

The council met on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, and called to order at 6:40 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, Andy Tietz, Esq.
Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

6:40PM - Public Service Interviews/Appointments

1. Harbor Commission Advisory Committee (1 term to expire August 2025)

a. Vasco "Skip" Castro III, 101 Woodlawn Avenue,
interest/appointment

The Council heard from Mr. Castro who expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Harbor Commission Advisory Committee. Discussions ensued between members of the Council and Mr. Castro pertaining to Mr. Castro's qualifications and experiences. Mr. Castro also stated why he would consider himself to be a good fit for the position.

Teixeira/ Sweeney- Voted unanimously to
appoint Vasco "Skip" Castro to the
Harbor Commission Advisory Committee
with a term to expire August 2025.

7:00PM - REGULAR ORDER OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously
to approve the Consent Agenda

A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A1. Town Council Meeting - October 12, 2022

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to accept and approve the council meeting minutes of October 12, 2022, as presented

B. Public Hearings

B1. Mathiew Medeiros for Basil & Bunny, 500 Wood Street Unit 214, request for One Additional Class BV LTD Liquor License (see also C1 & D1)

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to close the public hearing

Prior to the vote taken, Lyslie Medeiros of 3 Oak St., Warren, owner of Basil & Bunny addressed the council. Ms. Medeiros spoke on behalf of Basil & Bunny and asked for the council's consideration of granting a limited beer and wine license. She stated that she would like to have the ability to offer alcoholic beverages to her customers to stay competitive with the local establishment around her in Unity Park.

C. Ordinances

C1. Ordinance #2022-13 Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - Number of Licenses (to increase the number of Class B Limited licenses from 6 to 7) (2nd reading)

Sweeney/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of Ordinance #2021-13. Advertise in local newspaper

C2. Ordinance #2022-14 Ordinance in Amendment to Chapter 22 Sewers and Sewage Disposal - various amendments to

the Sewer Use Ordinance required by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management **(1st reading)**

a. draft ordinance

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2022-14.
Advertise in the local newspaper

- C3.** Ordinance #2022-15 Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - Number of Licenses (to increase the number of Class B-V Liquor Licenses from 32-33) **(1st reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2022-15.
Advertise in the local newspaper

- C4.** Ordinance #2022-16 Chapter 17, Article II Alcoholic Beverages Establishments, Section 17-82 - Number of Licenses (to decrease the number of Class B Limited licenses from 7-6) **(1st reading)**

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2022-16.
Advertise in the local newspaper

- C5.** Ordinance #2022-17 Chapter 16 Motor Vehicles and Traffic Article V Stopping, Standing and Parking Section 16-143, Parking Prohibited at all times (to add 6 feet no parking on Siegel Street) **(1st reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the first reading of Ordinance #2022-17.
Advertise in the local newspaper

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

- D1.** Mathiew Medeiros for Basil & Bunny, 500 Wood Street
Unit 214 - Request for BV LTD Liquor License
- 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 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 taken, Lyslie Medeiros of 3 Oak St., Warren, owner of Basil & Bunny addressed the council. Ms. Medeiros explained that the establishment started as a mobile food truck and now has established a local restaurant in Unity Park. She noted that the establishment is 100% plant based and 90% of the food is made from scratch.

- D2.** Michele Martins, for Bristol Fourth of July Committee
- Request for a One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License for "Jingle Mingle" Event, December 2, 2022, 6PM - 9PM
- 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 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. Carolyn Almonte for Our Lady of Mount Carmel School,
127 State Street - request for a Bingo License for
Friday, November 4, 2022

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of
Police

Parella/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.

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

F. Petitions - Other

F1. Michele Martins, for Bristol Fourth of July Committee
- Request for Use of the Maritime Center to hold
"Jingle Mingle" and permission to Use/Sell Alcoholic
Beverages, December 2, 2022, 6PM - 9PM

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

F2. Anne Todd Merriman, 218 State Street re Removal of Accessible Parking Space at 211 State Street **(1st 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 constitute the first reading of a request to remove an accessible parking space and to continue said matter until the meeting of November 16, 2022, for second reading.

G. Appointments

G1. Mt. Hope Farm Trust (1 term set to expire December 2024)

- a. Theresa Rigsby Dougherty, 4 Linden Street, interest/appointment

Sweeney/Ley- Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to set a special meeting for interviews to be held at the next Council meeting of November 16, 2022.

G2. North East Burial Grounds Commission (1 term set to expire January 2024)

- a. Scott F. Panella, PO Box 1223, resignation
- b. Kathleen Moran, 87 Hopeworth Avenue, interest in full term member

b1a. Charles C. Cavalconte, Chair of the Commissioners of the Cemeteries recommendation of Kathleen Moran for appointment

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to elevated Kathleen Moran to full member with a term to expire January 2024. And to advertise in the local paper.

H. Old Business

H1. Director Williamson, re Review of the uses in the Metacom Mixed Use Zone (continued from September 21, 2022)

a. Planning Board Recommendation

Teixeira/Parella - Voted unanimously to direct the Town Solicitor and Director of Community Development to draft a motion and findings of facts with respect to the Planning Board recommendations for first reading and call for public hearing.

Prior to the vote taken, Director Williamson explained that per the request of the council, the planning board reviewed and examined the manufacturing uses in the MMU zone to determine if more manufacturing uses could be permitted in that zone. She explained that the Planning Board recommendation of the permitted uses in the MMU zone be amended to include Microbreweries, lumber and wood products, furniture and fixtures manufacturing.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that the revision in the zoning ordinance would allow more flexibility for manufacturing uses.

Councilman Ley noted that the ordinance was always amendable should a need be presented in the future.

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

I1. Director Williamson re Extension on Bicycle Path Connector RIDEM Grant

Sweeney/Parella- Voted unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a six-month extension of the Bicycle Path Connector RIDEM Grant.

Prior to the vote taken, Director Williamson explained that the Bicycle Path Connector grant was set to expire on December 31, 2022, and that she was requesting the authorization in advance to the Council's upcoming meeting schedule.

Councilman Sweeney asked the Town Administrator if any assistance was needed from the council to advance the Bike Path Connection Project. Town Administrator Contente provided a brief explanation of the Hope Street Sidewalk Project that would involve sidewalk construction from Constitution to lower Ferry Road. He explained that a letter was sent to the Director of DOT to advance the sidewalk design project so that federal funds, earmarked for the project, could be used with DOT planning.

I2. Director Williamson Request for Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5) - Acquisition/Lease of Real Property

It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action concerning this agenda item took place at the conclusion of the public agenda as found below.

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-5 (a) (5) concerning the Acquisition of Open Space at 7:22PM.

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to resume open session and seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 8:37PM.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz announced that a motion was made and voted on in Executive Session

I3. Director Williamson re request for Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(5)- Sale of Real Property formerly known as the Oliver School-151 State Street

It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action concerning this agenda item took place at the conclusion of the public agenda as found below.

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously
to convene in Executive Session
pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-5
(a) (5) Sale of Real Property
formerly known as the Oliver
School-151 State Street at 7:22PM

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to
resume open session and seal the
minutes of the Executive Session at
8:37PM.

Assistant Town Solicitor Teitz announced that action was
taken in Executive Session

J. Bills & Expenditures

J1. Town Treasurer Hassel - re recommended account re-
appropriations (carry forwards)

Teixeira/Parella-Voted unanimously to
approve the re-appropriations as
proposed.

K. Special Reports

L. Town Solicitor

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. Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2022
- (CA) AA2. Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2022
- (CA) AA3. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022
- (CA) AA4. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2022

(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments

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

- (CA) BB1. Tax Assessor DiMeco re Recommended Abatements & Additions - October 24, 2022

(CA) CC. Financial Reports

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

- (CA) CC1. Town Treasurer Hassel- re Revenue and Expenditure Statement - October 26, 2022

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

- (CA) DD1. Citation, Joseph Morra, Purple Heart Recipient, corrected (signed)
- (CA) DD2. Citation, Robert R. Major Sr., Purple Heart Recipient, (signed)
- (CA) DD3. Citation, Gil's Appliances, Excellence in Business Award, (signed)
- (CA) DD4. Citation, DeVine & Associates, Excellence in Business Award, (signed)
- (CA) DD5. Citation, Traffic Signs and Safety, Excellence in Business Award, (signed)

(CA) EE. Utility Petitions

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

(CA) EE1. National Grid and Verizon - Franklin Street,
Installing P10-84

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department
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 Barrington Resolution re Urging the Rhode
Island General Assembly to Recognize June 19,
Juneteenth National Independence Day, as an Official
Rhode Island State Holiday

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

(CA) GG1. Bid Tabulation - Bid#995 - HVAC Project at Quinta
Gamelin

(CA) GG2. Town Administrator Contente re Executed Service
Agreement with Good Energy LLP (signed copy)

(CA) GG3. Town Administrator Contente to Automatic Temperature
Controls Inc. re award of BID# 995 - HVAC Project at
Quinta Gamelin

(CA) GG4. Director Williamson re ADA Complaint Form and
Procedure

(CA) GG5. Town Administrator Contente to Westway Construction
Inc. re award of Bid# 988 - Rogers Free Library Roof
Replacement Project

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

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

(CA) HH1. North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting,
October 12, 2022

- (CA) HH2. Town of Bristol Housing Authority Meeting October 13, 2022
- (CA) HH3. Conservation Commission Meeting, October 13, 2022
- (CA) HH4. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting, October 20, 2022
- (CA) HH5. Bristol Fourth of July Committee Policy Subcommittee Meeting, October 20, 2022
- (CA) HH6. Bristol Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting, October 25, 2022
- (CA) HH7. Capital Project Commission Meeting, November 1, 2022
- (CA) HH8. Bristol County Water Authority Meeting, October 27, 2022
- (CA) HH9. Bristol Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting, October 27, 2022
- (CA) HH10. Bristol Fourth of July Special General Committee Meeting, November 9, 2022
- (CA) HH11. Zoning Board of Review Meeting, November 14, 2022

(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. Stella Munro, 1359 Hope Street, re claim for damages to fence

(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 8:38pm.

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk