

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The council met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 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

Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda withholding consent agenda item GG4.

*It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action concerning agenda item GG4 appear, in place, as found within.

(ADD ITEM)

At this point in the meeting, Vice Chairwoman Parella requested that the Council add an agenda item to allow Fire Chief DeMello to discuss storm weather patterns and safety precautions during emergency weather conditions.

Parella/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to add a non-action agenda to discuss current weather conditions and emergency weather safety precautions.

Fire Chief DeMello provided an update to the council. He conveyed to the public that, given recent occurrences of tropical storms, flash floods, and tornado warnings, it is imperative for residents to prioritize self-preparedness for a minimum of 72 hours. Additionally, residents are advised to establish evacuation plans in advance and to rely on trusted information sources such as the town's website, official social media channels, national weather stations, and broadcasts like

ready.gov. Comprehensive preparedness guides are accessible at both Town Hall and the local fire station.

In response to a question from the Vice Chairwoman regarding shelter options during tornadoes or high wind advisories, Fire Chief DeMello recommended seeking shelter in basements, preferably away from exterior walls and windows. If a basement is unavailable, he emphasized the importance of taking cover indoors and staying clear of severe weather patterns.

A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A1. Town Council Meeting - August 23, 2023

A2. Executive Session Meeting, August 23, 2023 (sealed council only)

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 23, 2023, and the Executives session minutes of August 23, 2023, as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

B1. Leah Roberge for Roberge Enterprises, LLC. d/b/a Rivers & Rhodes, 382 Thames Street Unit 1, request for transfer of Class BV Liquor License to Jennifer Medina for Carvalho Group LLC. d/b/a Pisco y Tequila Bistro (new ownership) (see also D1 and D2)

a. Creditors Lien - Mancini Beverage and Horizon Beverage

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to close the public hearing

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

Jennifer Medina of 6 Appletree Lane, Barrington addressed the council to speak in favor.

William Medina of 6 Appletree Lane, Barrington addressed the council to speak in favor.

It is hereby noted for the record no other testimony was presented by members of the public in favor nor in opposition thereto

C. Ordinances

- C1.** Ordinance #2023-17 Sec 12-57 Composition and Election (add an additional Deputy Chief) **(2nd reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2023-17. Advertise in the local newspaper

- C2.** Ordinance #2023-18 Chapter 14, Historic Preservation Sec 14-4 Historic district commission (to add an additional auxiliary member) **(2nd reading)**

Teixeira/Ley- Voted to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of Ordinance #2023-18. Advertise in the local newspaper Voting in favor were Calouro, Parella, Teixeira, and Ley. Councilman Sweeney was recused from the vote.

Prior to the vote being taken Councilman Sweeney recused himself from the vote.

- C3.** Ordinance #2023-19 Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-143 - Parking prohibited at all times (correction to Ordinance 2023-13 from east side to west side) **(1st reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2023-19. Advertise in the local newspaper.

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

D1. Jennifer Medina, Carvalho Group LLC, d/b/a Pisco y Tequila Bistro, 382 Thames Street, Unit 1 - Request for Class BV Liquor License (transfer from Leah Roberge for Roberge Enterprises LLC., d/b/a Rivers & Rhodes 382 Thames Street Unit 1)

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development
- d. Creditors Lien - Mancini Beverage and Horizon Beverage

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. Subject to a six-month review.

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted that two additional creditors' liens were received and recorded as "received at meeting".

Jennifer Medina and William Medina of 6 Appletree Lane, Barrington addressed the council and provided an overview of the restaurant concept and menu. Ms. Medina acknowledged the creditors' liens against the business and informed the council that the liens would be satisfied prior to the transfer.

D2. Jennifer Medina, Carvalho Group LLC, d/b/a/ Pisco y Tequila Bistro - Request for a Victualling License

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Water Pollution Control
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development

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. Angelo Liquori, East Bay Laundromat, 26 Gooding Avenue, re - Request for Public Laundry License (new ownership)

- a. 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.

D4. David Scarpino, Chairman, Bristol Christmas Festival re - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License for Bristol Christmas Festival in front of Burnside Building on December 9, 2023, from 10AM - 6PM and December 10, 2023 from 12PM - 6PM

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

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.

D5. Liz Patton, Benjamin Church Manor Tenants Association re - Request for an annual Senior Citizens Bingo License

- a. copy of Rhode Island State Police Approval
- b. copy of provisions for Senior Citizens Bingo
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

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.

D6. Kevin Francis, Bristol Golf Club Inc. d/b/a The Clubhouse, 95 Tupelo Street re - Request for modification expansion of Class BV Liquor License Premises (**call for public hearing on October 4, 2023**)

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on October 4, 2023.

D7. Michele Martins, for Bristol Fourth of July Committee - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License for Wine Tasting Fundraising Event, September 21, 2023

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

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.

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

E1. Andrew Breslin, Pearl Holdings LLC, d/b/a/ The Nest (fka Tinkers), 29 State Street, re - six-month review of transfer of license **(continued from 3/1/2023)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to grant renewal of these licenses based upon the recommendations received and the receipt of all necessary renewal paperwork from the licensees and also subject to conformance to all laws and

ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies

E2. Jeffrey Quinlan, Aidan's Pub, 5 John Street, re - three-month review of Dancing and Entertainment License **(continued from 6/21/2023)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to grant renewal of these licenses based upon the recommendations received and the receipt of all necessary renewal paperwork from the licensees and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies

E3. Adam O'Brien, O'Brien & Brough, 500 Wood Street, Unit 112 re - six-month review of Dancing and Entertainment License **(continued from 3/29/2023)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Sweeney/Parella-Voted unanimously to grant renewal of these licenses based upon the recommendations received and the receipt of all necessary renewal paperwork from the licensees and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies

F. Petitions - Other

F1. Keri Costello, Wicked Good Healing LLC., 295 Hope Street - Request for an accessible parking space in the front of business establishment on the west side of Hope Street (1st Reading)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of a request for an accessible parking space and to continue the said matter until October 4, 2023, for second reading

F2. David Scarpino, Chairman, Bristol Christmas Festival Committee re - Request use of Town Property and Permission to Serve/Sell Alcoholic Beverages for the Annual Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 9, 2023, 10AM - 6PM (alcohol service 12PM - 6PM) and Sunday, December 10, 2023, from 12PM - 6PM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to approve the petition per the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies

F3. Michele Martins, for Bristol Fourth of July Committee - Request for Permission to Use/Sell Alcoholic

Beverages at Maritime Center to hold Wine Tasting Fundraising Event on September 21, 2023

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Harbor Master

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to approve the petition per the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies

G. Appointments

H. Old Business

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

- II.** (Office of Secretary of State, Greg Amore) Lauren Fogarty, RI250 Program Coordinator re - Formation of local 250th Municipal Committee

Parella/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to establish the formation of the local 250th municipal committee and to direct the Town Administrator to engage with diverse community groups and committees and provide a recommendation of potential stakeholders at the October 4th council meeting.

Prior to the vote being taken, Lauren Fogarty provided an overview of the Secretary of State's request for the formation of the local 250 municipal committee. She explained that the Rhode Island 250th (RI250) Commission is tasked with finding ways to honor Rhode Island's history, which has greatly influenced the ideals of freedom, equality, and independence in the United States as we approach the nation's 250th anniversary. She explained that collaboration with local governments,

committees, and organizations is crucial to recognizing the diverse local histories of cities and towns. She discussed various ways municipalities can promote civic pride and acknowledge local history, including decorations, events, and activities.

Ms. Fogarty encouraged the council to consider the establishment of a committee specifically focused on planning and organizing activities related to the 250th anniversary of the local municipality; noting that such committees are often created to coordinate celebratory events and projects for significant milestones much like the Fourth of July Committee.

Senator Lauria spoke to the council, urging their support for the state's commemoration initiatives and the establishment of the Semi-quincentennial 250th Commission. She clarified that state legislation would provide assistance to local municipalities in various ways. Although no specific funds were earmarked for municipal initiatives, she encouraged fundraising efforts and mentioned that the legislation would explore potential funding options in the future.

A suggestion was put forward regarding the possibility of integrating the commission within a Fourth of July subcommittee, should they be willing to assume the responsibility. It was emphasized that such a committee would require a high level of coordination. The council recommended reaching out to various community groups and other town committees capable of contributing to the planning and implementation of the anniversary events. These potential stakeholders might encompass local businesses, historical societies, cultural organizations, and other relevant entities.

