

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

The council met on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, and called to order at 7:00 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, Michael Ursillo, Esq
Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

Special Recognitions

Citation - Mt. Hope Huskies Swim Team

Chairman Nathan Calouro welcomed the Mount Hope Husky's swim team captains and members to recognize their undefeated season. Captains Finn Pansa, Cohen Ferreira, and Liam Gagnier introduced themselves and their teammate Kieran Rydell.

The captains shared how they achieved their undefeated season through hard work, dedication, and teamwork. They highlighted the impact of new team members and the team's commitment to winning from the beginning of the year.

Chairman Calouro read out some of the team's achievements, including:

- 6-0 regular season record
- Division 3 state champions
- Individual achievements in various swimming events

The council congratulated the team on their success and emphasized the importance of recognizing such accomplishments in the town. Councilman Teixeira, as a former athlete and coach, appreciated the team's effort in maintaining focus throughout the season.

The council presented the team with the following citation:

The Bristol Town Council proudly recognizes the exceptional accomplishments of the Mt. Hope High School Huskies Swim Team on their undefeated 6-0 regular season and their extraordinary achievement as Division III State Champions.

Under the outstanding leadership of Head Coach Kasey Carr and Assistant Coach Adam Dutra, the team demonstrated unwavering commitment, athletic excellence, and team spirit throughout the season. Notably, the Huskies broke every school record, an achievement that speaks volumes of their dedication and hard work.

Individual accolades include:

- *Finn Pansa – First Team All-Division: 200 Free, 100 Free*
- *Cohen Ferreira – First Team All-Division: 100 Fly, 100 Breast*
- *Samuel Coles – First Team All-Division: 50 Free*
- *Relay Team (Cohen Ferreira, Ben Coles, Sam Coles, Finn Pansa) – First Team: 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay*
- *Liam Gagner – Second Team All-Division: 200 IM*
- *Kieran Riedl – Second Team All-Division: 100 Fly, 100 Breast*
- *Ben Coles – Second Team All-Division: 500 Free*
- *Sam Coles – Second Team All-Division: 100 Back*
- *Relay Team (Liam Gagner, Cohen Ferreira, Kieran Riedl, Ben Coles) – Second Team: 200 Medley Relay*

The Town of Bristol commends the Mt. Hope Huskies for their record-breaking season and exemplary representation of sportsmanship, perseverance, and excellence in high school athletics.

Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared and presented withholding consent agenda items GG3 & GG5.

A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- A1.** Town Council Special Meeting Minutes - March 17, 2025
- A2.** Town Council Special Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2025
- A3.** Town Council Special Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2025
- A4.** Town Council Meeting Minutes - March 26, 2025

A5. Town Council Special Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2025

A6. Town Council Special Workshop Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2025

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 17,18,19,26, April 14 Special meeting and April 14, 2025 special workshop as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

C. Ordinances

C1. Ordinance 2025-03 - Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - (to decrease the number of limited BV Licenses from 8 to 7) **(1st Reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2025-03. Advertise in the local newspaper.

C2. Ordinance No. 2025-04 Chapter 17 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article II Alcoholic Beverage Establishments, Sec. 17-82 Number of Licenses (to increase the number of BV licenses from 32 to 33) **(1st Reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2025-04. Advertise in the local newspaper.

C3. Ordinance No. 2025-05 - Chapter 16 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V - Stopping Standing and Parking (no parking box located across from 28 Shaws Lane) **(1st reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2025-05. Advertise in the local newspaper.

- C4.** Ordinance No. 2025-06 Chapter 16 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IX Residential Parking, Sec. 16-345 Designated residential parking streets (To include portions of Hope Street to the Residential Zone) **(1st Reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2025-06. Advertise in the local newspaper.

- C5.** Ordinance No. 2025-7 Zoning Chapter 28 Land Use Laws (adopted 2024 - legislative session) (1st reading) **(call for public hearing- May 28, 2025)**

Section: 28-1 Definitions (floor area ratios)

Section: 28-151 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

Section: 28-221 Land Nonconforming by Area (Substandard Lots)

Section: 28-370 Inclusionary Zoning

Section: 28-150, 181, 182, 183, 185, 187, 255, 352 & 354 Supplementary Regulations (Development Plan Review)

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2025-07. Advertise in the local newspaper and call for public hearing on May 28, 2025

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

- D1.** DeWolf Tavern, 259 Thames Street - Request permission to hold Oysterfest fundraiser on Sunday, June 15, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This includes a one-day Liquor License extension to cover outdoor common areas, and permission to display two banners on Hope Street for the two weeks leading up to June 15th.

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Sweeney/ Texeira-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, Clerk Cordeiro noted a received at meeting agenda item to include the recommendation from the Community Development Director.

D2. Elisio Castro on behalf of Bristol Sports Club, 417 Wood Street, request for a Bingo License on Thursday, May 22, 2025 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

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

D3. Charles MacDonough, Bristol Fourth of July Committee - Request for Mobile Food Truck Establishment Event Permit for Outdoor Concert Series at Roger Williams University, June 21, 2025 - July 2, 2025 from 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

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

D4. Angela Cabral on behalf of Franklin Court Assisted Living, 180 Franklin Street - request for a Bingo

Sweeney/Parella-Voted unanimously to support the Proclamation Declaring May as Mental health Awareness Month, and send to the 38 other Rhode Island municipalities

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted a receive at meeting item to include an invitation to the ribbon Project event.

Melissa Goldstein and Lynn Patten presented the request to the council. Mrs. Goldstein explained the importance of raising awareness of mental health issues and breaking the stigma surrounding mental illness. She also mentioned the upcoming third annual Week of Caring and Connection in May, which includes various activities around town.

Lynn Patten, representing the Matthew Patton Foundation, shared information about the Suicide Prevention Ribbon Project scheduled for May 9, 2025. The project involves installing 120 ribbons near the bike path to represent the number of Rhode Islanders who died by suicide in 2022. Mrs. Patten invited council members to participate in the ribbon installation and emphasized the importance of raising awareness about suicide prevention.

F3. Stephen J. Elmasian, Co-Chairman, Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island request to fly Armenian Flag at Bristol Town Hall on April 24, ~~2023~~ 2025

a. memo from Clerk of Canvassers Cordeiro re qualifying signatures received

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to approve this petition, allowing that a 3 X 5 foot 'Armenian Flag' may be flown on a Town flagpole at Town Hall on April 24, 2025, with the Town assuming no responsibility for the care of this flag beyond its raising.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted a typographical error on the agenda and clarified that the correct year should read 2025.

F4. Allison Borges, 6 Domenic Court and Mark Overy, 39 Spring Street re Voter Initiative to enact a proposed

ordinance to establish the permanent venue for the
Bristol 4th of July Concert Series

- a. memo from Clerk of Canvassers Cordeiro re
qualifying signatures received

It is noted for the record that under agenda item F4, Councilman Teixeira motioned to combine agenda items F4 and F5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sweeney and unanimously approved. Discussions related to these combined items took place under agenda item F4. However, any actions taken on these items are individually listed under their respective agenda headings as reflected herein.

Teixeira/ Parella- Voted unanimously to
deny the petition to enact a proposed
ordinance to establish the permanent
venue for the Bristol 4th of July
Concert Series

Chairman Calouro first invited the Town Solicitor to provide an overview of the petition process. Solicitor Ursillo explained that under Section 503 of the Town Charter, qualified electors may petition the Town Council to enact an ordinance, provided that at least 150 valid signatures are obtained and certified by the Clerk's Office and the Board of Canvassers. Once validated, the Council must act within 40 days. The two petitions before the Council proposed, respectively, to set a permanent venue for the Fourth of July concert series at Independence Park and to establish a fixed parade route into law. Solicitor Ursillo outlined the possible outcomes: the Council could adopt the ordinances, submit them for legal review, and proceed through the ordinance process, or the Council could vote to deny the petitions. In the event of denial, the petitioners would have the right to collect 1,000 additional signatures to place the matter on a ballot for voter consideration. He clarified that if the matter went to ballot, the Council would determine whether it would occur during a regular or special election.

