyn Drive - interest/reappointment

Parella/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to reappoint Charles Millard and Brian Clark to the Bristol Planning Board with a term set to expire in April 2029

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro took a moment to publicly commend the Planning Board's recent work—particularly its handling of a difficult, contentious application—emphasizing that, regardless of the public's views on specific outcomes, members serve as volunteers from the community who apply the ordinances and regulations as they understand them, often in challenging circumstances. He expressed the Council's gratitude for their time, resiliency, and willingness to serve. Councilman Teixeira echoed this appreciation, noting that despite recent pressures the Planning Board members had remained committed and that their continued service was welcome.

**G2.** Recreation Board - 2 three-year terms set to expire February 2029

a. Donald Squires, 9 Tobin Lane - interest/reappointment

b. Kevin Manuel, 282 Chestnut Street - interest/reappointment

c. Heidi Vermilyea, 1 Liberty Lane - interest/appointment

d. Tim Palmer, 7 Church Cove Road - interest/appointment

e. Robert Camara, 71 Sea Breeze Lane - interest/appointment

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to reappoint Donald Squire and Kevin Manuel to the Recreation Board with a term set to expire in February 2029

**G3.** Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees - 1 two-year term set to expire April 2028

a. Jeffrey Hirsh, 43 Baggy Wrinkle Cove, Warren - interest/reappointment

Parella/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to reappoint Jeffrey Hirsh to the Police

Pension Fund Board of Trustees with a term set to expire in April 2028

**G4.** Zoning Board of Review - 1 five-year term set to expire March 2031

a. Charles Burke, 26 Summer Street - interest/reappointment

b. Paul Blasbalg, 60 DeWolf Avenue - interest/appointment

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to reappoint Charles Burke to the Zoning Board of Review with a term set to expire in March 2031

**G5.** Historic District Commission - 1 unexpired three-year term, 2nd Auxiliary position set to expire July 2028

a. Robert Camara, 71 Sea Breeze Lane - interest/appointment

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to receive and file , as the appointment was made earlier in the meeting.

At the conclusion of the board appointments, Chairman Calouro took a moment to express his deep gratitude and appreciation for all members of the community who volunteer their time to serve on one of the town's many boards and commissions. He acknowledged the invaluable contributions of these individuals, recognizing their commitment to the betterment of the community. Chairman Calouro emphasized the importance of their selfless efforts in helping to shape and enhance the town's governance. On behalf of himself and the members of the council he extended a heartfelt thank you to all those who dedicated their time and expertise to the collective well-being of the community.

## **H. Old Business**

**H1.** Director of Parks and Recreation, Renshausen  
Request for Town Council consideration of proposed  
amendments to Chapter 18 concerning the Recreation  
Board, Sec. 18-41 (Created; Members; Terms;  
Compensation) to revise the number of board members  
and to clarify the advisory role of the Recreation  
Board **(continued from 2/18/2026)**

a. Draft Ordinance

b. Communication- Director Renshausen- request to  
continue matter to **April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to  
continue to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action**

**I1.** Public Service Announcement- 2026 Rabies Clinic & Dog  
Licenses

Sweeney/Ley - Voted unanimously to  
receive and file

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted that Animal  
Control Officer Heather Sims was unable to attend due to a  
scheduling conflict. The Clerk relayed that the annual rabies  
clinic will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 a.m. to  
12:00 p.m. at the Bristol Animal Shelter and will be hosted by  
the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter. Rabies vaccinations  
will be available for dogs and cats at a cost of \$10 per animal;  
dogs must be leashed, and cats must be in carriers. Members of  
the Clerk's Office will also be present to process dog license  
registrations during the clinic.

**I2.** Public Notice from CRMC - Herreshoff Marine Museum, 1  
Burnside Street, requires response by March 18th

a. recommendation- Town Administrator and Bristol  
Harbor Master

b. recommendation - Bristol Harbor Commission

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Tax  
Assessor

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of  
Community Development

Teixeira/Parella -Voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to send a letter to the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), on behalf of the Town Council, outlining the Town's concerns and considerations regarding the proposed marina prior to the approval, permitting, and completion of the project.

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro summarized that the Harbor Commission and Harbormaster had already reviewed the proposal and recommended several conditions or concerns be conveyed to CRMC, including: the need for adequate bathrooms, parking, and pump-out facilities, and that any privately owned moorings affected by the proposed marina expansion (e.g., moorings that might need to be shifted 20-30 feet) should be relocated at the Museum's expense rather than at private owners' cost.

Town Administrator Contente and Community Development Director Williamson confirmed the intent was not to support or oppose the project outright, but to ensure CRMC was aware of Bristol's zoning, harbor-management, and public-safety concerns.

Tax Assessor Leadman then noted an additional issue: several waterfront parcels associated with the Museum are currently treated as tax-exempt under an older exemption tied to their use as a museum; he questioned whether a conversion to an income-producing marina use should remain exempt and recommended the Solicitor review the underlying law (potentially a special act or "public law").

Town Solicitor Teitz agreed to investigate the legal basis for the exemption but clarified that this tax status question does not affect CRMC's permitting decision and would be followed up separately.

Councilors also voiced traffic and pedestrian safety concerns about intensifying use at this busy, curved section of Hope Street, particularly given existing congestion when weddings and large functions are held there.

Town Solicitor Teitz recommended that the Council formally endorse the Harbor Commission's and Harbormaster's comments and authorize that they be transmitted to CRMC as the official Town position.

- 13.** Dylan Ferreira, DEM Fish and Wildlife Biologist - 2025 Deer Archery Cooperative update and expansion of boundaries to the existing Minturn cooperative area

Teixeira/Sweeney -Voted unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator to sign an amended cooperative agreement with DEM, adding the Mount Hope Community Forest to the existing Bristol Deer Archery Cooperative once DEM finalizes the language, with any substantive changes to be brought back to the Council if needed

Prior to the vote being taken, Dlyan Ferreira of the Rhode Island Division of Fish & Wildlife provided a PowerPoint presentation the council with an update of the Bristol Deer Archery Cooperative. Mr. Ferreira reviewed the program's performance, noting that the past season produced Bristol's highest recorded deer harvest since tracking began in 2009, while deer-vehicle collisions in town have been trending downward, which is a primary goal of the program. He summarized that the co-op currently includes Hopeworth, Skater's Pond, 100 Acre Woods, and Minturn properties. He also reported on a recent aerial FLIR survey that estimated approximately 16,000 deer statewide (about 16 deer per square mile), and a focused survey in Colt State Park showing an estimated 62 deer, which is a very high density per square mile and a growing management concern.

Mr. Ferreira said DEM hopes to work with State Parks on a strategy for Colt, and he reiterated that feeding deer, especially during storms, remains a problematic practice that undermines management efforts.

Mr. Ferreira recommended regulatory changes for Bristol this year to expand the Minturn cooperative boundary to include the newly acquired Mount Hope Community Forest (the former Brown land abutting the transfer station and Tower Hill Road). Using updated mapping at the meeting, he showed that the proposal is to enroll the tan-shaded town-owned forest parcels contiguous with the existing Minturn co-op area-excluding a small, confusing triangle near the road-so that the entire community forest can be hunted under the same cooperative framework.

Town Administrator Contente confirmed that inclusion of hunting in this forest was already contemplated in the federal funding application for the acquisition, and that the area has been preliminarily checked for proper safety setbacks from neighboring properties.

Councilors asked clarifying questions about the location and existing co-op boundaries; Mr. Ferreira and Town Administrator Contente explained that this is an expansion of the current Minturn area, not a new, separate co-op.

It was noted for the record that a copy of the rendering depicting the expanded area would be provided to the Clerk for distribution to the Council. It was further noted that the PowerPoint submitted in the Council packet had since been updated to include the rendering. Mr. Ferreira explained that, due to the recent birth of his daughter, he had submitted materials prior to the Council deadline and subsequently provided the updated rendering.

- I4.** Maria Angie Medeiros, Executive Director, Bristol Housing Authority re- Council consideration of a proposed amendment to the existing PILOT Agreement.

Teixeira/Sweeney -Voted unanimously to continue to April 1, 2026 council meeting.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted that a communication was received from Director Medeiros to continue the matter to April 1, 2026

- I5.** Treasurer Carulli - Authorization for Use of the Guiteras Fund for Renovation of the Guiteras School to the New Town Hall Complex
- a. Memo-Solicitor Teitz re Guiteras School & Guiteras School Fund

Teixeira/ Sweeney- -Voted unanimously to authorize the use of the Guiteras Funds for the renovation cost of the Guiteras School building for the new town hall complex.

Prior to the vote, Treasurer Caruli expressed enthusiasm regarding the project and noted that building maintenance invoices are beginning to be received. He stated that the intent is to utilize endowment funds, rather than the general fund, to cover these expenses.

- 16.** Chairman Calouro- Joint Municipal Statement on the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws:  
Discussion and Possible Action regarding a proposed Joint Municipal Statement from Rhode Island municipalities concerning the impacts of the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws on municipal home rule, local planning, and zoning authority, and whether the Town Council wishes to endorse the statement

Teixeira/Parella -motion to endorse the Joint Municipal Statement on the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws and to authorize the Town Clerk to transmit same to the General Assembly in support thereof, as well as to the other thirty-eight (38) municipalities in the State of Rhode Island. Voting in favor were: Calouro, Parella, Teixeira, and Sweeney. Voting opposed was: Ley.  
Motion Carries

Prior to the vote, Chairman Calouro stated that he had requested the item be placed on the agenda, noting that the Council does not typically adopt resolutions of this nature. He explained that the matter arose in response to recently proposed state legislation related to affordable housing, which was brought to his attention by Bristol residents.

Chairman Calouro stated that he had communicated with the Council Presidents of Portsmouth and Warren, as well as legal counsel in other municipalities, and found general agreement regarding the concerns being raised. He emphasized that the Bristol Town Council has consistently supported affordable housing initiatives, citing prior Council actions, including extensive discussions regarding the Robin Rug project and the requirement of 20% affordable housing, as well as ongoing efforts by the Community Development Office and Planning Board.

He expressed concern, however, that the volume and pace of proposed state legislation may be outpacing a full understanding of its potential impacts. He noted that certain proposals, including those involving single-room occupancy configurations, could have broader implications than initially apparent. Chairman Calouro stated that additional consideration should be given at the state level to evaluate the cumulative effects of such legislation before further action is taken.

Chairman Calour further expressed concern regarding potential impacts on municipal infrastructure and services, including water, sewer, public safety, and schools, as well as the effect on neighborhood character and local zoning. He noted that the Town has made deliberate efforts to preserve community character, including through zoning regulations and historic district protections, and emphasized the importance of maintaining local control.

Chairman Calouro reiterated that the Council remains committed to supporting affordable housing but stated that the intent of the agenda item was to express concern regarding the broader impacts of current legislative proposals and to encourage a more measured approach at the state level.

Councilman Teixeira questioned how the proposed legislation would benefit municipalities, asking how communities impacted by such measures would realize tangible benefits. He expressed uncertainty regarding the purpose and continued pursuit of such proposals and requested clarification on their intended outcomes.

Vice Chairwoman Parella stated that she was pleased the item had been placed on the agenda, noting that there has been significant public discussion on the topic. She acknowledged the importance of affordable housing, recognizing that affordability is relative to each community. However, she expressed concern regarding the pace at which new legislation is being introduced, noting that earlier housing initiatives, such as those related to accessory dwelling units, have not yet had sufficient time to demonstrate their long-term impacts.

Vice Chairwoman Parella further stated that additional proposals, including those related to single-room occupancy, may present challenges for municipalities, particularly without a clear understanding of their effects. She emphasized the importance of maintaining a balance between expanding housing opportunities and preserving community character, including open space, shoreline access, and historic resources. She also noted the desire to retain residents who grew up in the community while acknowledging the increasing cost of housing.

Councilman Sweeney stated that he supports the need for additional affordable housing but emphasized the importance of maintaining a meaningful municipal role in local planning and zoning decisions. He noted that the resolution seeks to provide

clarity and flexibility, allowing municipalities to have a stronger voice in shaping development within their communities.

Councilman Sweeney expressed concern that municipalities may be experiencing increasing pressure from state-level initiatives without sufficient consideration of long-term local impacts. He referenced past infrastructure challenges, including flooding issues associated with development in the Tan Yard Brook area, noting the significant costs incurred to address those impacts. He stated that such examples underscore the importance of thoughtful planning and local control.

Councilman Ley stated that he wished to offer an alternative perspective on the matter. While acknowledging the concerns raised, he noted that there are also valid reasons why the State may be pursuing additional affordable housing legislation. He referenced data from the HousingWorks Rhode Island Factbook, indicating that in the first quarter of 2025, Rhode Island experienced significant increases in housing costs, including an 11% rise in single-family home prices and rent increases among the highest in the country. He further noted that housing affordability remains a significant challenge, with median home prices in Bristol estimated at approximately \$575,000 and average rental costs around \$2,000 per month, requiring substantial household income to afford.

Councilman Ley stated that Bristol currently has approximately 7.21% of its year-round housing stock classified as affordable and expressed hope that projects such as the Robin Rug development may help increase that percentage. He acknowledged the efforts of the Council, Planning Board, and staff in addressing affordable housing needs, noting that the Town is making progress.

Councilman Ley further stated that while he understands and values the principle of local control, he also recognizes that the State is attempting to address housing challenges through broader policy initiatives, which may not always align perfectly with local preferences. He emphasized the importance of considering both the policy objectives and the human impact of housing availability, sharing a personal perspective on the importance of access to affordable housing options.

Councilman Ley also expressed concern regarding certain provisions in the proposed resolution, including references to potential litigation and coordinated legal action. Based on these considerations, he indicated that he would not be able to support the resolution.

Chairman Calouro emphasized the importance of preparedness and engagement in the legislative process, stating that matters of this nature require careful review and consideration. He clarified that the discussion was not intended as a personal criticism of any individual, but rather as a policy-based concern.

Chairman Calouro stated that the Council supports moving initiatives forward; however, he expressed the need for a more measured approach and greater collaboration. He reiterated the importance of municipalities having a "seat at the table" in discussions that impact local communities and emphasized the need for mutual respect between local officials and state representatives.

He concluded by clarifying that his comments were directed at the process and substance of the proposed legislation, not at any individual, and were intended to reflect a policy disagreement rather than a personal critique.

Vice Chairwoman Parella expressed concern regarding a one-size-fits-all approach to affordable housing legislation, noting that municipalities vary in their level of engagement and progress. She stated that Bristol has made consistent efforts to address affordable housing and emphasized that uniform policies may not fairly reflect the work already being done by communities.

She further noted that certain housing models, such as single-room occupancy, may not necessarily achieve affordability goals and referenced existing local conditions where similar arrangements already exist. She expressed concern that such approaches could have unintended consequences without clear income guidelines or oversight.

Vice Chairwoman Parella emphasized the importance of allowing recently enacted housing policies time to take effect, noting that development and construction require time before outcomes can be evaluated. She also highlighted the need for a balanced approach to housing, including supportive services for individuals who may require assistance beyond housing alone, such as job training, mental health support, or substance abuse services.

She concluded by expressing concern that current legislative approaches may not adequately account for local zoning, planning efforts, or responsible municipal practices, and stated that communities actively working toward solutions should be recognized in those discussions

Larry Fitzmaurice of Portsmouth addressed the Council and expressed concerns regarding the lack of research and municipal input in the development of recent state housing legislation. He noted potential impacts on infrastructure, including water systems, and raised concerns about the loss of local zoning control. He also referenced possible legal questions related to municipal authority under the State Constitution. Mr. Fitzmaurice stated that his remarks were intended to supplement points already raised by the Council.

Peter Hewit, 11 Wendy Drive, addressed the Council and stated that Bristol has consistently supported affordable housing within its authority. He expressed concern that recent state legislation may infringe upon municipal home rule authority over zoning and land use and stated that municipalities should retain control over local planning decisions. He further noted that municipalities, including Bristol, had not been adequately consulted in the development of the legislation.