Further discussions ensued revolving around the idea of placing an advertisement in the newspaper to attract interested parties or individuals. However, it was suggested that, initially, the town administrator should contact various stakeholders directly. Additionally, it was proposed that the town should explore different options for the committee's structure, including determining the number of committee members.

It was recommended that the Town Administrator compile a list of interested stakeholders and present it at the next meeting; and the list would serve as a basis for discussing the subsequent steps in forming the committee.

12. Superintendent Ana Riley, re - Request for letter of support - for Stage 2 Capital Plan Application

Parella/Ley- Voted unanimously to approve the letter of support for the BWRSD Stage 2 Capital Plan Application

Prior to the vote being taken, Superintendent Riley updated the council on the BWRSD's actions, stating that they were currently in the process of submitting the stage 2 capital plan application to RIDE (Rhode Island Department of Education). She emphasized that this submission necessitated a letter of support from the council. Superintendent Riley clarified that this step was integral to gaining approval for the construction of a new high school and the enhancement of school facilities.

Superintendent Riley explained that RIDE has specific requirements for Stage 2, one of which is a letter of support from the town councils. The Superintendent mentioned that the Warren Town Council has already been approached, and this evening's meeting was to request support from the Bristol Town Council. Additionally, the school committee has provided their letter of support.

The Superintendent outlined the upcoming milestones in the process, which include the Ballot question in November Approval of Stage 2 by Ride, expected in December, and Submission of Stage 2, which includes a request for projects and reimbursement.

Superintendent Riley shared details regarding the reimbursement bonus eligibility. Noting that the base reimbursement stands at 63%, with the potential for bonuses that could increase it up to 83%. RIDE will conduct a review upon receiving Stage 2 to estimate the eligible bonuses. This information will be crucial for the bond vote campaign.

Architect Joe Drown, from Parkins Eastman, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the overview of Stage II.

The PowerPoint Presentation included the following information:

Kickemuit Middle School

- *Select renovation work for new grade reconfiguration*
- *Modify entry for separate 5th and 6th grade academy and 7th and 8th grade academy*

- *Replace ballasted roof*
- *Upgrade security system*
- *Replace damaged exterior doors and hardware*
- *Replace damaged exterior railings at ramp and stairs*
- *Replace ACT at second floor corridors and classrooms*
- *Replace select plumbing fixtures*
- *Replace Intercom system*
- *Install an additional egress door in the gymnasium*
- *Install continuous handrails in stairs*
- *Repair exterior walkway for accessibility*
- *Repair parking lot and drainage*
- *Upgrade site lighting*
- *Install new electrical distribution and feeders*
- *Required MEP upgrades*

Hugh Cole

- *Select renovation work*
- *Replace membrane roof on original building*
- *Upgrade security system*
- *Abate asbestos ceiling tiles*
- *Renovate toilet rooms in original building to comply to ADA*
- *Provide ADA compliant door hardware in original building*
- *Change swing of doors into classroom to conform to ADA or add assist openers*
- *Replace intercom system*
- *Add fire alarm to courtyard*
- *Repair asphalt play area*
- *Replace pavement and concrete at driveways to the main parking lot and loop road*
- *Provide landscape improvements to play area*
- *Required MEP upgrades*

Rockwell

- *Select renovation work*
- *Add prekindergarten playground*
- *Replace exterior doors and hardware*
- *Upgrade security system*
- *Replace intercom system*
- *Add drainage to playground area to address ponding issues*
- *Replace pavement at rear parking lot*
- *Repair concrete at entry driveway*
- *Required MEP upgrades*

Colt Andrews

- *Select renovation work for new grade reconfiguration*
- *Upgrade security system*

- *Repair damaged exterior doors and hardware*
- *Add automatic door openers to doors with noncompliant clearance*
- *Replace Intercom system in both Colt and Andrews*
- *Create safer connection between Colt and Andrews*
- *Repair rotting plywood on Andrews Roof*
- *Required MEP upgrades*

High School Design Updates

- *Site and first floor plan*
- *First floor plan*
- *Second Floor Plan*
- *Main Entry Aerial*
- *Courtyard Aerial*
- *Student commons and Café & Media*

Discussions ensued concerning safety measures incorporated into the new design, with a particular emphasis on ensuring the safety of students. It was mentioned that ongoing assessments are considering enhancements, such as reinforcing the buildings, installing security cameras, and implementing locked vestibules.

It was mentioned that there was a recent article in the local paper discussing the implementation of a safer connection between Colt and Andrews School. It was noted that there had been some confusion regarding whether this safer connection would be integrated into the Stage 2 plan. Additionally, there were concerns that including items like this in the plan might not be viewed favorably. Clarification was provided that while no specific design had been finalized, the school district was exploring various options to establish a safer connection. It was acknowledged that one of these options had been shared with the Historic District Commission. However, it was emphasized that no definitive design had been chosen at this stage. It was further emphasized that the ultimate decision regarding safety connections would rest with the town council.

Superintendent Riley discussed the process of creating a list of project priorities and alternates in collaboration with the building committee. These alternates include safety measures like ballistic glass or cost-effective alternatives. She explained that these options would be reviewed by RIDE for potential reimbursement. She emphasized that the letter on the agenda for approval does not commit the council to specific projects, but rather signifies support for the idea of improvements.

Chairman Calouro mentioned the need for informed decision-making and stressed the importance of taking the next step in the process to explore full reimbursement opportunities, which could potentially cover up to 80% of project costs.

Vice Chairwoman Parella explained that RIDE needs to ensure that the school committee is not going forward with this on its own and that the town is supportive of the concept of going forward. She emphasized the unprecedented amount of reimbursement eligibility and the importance of ensuring the town could get as much reimbursement as possible.

Peter Hewitt of 11 Wendy Drive addressed the council. He expressed concerns about the proposed \$200 million bond issue for school improvements. He mentioned that while he recognized the need for changes to the existing high school, he was hesitant about the financial impact, especially if the state reimbursement was uncertain. He emphasized the potential property tax increase and its impact on elderly residents.

Mr. Hewitt also raised the need for a detailed breakdown of how the \$200 million would be allocated, particularly for the new high school and associated costs. He mentioned that it was important to see a clear itemization and dollar amounts for each aspect of the project, including the wish list items. He emphasized the importance of transparency and providing this information to the public before the bond vote.

Discussions ensued regarding various aspects of the proposed \$200 million bond issue for school improvements. The council acknowledged that while they agreed with the need for improvements, they wanted to ensure transparency in how the money would be spent. They also recognized that the reimbursement from the state could vary, and there was a sense of urgency to meet the requirements for a higher reimbursement rate.

Superintendent Riley clarified that the \$200 million was not just a wish list but included essential work at other schools, such as mechanical, electrical, and plumbing upgrades. She stated that detailed information about the allocation of funds and project breakdowns would be made available on their website.

Chairman Calouro emphasized the importance of satisfying the state's requirements and meeting the timeline to remain eligible for a higher reimbursement rate. He also stressed the need for full transparency and ensuring that the public had ample time to review the information.

Town Administrator Contente expressed satisfaction and acknowledged that the students played a crucial role in shaping the future of upcoming generations. He mentioned that the state was ready to allocate funds for school improvements. While he emphasized fiscal responsibility and avoiding wasteful spending of tax dollars, he stressed the pressing need for upgrading schools to align with the 21st century.

Town Administrator Contente also pointed out that there were exceptional funding opportunities available to the town that should not be overlooked. He stated that these improvements would eventually become necessary, and it would be beneficial for the town to take advantage of the potential 83% reimbursement rate.

- I3.** Bristol Police Department re - Request for council support for Trunk or Treat to be held on October 29, 2023

Teixeira/Ley- Voted unanimously to appropriate \$1000 from the Town Council Contingency account in support of Trunk or Treat

- I4.** Public Notice from CRMC re Hafer & Associates Corp 4500 S. Lakeshore Drive: Ste. 300, Tempe, AZ 85282 for 333 Poppasquash Road, Bristol - requires response by September 25, 2023

a. recommendation - Harbor Master

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to receive and file.

Prior to the vote being taken, Councilman Teixeira emphasized the importance of careful review and consideration of the recommendations provided. He emphasized the importance of towns' responsibility of retaining public access to waterways.

- I5.** WPC Superintendent, Jose DaSilva re- presentation of improvements and repairs at the Main Lift Pumping Station

Parella/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator and WPC superintendent to go out to bid.

Prior to the vote being taken, Superintendent DaSilva addressed the council and presented a PowerPoint presentation of the needed repairs and improvements at the main lift pumping station.