Chairman Calouro outlined the procedure for the evening. The Council would first hear from the petitioners, followed by the Police Chief, Town Administrator, and any relevant department

heads. Council members would have the opportunity to ask questions at any time. Although the hearing was not a formal public hearing, the Council would allow public comment, with individual remarks limited to two minutes to ensure fairness and consistency with past practice.

Anne Marie LaRoche presented on behalf of Allison Borges, who could not attend due to work obligations and had submitted a written statement. Borges' statement expressed deep pride in Bristol's Fourth of July traditions and appreciation for the efforts of the Fourth of July Committee. However, she voiced strong opposition to relocating the concert series to Roger Williams University, citing the downtown location's community atmosphere, accessibility, and positive economic impacts. Borges acknowledged safety concerns but argued that crowd management solutions—such as road closures, vendor relocation, and designated emergency access aisles—could mitigate risks without moving the event. Borges's statement noted that over 1,900 signatures and \$20,000 had been raised in support of keeping the concert downtown. Borges proposed that the ordinances include an emergency relocation provision and requested that the Council either adopt the ordinances or consider modest revisions to satisfy public concerns.

Chief of Police Kevin Lynch and Captain St. Pierre then addressed the Council. They explained that following each major town event, including the Fourth of July festivities, the Police Department conducts an "After Action Report" to assess performance and identify safety improvements. The report for 2024 highlighted longstanding safety concerns at Independence Park, including venue overcrowding, traffic congestion, vehicle-borne threats, and challenges with emergency access. Chief Lynch stressed that the Police Department had not mandated a venue change but had presented objective security findings to the Fourth of July Committee.

When asked by the Council about the origin of the \$20,000 figure cited in recent news media as the cost to keep the concerts in the current location, Chief Lynch elaborated that the estimated additional cost to maintain concerts safely at Independence Park—approximately \$20,000—was provided in response to a specific request from the petitioner during a prior Fourth of July Committee meeting. The petitioner had asked for an estimate of the cost associated with increased police presence, traffic control at road closures, and the need for extensive public

signage. He emphasized that it was a rough estimate only and not based on a formal cost breakdown, as he had not been asked to prepare a full accounting of anticipated expenses. Chief Lynch also noted that this figure did not account for potential fire department costs, which would further increase the overall financial impact.

Captain St. Pierre also emphasized that Independence Park's 50,000-square-foot size was inadequate for large tribute-band crowds, especially when compared to the 82,000-square-foot field at Roger Williams University, which offers greater capacity and improved emergency access and flexibility. He further explained that crowd control challenges at Independence Park had grown more severe, with dense congestion creating unsafe conditions during peak concerts. He confirmed that the new location would allow better security control and capacity management, noting that at Independence Park, crowds of 2,000-3,000 people frequently overwhelmed the available space. He also stated that Roger Williams University would offer ample parking, greater control of crowds, and improved accessibility.

Town Administrator Contente addressed the Council, concurring with the police department's findings and recommendations. He noted that the safety concerns were first formally communicated to him in July, immediately following the previous year's concert series. Town Administrator Contente stressed the difference between managing a one-day event like the parade versus a multi-week concert series, emphasizing that Independence Park was never designed as a large concert venue. Town Administrator Contente addressed several safety concerns and pointed out that while the alternative venue offered better logistical capabilities, moving the concerts was a difficult decision made with thorough consideration of all factors involved. Regarding the parade route petition, he clarified that no immediate plans existed to change the route but cautioned that locking it into law could limit future flexibility, especially if unforeseen infrastructure issues, like bridge repairs or natural disasters, occurred.

Several Councilors then offered comments. Councilman Sweeney emphasized the risk of legal and operational inflexibility if the proposed ordinances were adopted, suggesting it would hinder the town's ability to react promptly to safety concerns. Vice Chairwoman Parella reflected on post-9/11 and Boston Marathon security changes and the complexities of safely managing large crowds, reinforcing the need for flexibility. Councilman

Teixeira agreed that while community traditions were important, adaptability was essential for public safety in today's unpredictable world. Chairman Calouro underscored the dangers of tying the town's hands through rigid ordinances, reminding all that governance required making difficult but necessary decisions with public safety as the top priority.

Council members expressed concerns about limiting flexibility through ordinances and emphasized the need for adaptability in addressing safety issues. They discussed the importance of supporting the volunteer-run Fourth of July Committee, acknowledging the committee's hard work and dedication to organizing the event each year. The council pointed out how enacting an ordinance could handcuff town officials when flexibility was needed the most, driving home the message that governance means adapting to change, especially regarding public safety.

Public comment was then opened. Patty Nana, Fourth of July Committee member and concert coordinator, spoke passionately about the volunteer effort that sustains the concerts and expressed deep disappointment in community members who had publicly disparaged committee volunteers. She emphasized that the decision to relocate was not taken lightly and highlighted the committee's responsibility to safeguard attendees, even at the cost of tradition. Charles McDonough, another committee member, echoed these sentiments, stressing the financial and personal commitment required to produce the concert series.

Resident Peter Hewett, 11 Wendy Drive, urged the Council to prioritize safety over convenience, warning against the legal exposure the town might face if it enacted rigid venue or route mandates in today's security environment.

Following public comments, Council members briefly reiterated their consensus that while they respected the petitioners' civic engagement, the need for safety, flexibility, and reliance on professional security recommendations outweighed the risks of adopting the proposed ordinances.

Councilman Teixeira then made a motion to deny both petitions, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Parella.

Chairman Calouro expressed appreciation to the Fourth of July Committee, Police Department, Department of Public Works, and Fire Department for their dedication and hard work. He also

emphasized that although public scrutiny was suitable, volunteers should always be treated with respect and gratitude for their service to the community.

F5. Allison Borges, 6 Domenic Court and Mark Overy, 39 Spring Street re Voter Initiative to enact a proposed ordinance establishing the Bristol Fourth of July parade route into law and require voter approval for any modification

a. memo from Clerk of Canvassers Cordeiro re qualifying signatures received

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Teixeira/ Parella- Voted unanimously to deny the petition to enact a proposed ordinance establishing the Bristol Fourth of July parade route into law and require voter approval for any modification

G. Appointments

G1. Capital Project Commission (1 five-year term set to expire May 2030)

a. Charles Coelho, 120 Hopeworth Avenue - not seeking reappointment

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to accept this resignation and to instruct the Clerk to send a letter of thanks for service; elevate Alen Spen to full member, and to advertise in the local paper

H. Old Business

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

I1. Public Notice from CRMC re 115 Aaron Avenue, Bristol -

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Harbor Master
- b. recommendation - Bristol Harbor Commission
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director on Community Development

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

I2. Harbor Master Marsili re proposed Ordinance changes to Chapter 8, Sec 72 Independence Park Boat Ramp (Vehicle load restrictions)

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he may draft ordinance language for Council consideration on May 7, 2025 and to amend the proposed ordinance to read a fixed fine amount of \$500.

Prior to the vote being taken, Harbor Master Marsili presented proposed changes to the ordinance regarding vehicle load restrictions for the Independence Park boat ramp. The council discussed the fine amount and enforcement methods. Chairman Calouro suggested changing the fine from "up to \$500" to a fixed \$500 fine

I3. (Draft) Resolution - Recommendation to State Legislature to Amend R.I.G.L. § 44-3.3 and R.I.G.L. § 45-13-5.1

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve transmittal of this draft legislation to the local members of the General Assembly and to authorize the Clerk to send to the General Assembly a resolution in support of same.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro Noted that a item received at meeting was included to provide the council with a

revised resolution and litigation that corrected the name of the non-profit organization. Town Solicitor Ursillo explained the need to amend state legislation to ensure the town continues to receive appropriations in lieu of property tax for the property formerly owned by Brown University, now transferred to the Pokanoket Management Group.

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 No. 1060 Professional Auditing Services

a. Bid Tabulation Sheet

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer 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:

- Cbiz CPAs
 - o \$63,500 (2025)
 - o \$65,000 (2026)
 - o \$66,500 (2027)
- Hague, Sahady & Co., CPA's P.C.
 - o \$69,260 (2025)
 - o \$71,350 (2026)
 - o \$73,500 (2027)
- Clifton Larson Allen, LLP
 - o \$62,500 (2025)
 - o \$65,750 (2026)
 - o \$69,000 (2027)

J2. Bid No 1061 Marina Trash Skimmer

a. Bid Tabulation Sheet

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

Harbor Master 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:

- Westway Construction Inc., total project cost in the amount \$26,200
- Poral U Marine Inc, total project cost in the amount of \$34,500

Harbor Master Marsili confirmed that the funds for this purchase were raised through Bristol Harbor Fest over the past 10

J3. Bid No. 1062 - Spring 2025 Tree Sourcing and Delivery

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

- Schichtel's Nursery, Inc. with a total base bid amount of \$18,468
- Siteone Landscape Supply with a total base bid amount of \$28,365
- Central Nurseries, Inc with a total base bid amount of \$11,995

J4. Bid No. 1063 - Gibson Road Shoreline Improvements

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

- JML Excavation Inc., in the amount of \$28,433
- Skurka Construction Inc., in the amount of \$135,397

- Lucianos Excavation Inc., in the amount of \$299,000
- East Coast Landscaping and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$195,675.00
- True North Civil LLC., in the amount of \$105,610
- Universal Construction Co., in the amount of \$83,420
- CJR Atlantic, Inc., in the amount of \$165,994.29

K. Special Reports

K1. BCWA Tri-Town Monthly Report - March 27, 2025

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

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

M1. Town Administrator Contente requests for Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5 (a) (5), acquisition/disposition of public property

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a) (5) concerning acquisition/disposition of public property at 8:54 PM.

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to resume open session and seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 9:40 PM.

Solicitor Ursillo announced that no motion was made, and no vote was taken in 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 Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes- March 31, 2025

(CA) AA2. Housing Authority Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2025

(CA) AA3. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - February 27, 2025

(CA) AA4. Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2025

(CA) AA5. Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes - March 6, 2025

(CA) AA6. Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2025

(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments

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

(CA) CC. Financial Reports

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

(CA) CC1. Treasurer Carulli Year-to-Date Budget Report - April 2025

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

(CA) DD1. Resolution - Bristol Fourth of July Celebration 2025 (signed)

(CA) DD2. Resolution - Restoration of General Revenue Sharing to Cities and Towns (signed)

(CA) DD3. Resolution 2025-3-26-F1- Support of Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns 2025 Legislative Priorities (signed)

(CA) DD4. Citation - Mt. Hope Huskies Boys Basketball Team (signed)

(CA) DD5. Proclamation - Earth Day 2025 (signed)

(CA) EE. Utility Petitions

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

(CA) EE1. Narragansett Electric and Verizon request to install a new pole on State Street, Southwest of Wood Street

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

(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 Hopkinton - Resolution Requesting to Restore Revenue Sharing

(CA) FF2. Town of Hopkinton - Opposition to RI 2025 Gun Control Legislation

(CA) FF3. Town of Exeter - Resolution 2025-02 Opposition to RI 2025 Gun Control Legislation

(CA) FF4. Town of Exeter - Resolution No. 2025-03 Restoration of General Revenue Sharing

(CA) FF5. Town of Narragansett - Resolution No. 2025-04 Support of Senate Bill S-57 and House Bill H-5393 re Maintenance of Sidewalks

(CA) FF6. Burrillville Town Council - Resolution No. 25-11 in support of House Bill 2025-H 5634 and Senate Bill 2025-S 0114 Affordable Prescription Drug Costs Act

(CA) FF7. Town of Charlestown - Resolution in Support of the RI General Assembly Bill 2025- H5957

(CA) FF8. Town of Tiverton Resolution No. 2025-0014 Opposition to RI 2025 Gun Control Legislation

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

- (CA) GG1. Town Administrator Contente - Certificate of Recognition, James Russo
- (CA) GG2. Run 4 the Kidz - Map of Race, September 7, 2025 - **(requested by Town Council 3/26/25)**
- (CA) GG3. Town Administrator Contente - 2024 Town of Bristol Annual Report

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Administrator Steven Contente highlighted the 2024 Annual Report, noting that while Eric Dickervitz compiled the report, it represented the work of all town departments. The report, available on the town website, includes information on infrastructure improvements, finances, and sewer upgrades.

Members of the Council expressed their appreciation for the quality and thoroughness of the report and acknowledged the dedication and hard work demonstrated by Town staff across all departments in achieving the accomplishments outlined. The Council recognized the report as an important reflection of transparency, accountability, and continued investment in the community.

Councilman Tim Sweeney moved to receive and file the report. Councilman Tony Teixeira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- (CA) GG4. Erin Donovan-Boyle, President & CEO, Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce and Connect Greater Newport
- (CA) GG5. Lori Caron Silveira, RITBA Executive Director re: Mount Hope Bridge Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Administrator Contente shared information from the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority regarding maintenance and improvements planned for the Mount Hope Bridge. The plans include short-term solutions such as pothole repairs and a rubberized asphalt chip seal treatment, as well as a long-term plan to replace the bridge deck. He also mentioned ongoing communication with the authority regarding the vehicle capacity rating of the bridge and potential improvements to traffic flow.

Councilman Sweeney moved to receive and file the memo. Councilman Teixeira seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

(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 Fourth of July Committee - General Committee Meeting - April 8, 2025
- (CA) HH2. Planning Board Meeting (Revised) - April 10, 2025
- (CA) HH3. Board of Canvassers Meeting - April 3, 2025
- (CA) HH4. Conservation Commission Meeting - April 1, 2025
- (CA) HH5. Bristol County Water Authority Board of Directors Meeting - March 27, 2025
- (CA) HH6. Zoning Board of Review (Amended) Meeting - April 7, 2025
- (CA) HH7. Town Council Budget Workshop Schedule (meeting canceled) - March 24, 2025
- (CA) HH8. Bristol Fourth of July Committee BINGO sub-committee Meeting - March 31, 2025
- (CA) HH9. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Pickleball sub-committee Meeting - March 31, 2025
- (CA) HH10. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Freedom Raffle sub-committee Meeting - April 3, 2025
- (CA) HH11. Bristol Fourth of July Committee BALL sub-committee Meeting - March 31, 2025
- (CA) HH12. Coastal Resources Management Council Meeting - April 8, 2025
- (CA) HH13. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting - April 10, 2025
- (CA) HH14. Bristol Fourth of July, Wine Tasting Sub Committee Meeting - April 21, 2025

- (CA) HH15. Bristol Fourth of July, Promotions and Events Sub Committee Meeting - April 21, 2025
- (CA) HH16. Bristol Fourth of July, Music & Entertainment Concerts Sub Committee Meeting - April 24, 2025
- (CA) HH17. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting - April 17, 2025
- (CA) HH18. Zoning Board of Review Meeting - May 5, 2025

(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) III1. Kyle Mello, 7 Mt. Pleasant Avenue - 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"

- (CA) KK1. Michael Payne, 5 San Antonio Avenue re for curb cut request

a. recommendation- Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Parella and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk
Council Clerk

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