Mr. Hewit also questioned the effectiveness of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns in communicating and advocating on behalf of municipalities, suggesting that greater coordination and earlier notification to member communities would be beneficial.

In response, Vice Chairwoman Parella and Town Administrator Contente noted that the League is actively engaged in monitoring and opposing many of the proposed bills, though the volume and pace of legislation has made it challenging to keep up. The Town Administrator further noted that representatives of the League are present at the State House regularly, providing updates and coordinating opposition efforts among municipalities.

Solicitor Teitz added that he has also been monitoring the legislation through professional organizations, including the Rhode Island chapter of the American Planning Association, and noted that the number and pace of proposed bills make tracking and review difficult. He further observed that many of the bills are being advanced quickly, leaving limited time for analysis and municipal response.

Mr. Hewit concluded by acknowledging these efforts and suggested that broader coordination among municipalities, including shared resolutions, could strengthen communication with the General Assembly, while also noting that constituent outreach to state legislators may be an effective means of influencing outcomes.

**CF. Citizens Public Forum**

*PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK DURING THE CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM MUST NOTIFY THE COUNCIL CLERK PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING*

**J. Bills & Expenditures**

- J1.** Bid 1084 Bristol Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and Community Development to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro presented the following bid tabulations for the bids received, as outlined below:

- Church Community Housing Corp- Qualifications submitted

- J2.** Bid 1085 - School Bus Transportation

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and Recreation Department to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro presented the following bid tabulations for the bids received, as outlined below:

- First Student, Inc. in the bid amounts of:
  - o Per Day \$330.00
  - o B1-B6 \$515.00
  - o Per mile \$3.35
  - o Per hour \$86.52 (if trip exceeds 5.5 hours)

**K. Special Reports**

- K1.** BCWA Tri-Town Monthly Report February 2026

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

**L. Town Solicitor**

**M. Executive Sessions**

- M1. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5, (a) (2) potential litigation- Mt. Hope Bridge Report

Teixeira/ Sweeney - Voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a) (2) concerning potential litigation at 9:05 PM.

Solicitor Tietz announced that a motion was made and vote was taken in Executive Session

- M2. Director Williamson request for Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5, (a) (5) - Any discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes.

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a) (5) concerning the Acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes. at 9:05 PM.

Parella/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to resume open session and seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 9:32 PM.

Solicitor Tietz announced that no motion was made in this portion of Executive session.

Consent Agenda Items:

**(CA) AA. Submission of Minutes - Boards and Commissions**

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

- (CA) AA1. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2025
- (CA) AA2. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2025
- (CA) AA3. BCWA Board Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2026
- (CA) AA4. BCWA Public Hearing Minutes - January 22, 2026
- (CA) AA5. Zoning Board of Review Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2026
- (CA) AA6. Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2026
- (CA) AA7. Bristol Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2026
- (CA) AA8. Harbor Commission Sub Committee -Bristol Harbor Protection Team Meeting Minutes - December 1, 2025
- (CA) AA9. Harbor Commission Sub Committee - Bristol Harbor Protection Team Meeting Minutes - November 3, 2025

**(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments**

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

- (CA) BB1. Tax Assessor Leadem - Recommended Abatement & Additions as of March 11, 2026

**(CA) CC. Financial Reports**

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

- (CA) CC1. Town Treasurer Carulli - YTD - Budget Actuals for March 2026

**(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations**

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

- (CA) DD1. Citation - Mary Almeida 100th Birthday (signed)
- (CA) DD2. Citation - Adrianna Lehane - Eagle Scout Award (signed)
- (CA) DD3. Resolution R-2026-2-18-I3 - In Support of Rhode Island House Bill H7224 (signed)

**(CA) EE. Utility Petitions**

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

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

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

- (CA) FF1. Town of Foster Resolution No. 2026-01 - In Support of Rhode Island House Bill 7356 and Senate Bill 2216
- (CA) FF2. Town of Tiverton Resolution 2026-0002 - Resolution in Support of Municipalities Collaboration in Reviewing, Analyzing, and Responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws
- (CA) FF3. Town of Tiverton Resolution 2026-0003 - In Support of H-7123, H-7124, H-7125, H-7294, H-7296 and H-7297
- (CA) FF4. Town of Tiverton Resolution 2026-0004 - In Support of H-7292, H-7293 and H-7372
- (CA) FF5. Town of Tiverton - Joint Municipal Statement of Rhode Island Municipalities Regarding the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws
- (CA) FF6. Town of Portsmouth Resolution #2026-02-25C - In Support of Rhode Island House Bill 7224
- (CA) FF7. Town of Hopkinton - Resolution in Support of Municipalities Collaborating in Reviewing, Analyzing, and responding to the 2025 Affordable Housing Laws

(CA) FF8. Town of Hopkinton - Joint Municipal Statement of Rhode Island Municipalities Regarding the 2025 State Affordable Housing Laws

**(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications**

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

(CA) GG1. Notice from Troop 5 Bristol Rhode Island re Citation for Adrianna Lehane rank of Eagle Scout

(CA) GG2. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Regional and Categorical Transportation Aid as Outlines in RIGL 16-7.2-6

(CA) GG3. Danielle Carey, BWRSD - Request to Temporarily Close Bradford Street for Summer Programs

(CA) GG4. John McDonald, 15 Stephen Drive - letter of thanks for years service on the Harbor Commission

(CA) GG5. State House Lease Agreement- 240 High Street (June 1, 2026- May 31, 2029)

(CA) GG6. Town of Burrillville - Honorable Daniel McKee re: Support of Blue Ribbon Report Equalizing Opportunity

(CA) GG7. DEM Official Tree Warden 2026 Appointment - Steven Saracino

**(CA) HH. Distributions/Notice of Meetings**

(Office copy only)

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

(CA) HH1. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting - January 22, 2026

(CA) HH2. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting - February 12, 2026

(CA) HH3. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting - February 19, 2026

(CA) HH4. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Macaroni Supper Sub-Committee Meeting - February 26, 2026

(CA) HH5. Recreation Board Meeting - February 25, 2026

- (CA) HH6. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Music & Entertainment - Concerts - February 26, 2026
- (CA) HH7. BCWA Personnel Committee Meeting - February 26, 2026
- (CA) HH8. BCWA Board of Directors Meeting - February 26, 2026
- (CA) HH9. Planning Board Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting - February 26, 2026
- (CA) HH10. Comfort Inn and Suites Master Plan Phase for Major Land Development Public Hearing Notice - March 5, 2026
- (CA) HH11. Zoning Board of Review Meeting - March 2, 2026
- (CA) HH12. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Finance Subcommittee Meeting - March 5, 2026
- (CA) HH13. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Promotions Subcommittee Meeting - March 5, 2026
- (CA) HH14. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Souvenir Subcommittee Meeting - March 2, 2026
- (CA) HH15. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Ball Subcommittee Meeting - March 2, 2026
- (CA) HH16. Harbor Commission Agenda - March 2, 2026
- (CA) HH17. Planning Board Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting - February 26, 2026 (Cancelled)
- (CA) HH18. Conservation Commission Meeting - March 3, 2026
- (CA) HH19. Planning Board Meeting - March 5, 2026
- (CA) HH20. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Pickleball Subcommittee Meeting - March 9, 2026
- (CA) HH21. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Cultural Night Subcommittee Meeting - March 9, 2026
- (CA) HH22. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Carnival Subcommittee Meeting - March 9, 2026

**(CA) II. Claims (Referrals)**

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

(CA) III. Maria Rego, 12 Shaws Lane - claim

**(CA) JJ. Miscellaneous Items Requiring Council Approval**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to approve these items"**

**(CA) KK. Curb cut petitions as approved by the director of public works**

**Approval of consent agenda = "motion to grant these curb cuts per the recommendation of, and conditions specified by, the Director of Public Works"**

There being no further business, upon a motion by Vice Chairwoman Parella , seconded by Councilman Sweeney and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 9:33 pm.

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Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk  
Council Clerk