The PowerPoint Presentation included the following information:

Recent repair and evaluation revealed damaged parts

- *Upper Bearing*
- *Paraflex Coupling*
- *Gear Reducer*
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- (2) *Screw Pumps*
 - *6-foot diameter*
 - *30 feet in length*

Operation

- *All Day, Every Day*
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Purpose

- *Convey ALL Wastewater to Headworks (Start the Treatment Process)*
- *Critical Asset*

Benefit

- *Manages wide range of flow conditions (2 MGD to 13 MG)*

Main Lift Pump Station Milestones

- *Mid 1980's Original Installation*
- *2005 Catastrophic Failure*
- *Sanitary Sewer Overflows*
- *Basement flooding*
- *No Flow to Plant*
- *Initiated EPA Enforcement Action*
- *2007 Replacement*
- *2017 Evaluation*
- *2018 North Pump: Gear Box and Paraflex Coupling Replacement*
- *2020 Cleaning and Painting of Screw Pump Body*
- *2023 Evaluation*

2007 Replacements

- *\$1.8 M*
- *Hart Engineering*
- *Construction:*
 - *Roof Removal*
 - *Bypass Pumping Provisions*
 - *Full-Time Bypass Pumping*

2017 Screw pump Evaluations

Screw Pump Maintenance 2018

- *Pump 1 – North Pump (2018)*
 - *Replaced Gear Box – Utilized Spare*
 - *Shaft Seal Leak*
- Replace Paraflex Coupling
 - *Boot Only*
 - *Had to Cut Away for Access*

Screw Pump Maintenance 2020

Pump 1 & 2 – North Pump and South Pump

- *Resurfaced (Painted) Body of Screw*
- *2017 Recommendation included with Evaluation*

2023 Screw Pump Issues

Pump 1 – South Pump Gear Box

- *Seal Leak (Same as 2018 – North Pump)*
- *Clicking Noises*
- *Backstop Fail (during seal replacement)*
- *Resultant Paraflex Coupling Damage*
- *Contacted Pump Manufacturer for Direction and Evaluation*
- *Status: Standby Pump*
Operating Pump with Caution / Exercising weekly

2023 Screw Pump Evaluation

Pump 1 – South Pump

- ***Replace Upper Bearing (Rusting)***
- *Rebuild / Replace Gear Box*
- *Replace Paraflex Coupling*
- *Replace Motor Sheaves*

Pump 2 – North Pump

- ***Replace Upper Bearing (Rusting)***
- *Replace Paraflex Coupling*
- *Replace Motor Sheaves*

Project Challenges

- *ACCESS and ACCESS*
 - *Bypass Pumping*
 - *Upper Bearing Replacement*
- Rigging to Support “Full” Pump and allow removal*

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| <i>Recommended Maintenance</i> | <i>Parts Cost</i> | <i>Labor Est (~ Parts)</i> | <i>Bypass Pump Rental</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>North Screw Pump</i> | | | | |
| <i>- Upper Bearing (Marginal)</i> | <i>\$80 K</i> | | | |
| <i>- Paraflex Coupling (Damaged – Marginal)</i> | <i>\$25 K</i> | | | |
| <i>- Sheaves</i> | <i>\$1 K</i> | | | |
| <i>South Screw Pump</i> | | | | |
| <i>- Upper Bearing (Marginal)</i> | <i>\$80 K</i> | | | |
| <i>- Paraflex Coupling (Damaged – Marginal)</i> | <i>\$25 K</i> | | | |
| <i>- Sheaves</i> | <i>\$1 K</i> | | | |
| <i>- Rehab Existing Gear Box</i> | <i>~\$10K</i> | | | |
| <i>- Put Spare Gear Box in Place</i> | | | | |
| <i>TOTAL</i> | <i>\$222 K</i> | <i>\$250 K</i> | <i>\$40 K</i> | <i>~\$510 K</i> |

General Pump Station Improvements

- 2015 – New Odor Control System with Exhaust Fan, Carbon Media Odor Scrubber, Associated Ductwork
- 2019 – Grating/Railings Replacement – Upper Access Landing

- 2021 – XP Light Fixture Replacement (All)
- 2021 – Grating Replacement and Interior Stairway/Landing Repairs

Future Improvements

New Gear Box (3) and Baseplates

- *Require pump support*
- *Bypass Pumping*

– *New Motor*

(Or)

- *New Pumps (Complete)*

- *Roof Removal*
- *Bypass Pumping*

Discussions ensued concerning the costs associated with repairing the main lift. It was noted that the precise expenditure had not been finalized; however, it was approximated to be in the vicinity of \$510,000

The topic of whether it would be a prudent decision to replace the system rather than repair it was raised. It was clarified that the cost of acquiring and installing two new main lifts could vary between \$5 million to \$6 million. It was emphasized that they had been diligent in maintaining the equipment and believed that the necessary repairs to ensure its continued operation should be adequate.

A suggestion was made to establish a budgeting plan moving forward to facilitate the essential maintenance program and prepare for future replacement costs.

A discussion ensued regarding the source of funds for this initiative. It was stated that the enterprise fund currently has a healthy balance, and even after deducting the estimated amount of \$510,000, the balance in that account would still surpass the ending totals from 2020 and 2021.

Bills & Expenditures

K. Special Reports

- K1.** Juan Mariscal, Chairman, Bristol County Water Authority, Tri-Town Monthly Report, August 24, 2023

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted
unanimously to receive and file.

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

Citizens Public Forum

Persons wishing to speak during the citizens public forum must notify the Council Clerk and sign in prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Allison Arruda, residing at 52 Viking Drive, spoke before the council to express her apprehensions regarding the recently approved DEM cooperative agreement, which permits archery deer hunting on open spaces within the town. She emphasized her worries about the safety of hikers, the potential for mistreatment by hunters, and the need for more prominent warning signs regarding hunting activities. She urged the town to explore alternative methods for managing the deer population. Ms. Arruda also mentioned the ongoing circulation of a petition aimed at discontinuing deer hunting in Bristol and submitted a copy of the online petition, along with a letter from a concerned neighbor, for the official record.

Bill Marshall, residing at 41 Viking Drive, spoke before the council to express his apprehensions regarding the recently approved DEM cooperative, which permits archery deer hunting in the town's open space. He informed the council that he has been actively canvassing the community to garner backing for preventing local deer hunting. Mr. Marshall emphasized his worries about the safety of children and the potential dangers associated with hunting occurring in close proximity to entrances and hiking trails.

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 Planning Board Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2023

(CA) AA2. Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2023

(CA) AA3. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2023

(CA) AA4. Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2023

(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. Town Treasurer Hassell re - Revenue and Expenditure Statement - September 7, 2023

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

(CA) DD1. Resolution 2023-21, re - Sandra Mack, Bond Counsel re - Town of Bristol Reimbursement Resolution (General Obligation Bond Series 2023 A) (**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) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

(CA) GG1. Town Administrator Contente to Carbon Activated Corporation re - award Bid# 1018 - Activated Carbon Media Replacement (Main Lift Pumping Station)

(CA) GG2. Town Clerk Cordeiro re - Thank you letter to David F. Miller for serving on the Harbor Commission

- (CA) GG3. Town Clerk Cordeiro re - Thank you letter to Laura A. Cabral for serving on the Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees
- (CA) GG4. Town of New Shoreman to Town Administrator - Thank you letter for Fire Department assistance for Block Island Fire

Prior to the vote being taken, Councilman Teixeira recognized Bristol's willingness to assist other local municipalities in times of need and commended the fire department for their participation in fighting the recent fire in New Shoreman.

Teixeira/Ley- voted unanimously receive and file.

- (CA) GG5. Warrant - Matthew Cabral, Alternate Building Official
- (CA) GG6. Warrant - John Desautel, Alternate Building Official

(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 County Water Authority Board of Directors Meeting, August 24, 2023
- (CA) HH2. Historic District Commission Meeting September 7, 2023
- (CA) HH3. Board of Canvassers Meeting, August 29, 2023
- (CA) HH4. Board of Canvassers Meeting, September 5, 2023
- (CA) HH5. Board of Canvassers Meeting, September 6, 2023
- (CA) HH6. Conservation Commission Meeting, September 5, 2023
- (CA) HH7. Zoning Board of Review Meeting, September 18, 2023
- (CA) HH8. Harbor Commission Meeting, September 11, 2023
- (CA) HH9. Harbor Commission Meeting Amended, September 11, 2023
- (CA) HH10. Planning Board Meeting, September 14, 2023

(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. DPW Director Parella re - reimbursement for damage to fence at 221 State Street.

(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 Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Teixeira and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk