

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING- WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

The council met on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, and called to order at 7:03 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
Assistant Town Solicitor, Amy Goins, Esq
Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

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 - April 19, 2023
- A2.** Executive Session Meeting - April 19, 2023 (sealed council only)
- A3.** Town Council Special Meeting - May 1, 2023

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to approve April 19,
2023, Council minutes, April 19,
2023, Executive session minutes,
and May 1, 2023, Special meeting
minutes as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

C. Ordinances

- C1.** Ordinance #2023-07, Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-148 Handicapped Parking (amend to read Accessible Disability Parking) **(1st reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted
unanimously to consider this
action to constitute the first
reading of Ordinance #2023-07
Advertise in the local newspaper.

- C2.** Ordinance #2023-08 Chapter 16, Article II Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 16-45 - Informal procedure for payment of parking fines (amendment to update the Parking Violations Schedule) **(1st reading)**

Teixeira/Parella- Voted
unanimously to consider this
action to constitute the first
reading of Ordinance #2023-08.
Advertise in the local newspaper.

- C3.** Ordinance #2023-09 Chapter 16, Article V Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Sec 16-143 Parking Prohibited at all times (to add a no parking on Thames Street) **(1st reading)**

Teixeira/Parella- Voted
unanimously to consider this
action to constitute the first
reading of Ordinance #2023-09.
Advertise in the local newspaper.

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

- D1.** David Hennen, East Bay Comics, 437 Hope Street - Request for Sidewalk Use License

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development
- e. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

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

Prior to the vote being taken, David Hennen of 3 Canario Drive, Warren addressed the council. He thanked the council for consideration of the sidewalk license and noted his excitement to expand his business to the outside area.

D2. Armand Pereira, VFW, 850 Hope Street re Request for a Bingo License for Thursday, May 11, 2023, Thursday, June 8, 2023, and Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. Rhode Island State Police Authorization to Conduct Weekly Bingo on Thursdays

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes.

D3. Steve Cavalieri, Cup Defenders, 230 Wood Street re - Request for One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License for Outdoor Kids Movie Night on June 16, 2023, from 5PM - 8PM

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

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to grant this license with the amendment of the times to 5:00 PM- 9:30 PM based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes.

Prior to the vote being taken, Steve Cavalieri of 45 Congregational Street addressed the council. Mr. Cavalieri explained the details of the kids' movie night and request council consideration to extend the end time to 9:30 pm to ensure that it is dark enough to display the movie, as starting it earlier would not provide adequate darkness.

D4. Jordan Sawyer, Bristol Oyster Bar, 448 Hope Street - Request for Sidewalk Use License with Sidewalk Alcohol Service

- a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief
- b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police
- c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Code Compliance
- d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Community Development
- e. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the

recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, levies, and taxes.

Prior to the vote being taken, Jordan Sawyer of 45 Kickemuit Ave, addressed the council. He thanked the council for their consideration of the license, noting that the use of the sidewalk would assist with accommodating guests for the near future events such as the University Graduation and Fourth of July festivities.

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

F. Petitions - Other

F1. John G. Burke, 8 Bay View Avenue, re resolution for removal of accessible parking space **(2nd reading)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to consider this action to be the second reading and adopt the resolution to remove an accessible parking space at 8 Bayview Avenue; and to Inform the Department of Public Works

F2. Fernando Afonso, Café Central, 173 Bradford Street, request for a 30-minute parking restriction sign at 173 Bradford Street

a recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

Teixeira/Parella - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he may draft ordinance language for

Council consideration on May 31, 2023.

F3. Daniel Manchester for The Bristol Historical Preservation Society - Request Use of Town Common for "Annual Flea and Fair" August 12, 2023, from 9AM - 4PM (set-up 7AM) (rain date August 13, 2023)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

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

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

Prior to the vote being taken, Daniel Manchester of 125 Peck Avenue, addressed the council. Mr. Manchester discussed the previous year's success with the event, noting that a dunk tank may be used this year. He invited the members of the council to participate as dunk tank volunteers.

F4. Ana Isabel dos Reis Couto, RI Day of Portugal Committee re Request to fly Portuguese Flag with a flag-raising ceremony on June 5, 2023, at 11 AM

a. memo from Clerk of Canvassers re qualifying signatures received

Teixeira/Parella-Voted unanimously to grant this request, allowing a 'Portuguese National' flag, to be flown on a Town flagpole at Town Hall, on June 5, 2023, with the Town assuming no responsibility for the care of this flag beyond its raising.

G. Appointments

G1. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees (2 vacancies set to expire - 1 term set to expire January 2025, 1 term set to expire January 2026)

- a. Kasey Feijo, 667 Metacom Avenue, Unit 16,
interest/appointment
- b. Nicholas Landekic, 43 Sunset Road,
interest/appointment
- c. Madeline (Lynn) Smith, 15 Tilbury Drive,
interest/appointment
- d. Matthew James Benson, 8 Leila Jean Drive,
interest/appointment
- e. Stephan Brigidi, 93 Highland Road,
interest/appointment
- f. Catharine (Cara) M. Cromwell, 649 Hope Street,
interest/appointment
- g. Bethany Sousa Foster, 33 Roma Street,
interest/appointment
- h. Caroline W. Jacobus, 35 Church Street,
interest/appointment
- i. Lane Sparkman, 35 Central Street,
interest/appointment
- j. Al Wroblewski, Chairman, Rogers Free Library Board
of Trustees, recommendation of Kasey Feijo, Nicholas
Landekic, and Lynn Smith for appointment

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to set a special meeting for interviews to be held at the convenience of the parties and to continue this matter until the next council meeting on May 24, 2023.

Prior to the vote being taken, the council discussed the recent modification in the application procedures and expressed satisfaction with the positive changes. They emphasized the transparency of the process and highlighted that there was a considerable level of interest among the applicants' seeking appointments to the board.

H. Old Business

H1. Bristol County Elks Lodge re - letter to Town Administrator regarding impact of new town marina (continued from April 19, 2023)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator

b. recommendation Harbor Master

b1 Pare Corporation-Preliminary Wave Analysis Study

b2 Exhibit A - Elks CRMC Permit

b3 Exhibit B - Town of Bristol Dock Permit Information

c. recommendation - Harbor Commission

d. ~~recommendation~~ - Town Solicitor Memo (confidential)

e. Tina Mauck, 66 Vineyard Avenue East Providence, Elks Member- letter of support

f. Dennis Barnes, 60 Richmond Street, Elks Member - letter of support

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted
unanimously to continue to the
June 21, 2023 council meeting.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro proposed that the meeting be postponed until June 21, 2023, council meeting to provide the Harbor Commission sufficient time to deliver their recommendation to the council. It was mentioned that the town was currently in the midst of obtaining an engineering study that would need to be reviewed and deliberated at the Harbor Commission's upcoming regular meeting on June 5th. The Chairman also suggested requesting the Harbor Commission's representation to attend the next meeting.

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

I1. Al Wroblewski, Chairman, Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees, re - review and approval of proposed Amendment to the Rogers Free Library bylaws

a. proposed bylaw change

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted
unanimously to approve the Rogers
Free Library Bylaws as presented.

Prior to the vote being taken, Al Wroblewski addressed the council. Mr. Wroblewski explained to the council and clarified that the proposed amendments aimed to explicitly define the Town Council's authority to appoint board members. Members of the council acknowledged the Rogers Free Library's thoroughness in conducting interviews and scrutinizing recommendations.

12. Town Treasurer Hassell re - (draft) Resolution
Certifying Authorization for Wire Transfers

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted
unanimously to adopt the
resolution as presented

Prior to the vote taken, Treasurer Hassell explained that the resolution aimed to grant herself and the Deputy Treasurer the authorization to carry out transfers with Washington Trust. She clarified that they already possessed the necessary authority from the town on other accounts but required an update of records for Washington Trust.

13. Town Administrator Contente re- (draft) Resolution in
Support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds

Sweeney/Ley- Voted unanimously to
adopt the resolution as presented

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Administrator Contente noted that the resolution was in support of the Governor's efforts to have matching funds for infrastructure projects and that the town would ideally use the funds for road paving projects.

14. Bristol Police Department re - consideration for
Council support for the Battle of the Badges
charitable softball game, May 18, 2023, starting at
6:30 PM

Teixeira/Sweeney -Voted
unanimously to appropriate \$1,000
from the Town Council Contingency
account in support of the Battle
of the Badges Charitable Softball
Game.

Prior to the vote being taken, Officer Correia addressed the council and provided the details of the charitable game noting that funds raised would be in an effort to support youth sports initiatives and assist with youth summer camp registration fees.

- 15.** Bristol Police Department re - proposed ordinance amendment to lower State Street parking

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor so that he may draft ordinance language for Council consideration on May 31, 2023.

Prior to the vote being taken, Council Chairman Calouro and Major Burke confirmed that the proposed ordinance amendments are to rectify the current language in the town ordinance which is inconsistent with the current street signs. It was noted that the parking signs on lower State Street will remain unchanged and that the amendments are part of an effort to ensure all ordinances are up to date.

- 16.** Town Clerk Cordeiro re - Resolution codifying Accessible Disabled Parking spaces

Sweeney/Parella - Voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as presented

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted that the purpose of the resolution was to formalize the accessible disabled parking list. She clarified that the town ordinance required the approval of the accessible disabled parking after the second reading by resolution. While prior requests were accepted by the council after the second reading, a resolution was not presented at the time. This resolution aims to codify the current accessible disabled parking list and ensure that it is easily maintainable and organized.

J. Bills & Expenditures

- J1.** RFP# 1008 - Municipal Tree Maintenance and Stump Grinding Services

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 taken, the Clerk read the following bids:

- **Malec Tree Service:** *Price by Each*
 - Tree Removal + Disposal (0-12") - \$175.00*
 - Tree Removal + Disposal (12-24") - \$430.00*
 - Tree Removal + Disposal (24-36") - \$1000.00*
 - Tree Removal + Disposal (36"+) - \$2,250.00*
 - Stump Removal + Disposal (0-12") - \$80.00*
 - Stump Removal + Disposal (12"+) - \$250.00*
 - Per Tree Spray Price - \$10.00*
 - Hourly Rate by Crew Hour*
 - Tree Trimming - \$240.00*
 - Emergency Tree Crew Rate Per Hour - \$300.00*
 - Hourly Rate*
 - Flag Persons - \$105.00*

- **North Eastern Tree Services, Inc.** *Price by Each*
 - Tree Removal + Disposal (0-12") - \$400.00*
 - Tree Removal + Disposal (12-24") - \$980.00*
 - Tree Removal + Disposal (24-36") - \$1600.00*
 - Tree Removal + Disposal (36"+) - \$2,900.00*
 - Stump Removal + Disposal (0-12") - \$100.00*
 - Stump Removal + Disposal (12"+) - \$200.00*
 - Per Tree Spray Price - \$70.00*
 - Hourly Rate by Crew Hour*
 - Tree Trimming - \$220.00*
 - Emergency Tree Crew Rate Per Hour - \$500.00*
 - Hourly Rate*
 - Flag Persons - \$55.00*

J2. RFP# 1009 - Historic Consultant Services re - Survey of the Bristol Waterfront National Register Historic District

Sweeney/Teixeira- 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 taken, the Clerk read the following bid:

- Paleo West, LLC in the amount of \$44,436.54

**J3. RFP# 1010 - Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation
2023**

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

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk read the following bids:

- Green Mountain Pipeline Services, LLC in the amount of \$1,025,050.00
- National Water Main Cleaning Company in the amount of \$495,161.00
- Insituform Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$897,776.00

J4. RFP# 1012 - Electric Street-Legal Golf Cart

Parella/Teixeira_ - Voted unanimously to
refer this matter to the Town Administrator
to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted for the record that no bids were received for the Electric Street Legal Golf Cart Bid opening held on May 10, 2023, at noon.

K. Special Reports

**K1. Juan Mariscal, Acting Chairman, Bristol County Water
Authority - Monthly Report April 2023**

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

Prior to the vote being taken, Councilman Teixeira briefly discussed the interconnection with the Pawtucket Supply systems, Phase I demolition of the Child Street Treatment facility, and the routine hydrant flushing.

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.

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 Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2023

(CA) AA2. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2023

(CA) AA3. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, April 4, 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 - May 3, 2023

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

(CA) DD1. Citation - Irma Letendre, 100th Birthday Celebration (signed)

- (CA) DD2. Proclamation - Alvaro Cabral, 50 years dedicated service as a member of Defiance Hose Co. Fire Department (signed)
- (CA) DD3. Proclamation - Jack Salvaggio, 50 years dedicated service as a member of Defiance Hose Co. Fire Department (signed)
- (CA) DD4. Proclamation - Richard Ferreira, 50 years dedicated service as member of Defiance Hose Co. Fire Department (signed)
- (CA) DD5. Citation - Bristol Sports Club's Diamond Anniversary (signed)
- (CA) DD6. Resolution 2023-09 - Exemption for proposed Retailer's Class BV License at 499 Hope Street (signed)
- (CA) DD7. Proclamation - Welcoming the Golden Rule Sailboat to Bristol, Rhode Island in Support of a Nuclear-Free World (signed)
- (CA) DD8. Resolution 2023-10 - International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) (signed)
- (CA) DD9. Resolution #2023-11 In Support of Legislation Relating to the Health and Safety of Vitals (signed)
- (CA) DD10. Resolution - Bristol Warren Regional School District - School Boards/Committees Secure Storage Notification Resolution for States with Safe Storage or Child Access Prevention Laws (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. Resolution of the Town of Little Compton - Opposing Senate Bill S-0434 An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles - Inspection of Moteo Vehicles
- (CA) FF2. Resolution of the Town of Little Compton - In Opposition to Offshore Wind Turbines Sited Off Little Compton

(CA) FF3. Resolution of the Town of Westerly - In Opposition to Rhode Island 2023 Gun Control Legislation

(CA) FF4. Resolution of the Town of Hopkinton - In Support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

(CA) GG1. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1006 - Water Pollution Control Facility Subaqueous Outfall Inspection

(CA) GG2. Bid Tabulation - Bid# 1007 - Compost Marketing Program

(CA) GG3. David Benevides, 2023 General Chairman, Fireman's Memorial and Welfare Committee - Invitation to Attend Annual Firemen's Memorial Sunday Observance on June 11, 2023

(CA) GG4. Town Administrator Contente re - Proclamation to Town of Bristol to declare May 2023 Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month

(CA) GG5. Scouts, Leaders and Committee of Boy Scout Troop 6 - recognition of Joshua L. DeWolf to Eagle Scout

(CA) GG6. Bristol Historical and Preservation Society re letter advising they are no longer a fiscal agent for the Bristol Middle Passage and Port Markers Project

(CA) GG7. Town Administrator Contente to Maron Construction, Co. Inc. re award contract of Bid# 997 - Reynolds School Renovations

(CA) GG8. RIDEM re - Signed MOU between the RIDEM and the Town of Bristol relating to Archery Hunting for Deer

(CA) GG9. Town Administrator Contente - recognition of the Bristol Conservation Commission and the Rockwell Elementary School Community per the Arbor Day Celebration Ceremonies

(CA) HH. Distributions/Notice of Meetings
(Office copy only)

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

- (CA) HH1. Capital Projects Commission Meeting, April 19, 2023
- (CA) HH2. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting, April 20, 2023
- (CA) HH3. Bristol Historic District Commission Meeting, April 24, 2023
- (CA) HH4. Bristol County Water Authority Board of Directors Meeting, April 27, 2023
- (CA) HH5. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting, April 26, 2023
- (CA) HH6. The Bristol Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting, May 2, 2023
- (CA) HH7. Conservation Commission Meeting, May 2, 2023
- (CA) HH8. Harbor Commission Meeting, May 1, 2023
- (CA) HH9. Historic District Commission Meeting, May 4, 2023
- (CA) HH10. Bristol Prevention Coalition Meeting, May 3, 2023
- (CA) HH11. Bristol Planning Board Meeting, May 11, 2023, Cancelled
- (CA) HH12. Commissioners of the Cemeteries North and East Burial Grounds Commission Change of Date Meeting, May 17, 2023
- (CA) HH13. CRMC May 2023 Meeting Calendar

(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) II1. William R. Henrich, 61 Annawamscutt Drive, claim for damages to vehicle

(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. Steven Capuano, 22 Violet Court - request for curb cut

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Ley, and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk