

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

The council met on Wednesday, March 26, 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

Dominic Franco- Citation
James Dollins- Citation

Chairman Calouro introduced special recognitions for Dominic Franco and Jim Dollins in honor of their longstanding volunteer service to the community.

Jim Dollins was commended for his 22 years of dedicated service on the Harbor Commission, where he was valued for his extensive knowledge of the waterfront and practical approach to problem-solving. The following citation was presented:

It is with great admiration and gratitude that we recognize Jim for his remarkable 22 years of dedicated service on the Harbor Commission. During his tenure, Jim has exemplified unparalleled commitment, leadership, and vision, ensuring excellence for Bristol's harbor.

For more than two decades, Mr. Dollins's contributions have been a legacy of stewardship that will benefit future generations.

As he steps down from his role on the Harbor Commission, we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. We wish Jim all the best in his endeavors and trust that his hard work will continue to inspire and guide us.

In making this presentation, the Honorable Town Administrator and Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island, in accordance with the authority vested in them by the citizens of Bristol, and on behalf of all Bristolians, offer best wishes and the very best in the future.

Dominic Franco was honored for an extraordinary 44 years of service, including 30 years as Chairman, during which he played a key role in navigating significant changes within the commission. The following citation was presented:

In recognition of Dom's outstanding commitment, the Town of Bristol proudly commends Mr. Franco for his pivotal role in transforming the Harbor Commission into what it is today.

Dom's 44 years of unwavering reliability with the Bristol Harbor Commission exemplify his deep dedication and invaluable contributions to our Town. Throughout the years, he has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, steadfast commitment, and selfless volunteerism, playing a crucial role in the Harbor Commission's remarkable success. Dom has truly set a standard of excellence that inspires us all.

In making this presentation, the Honorable Town Administrator and the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island, in accordance with the authority vested in them by the citizens of Bristol, express our heartfelt appreciation for his tireless dedication to the Harbor Commission.

Both individuals were presented with official citations and received a round of applause from the Town Council and attending members of the community.

(ADD ITEM)

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to add a non-action agenda item to recognize the Mt. Hope Highschool's Boys Basketball Team and the passing of Genevieve Marszalek at 111 years old.

Coach Griffka of the Mt. Hope Huskies was recognized for leading the basketball team to a state championship and for other notable accomplishments throughout the season.

Team members and coaching staff were introduced and acknowledged for their dedication, hard work, and contributions to the team's success.

The Town Council and members of the community expressed their appreciation and offered congratulations to the team and coaches for their outstanding achievement. The following citation was presented:

The Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, proudly recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of the Mt. Hope High School Huskies Boys Basketball Team, who have demonstrated excellence both on and off the court during the 2024–2025 season.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Jeff Grifka and Assistant Coaches Tim Thorpe, Mike Delmage, Matt Caradimos, and Tom Fullen, the Huskies achieved remarkable success:

- *Crowned 2024–2025 Division III State Champions*
- *Achieved a 10–1 league record and a 14–4 interleague record, competing against teams across all divisions*
- *Compiled an impressive 17–5 overall record*
- *Earned multiple individual accolades:*
 - *Two All-League Selections: Lucas Andereoizzi and Maleaq Roderick*
 - *Two First Team All-Division Selections: Lucas Andereoizzi and Maleaq Roderick*
 - *Two Second Team All-Division Selections: Matt MacDougall and Jack Thompson*
- *Celebrated their third Division III Championship in seven years*

Their dedication, talent, and commitment to the game have brought pride to Mt. Hope High School and the entire community. The Town Council extends its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

The Council also recognized the passing of Genevieve Marszalek, who lived to the remarkable age of 111, and acknowledged her long life and legacy within the community

Vote on Provisional Budget Fiscal Year 2025–2026

Parella/ Teixeira- Voted unanimously to adopt the 2025–2026 Provisional Budget as follows:

Schedule A - (\$64,326,511)

Schedule B - (\$742,200) [incl. in Sched. A]

Schedule C - (\$7,239,987)

Totaling - \$71,566,498

Advertise in the local newspaper and forward same for the Public Hearing to be held on April 14, 2025.

Prior to the vote being taken the Council expressed its sincere thanks to the various department heads and members of the administration for their hard work, preparation, and collaborative spirit throughout the budget workshop process. Council members acknowledged the time and effort invested in presenting thoughtful and thorough budget proposals, as well as the willingness of departments to work together toward shared goals.

Special recognition was given to the Treasurer's Office for its instrumental role in coordinating and supporting the process, ensuring the accuracy of financial data, and providing the necessary guidance and insight to facilitate informed decision-making. The Council commended the department's diligence and professionalism in managing the financial planning efforts.

Motion RE: Consent Agenda - To Approve the Consent Agenda

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

A. Submission of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A1. Town Council Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2025

A2. Town Council Special Meeting Minutes Capital Projects - March 5, 2025

Teixeira/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 26, 2025 and March 5, 2025 as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

C. Ordinances

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

D1. Isabel Orterry on behalf of Banda Sta Isabel requests a one-day Dancing and Entertainment License for Dinner and Dancing, April 12, 2025 from 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM at 577 Wood Street (St. Elizabeths Auditorium)

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

- D2.** Carmen Anania on behalf of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel request a one-day Dancing and Entertainment License for Dinner/Dance Fundraiser, May 31, 2025 from 6:00 PM - 11:30 PM at 127 State Street (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Auditorium)

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.** Renee Soto on behalf of Bristol BookFest request a one-day Dancing and Entertainment License for April 4, 2025 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at the Rogers Free Library

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

- D4.** Jonathan Ferreira requests one-day Dancing & Entertainment License for Smoke on the Water Fundraiser, 65 Ferry Road, June 21, 2025, from 1:00 PM - 8:30 PM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

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. Joseph Caron on behalf of the Bristol Merchants Association (BMA) requests a One-Day Dancing & Entertainment License(s) per the 2025 Event Schedule (see attached) from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and request the use and closure of lower State Street per the 2025 Event Schedule

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

d. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director 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

Prior to the vote being taken, petitioner Joseph Caron addressed the Council to highlight the various events organized throughout the year by the Bristol Merchants Association. He provided an overview of the association's ongoing efforts to support local businesses and foster community engagement through seasonal events and promotional activities.

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

E1. Tattoo License Renewals 2025-2026

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

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. Cesspool License Renewals 2025-2026

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

Sweeney/Teixeira- 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. Charles "Eli" Dunn, Folklore LLC dba Folklore Provisions, 301 Hope Street regarding six-month review of BV Limited Liquor License

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Parella/ Teixeira- 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. Charles Eli Dunn, Folklore, LLC d/b/a Folklore Provisions, 301 Hope Street - Request for One Additional Class BV Liquor License (to increase the number of licenses from 32 to 33) and to modify and expand the alcohol service area (**call for public hearing May 7, 2025**)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

Teixeira/Sweeney- - Voted unanimously to refer the matter to the Town Solicitor to draft an ordinance for one additional Class BV License for council consideration and decrease one Class BV Limited License on April 16, 2025; and schedule the public hearing for the May 7, 2025, council meeting.

Prior to the vote being taken, Petitioner Mr. Dunn requested an additional Class B-V liquor license to allow for full liquor service and to modify and expand the existing alcohol service area. Mr. Dunn explained that, while the establishment operates primarily as a daytime café and alcohol sales are minimal, the additional license would support their monthly supper club events and provide the opportunity to introduce a limited cocktail menu.

F2. Maria Andrade, 28 Shaws Lane requesting removal of accessible parking space located across from residence and replace with a no parking box to assist with existing driveway (1st reading)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director 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 and 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 April 16 2025, for the second reading

F3. Jason Paganelli - True North Running Company re Colt State Park Half Marathon on November 2, 2025 from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM - portion of race is on public roadway

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Department of Public Works

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

Prior to the vote being taken, petitioner Jason Paganelli explained that the race primarily takes place within Colt State Park, utilizing approximately three-quarters of a mile of public roadway on Poppasquash Road to connect the bike path with the park's rear entrance. He noted that participation is capped at 500 runners to maintain the quality and manageability of the event. This year, the race will serve as the state championship for the half marathon distance.

Paganelli emphasized that the event is organized in close coordination with local authorities, including the involvement of two police officers to assist with safety and traffic management.

The Council briefly discussed the event, and the Police Chief Lynch recommended that Mr. Paganelli continue to coordinate directly with the police department regarding road closures, event dates, and timing

F4. Karen Cox with the North American Family Institute, re Run 4 The Kidz, 5K Race beginning and ending at Vigilant Brewing on Sunday, September 7, 2025 starting at 9:00 AM

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/ 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

Prior to the vote being taken, Petitioner Karen Cox, representing the North American Family Institute (NAFI), presented a request for the "Run for the Kids" 5K race to be held on Sunday, September 7, starting at 9:00 a.m., with the race beginning and ending at Vigilant Brewery.

Ms. Cox explained that NAFI operates a semi-independent living program for young men ages 16-21 and has been serving the Bristol Warren community for 36 years. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the organization's arts initiative, which provides opportunities for youth to explore creative outlets and build community connections as they prepare to transition out of DCYF care. She noted that last year's event drew 92 participants. The proposed race route runs up Broadcommon Road, down Hope Street, and returns to the brewery.

The Council requested a clearer map of the race route for review. The Chief of Police recommended that the organizers coordinate with the police department regarding road closures, dates, and times to ensure proper planning and safety measures.

G. Appointments

G1. Harbor Commission (1 unexpired three-year term set to expire March 2027)

- a. Dominic Franco - letter of resignation
- b. Pamela E. Romano, 37 Kingswood Road - interest/appointment
- c. Michael Cabral, 10 Alves Street - interest/appointment
- d. Bruce Palumbo, 6 Mallory Court - interest/appointment
- e. Owen O'Rourke, 41 Fales Road - interest/appointment

Sweeney/ Ley- Voted unanimously to accept this resignation and to instruct the Clerk to send a letter of thanks for service; and to appoint Pamela Romano as a full member of the Harbor Commission with a term set to expire March 2027.

- G2.** Harbor Commission Advisory Committee - (3 unexpired three-year terms set to expire 2 on August 2025 and 1 on August 2026 - Downtown Waterfront, Kickemuit River and Poppasquash Shore Representatives)
- a. George Burman, 66 Highland Road - letter of resignation
 - b. Raymond S. DeLeo, 3 Captain Street- interest/appointment
 - c. Paul Labonte, 22 Casey Drive - interest/appointment
 - d. Michael Cabral, 10 Alves Street - interest/appointment
 - e. Jeff Doran, 4 Dolly Drive - interest/appointment

_____/_____- Voted unanimously to accept this resignation and to instruct the Clerk to send a letter of thanks for service; and to instruct the Clerk to set a special meeting for interviews to be held at the next council meeting of April 16, 2025,

or at the convenience of the parties.

Prior to the vote being taken, Councilmen Teixeira requested clarification on whether Paul Labonte, who currently serves as an active Assistant Harbor Master, could also serve on the Harbor Advisory Board. The Town Clerk Cordeiro responded that she was not aware of any restrictions preventing such an appointment, noting that the only known requirement is that board members must represent different bodies of water surrounding Bristol.

Town Solicitor Ursillo also stated that he was not aware of any specific prohibitions but would conduct further research and follow up to confirm whether any restrictions apply prior to interviews and appointments.

G3. Assistant Harbor Master (unexpired one-year term(s) set to expire January 2026)

a. Recommendation Harbor Master to appoint John Quinn and Robert Ramos

Teixeira/Sweeney- voted unanimously in favor of the slate of candidates for the ensuing term based on the recommendation of the Chair.

G4. Bristol Planning Board - ~~1 two-year term set to expire April 2027 and~~ *(2 three-year term(s) set to expire April 2028)

a. Richard Ruggiero, 21 Kingswood Road - interest/reappointment

b. Stephen Katz, 42 River Street- interest/reappointment

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to reappoint Richard Ruggiero and Stephen Katz to the Bristol Planning Board with a term set to expire in April 2028

*Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted a correction to the term lengths for the Bristol Planning Board appointments were 2 three-year term(s) set to expire April 2028.

- G5.** Zoning Board of Review - (1 five-year term set to expire March 2030, and 2 two- two-year alternate positions set to expire March 2027) Alternate two-year term set to expire March 2027 and One 2nd Alternate one Two-year term set to expire March *2026

a. George Duarte, Jr., 47 Lafayette Drive - interest/reappointment

b. Kimberly Teves, 32 Brooks Farm Drive - interest/reappointment

Teixeira/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to reappoint George Duart as full member of the Zoning Board with a term set to expire March 2030 and reappoint Kimberly Teves as 1st Alternate to the Zoning Board with a term set to expire in March 2027

*Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted a correction to the term lengths for the two alternate positions, clarifying that both are two-year terms set to expire in March 2027, not March 2026 as indicated

- G6.** Waypoyset Trust - One two-year term set to expire March 2027

a. Steven E. Johnson, 345 Channel View, Unit 101 Warwick, RI - interest/reappointment

Teixeira/Parella- Voted unanimously to reappoint Steven Johnson to the Waypoyset Trust with a term set to expire March 2027

- G7.** Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees - 1 three-year term set to expire April 2028

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

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to reappoint Keving Manuel Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees with a term set to expire April 2028

G8. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees (2 unexpired three-year terms set to expire January 2027 and January 2028)

- a. Elizabeth Hamilton, 423 Hope Street - interest/appointment
- b. David Perry, 15 Ambrose Drive - interest/appointment
- c. Kaitlyn Carmody, 12 Ellen Street - interest/appointment
- d. Christina Palmer, 7 Church Cove Road - interest/appointment
- e. Jeanette Harney, 17 Hillside Road - interest/appointment
- f. Lane Talbot Sparkman, 35 Central Street - interest/appointment
- g. Matthew Benson, 8 Leila Jean Drive - interest/appointment
- h. Nancy Kellner, 10 Hope Street - interest/appointment
- i. Thomas Ferris, II, 142 High Street - interest/appointment
- j. Christopher Allen, 423 Hope Street, Unit D - interest/appointment
- k. Anne Silvia, Chair Board of Trustees - recommendation for Nancy Kellner, Thomas Ferris, and Christopher Allen

Parella/Sweeney- Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to set a special meeting for interviews to be held at the next council meeting of April 28, 2025, or at the convenience of the parties

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted a "received at meeting" item, which included the applications and resumes of the additional individuals who applied but were not included in the Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees' recommendations. She also informed the Council that she had been advised Lane Sparkman and Matthew Benson had notified the Board of Trustees that they were no longer seeking appointment to the board.

G9. Fourth of July Committee re - proposed membership
(two-year term set to expire September 2025)

a. recommendation - membership list from Chairwoman
Teixeira

Teixeira/Parella- voted
unanimously in favor of the slate
of candidates for the ensuing term
based on the recommendation of the
Chair

At the conclusion of the board appointments, Chairman Calouro took a moment to express his sincere gratitude and appreciation to all members of the community who volunteer their time to serve on the town's various boards and commissions. He acknowledged the invaluable contributions of these individuals, highlighting their dedication and commitment to the betterment of the community.

Chairman Calouro emphasized the critical role that volunteer board members play in shaping and enhancing the town's governance through their selfless efforts. On behalf of himself and the entire Town Council, he extended a heartfelt thank you to all who generously contributed their time and expertise in support of the community's collective well-being.

H. Old Business

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

- I1.** Jay Maciel on behalf of Bristol Conservation
Commission - Keep Bristol Clean re Invitation to 36th
Annual Town-Wide Cleanup, April 19, 2025, from 9:00 AM
- 12:00 PM. Event will begin at Bristol Department of
Public Works, 111 Mt. Hope Avenue.

Jay Maciel, speaking on behalf of the Bristol Conservation
Commission, provided highlights of the Keep Bristol Clean

initiative and extended an invitation to the Town Council and the public to participate in the 36th Annual Town-Wide Cleanup. The event is scheduled for April 19, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and will begin at the Bristol Department of Public Works, located at 111 Mt. Hope Avenue.

Mr. Maciel noted that participants do not need to sign up in advance and are welcome to simply show up on the day of the event. He emphasized that volunteers are not required to stay for the entire duration—any level of participation is appreciated and contributes to the overall success of the cleanup effort.

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

12. (Draft) Resolution No. 2025-26-3-F4 Bristol Fourth of July Celebration - 2025

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

Prior to the vote being taken, Camille Teixeira, Chairwoman of the Fourth of July Committee, provided an overview of the scheduled events for the 2025 Fourth of July celebration. She referenced the committee's calendar of events and noted that the first event will be the Chief Marshal Announcement, scheduled for April 8.

Ms. Teixeira also mentioned the return of the traditional breakfast event, with the date still to be finalized—either May 4 or June 8. She expressed enthusiasm about the breakfast, noting that pancakes will be served, and she may recruit help for making scrambled eggs.

Flag Day will be celebrated on June 14, with both a ceremony and breakfast planned. Council Chairman Calouro highlighted several additional events, including the Orange Crate Derby on June 5 and a community pickleball event also scheduled for June 14.

Ms. Teixeira emphasized the wide range of events the committee organizes each year, many of which serve as fundraisers while others are free and open to the community. The council noted that the success of the celebration is a direct result of the

dedication of those who give back through service on the Fourth of July Committee.

13. Community Development Director Williamson re:
Composting Pilot Program Opportunity for program
funding through 11th Hour Racing

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to support the composting pilot program with the \$10,969 match over two years, funded by 11th Hour Racing

Prior to the vote being taken, Diane Williamson, Community Development Director, presented a composting pilot program opportunity to be funded by 11th Hour Racing. She explained that the Town had initially applied for a USDA grant but was not awarded funding. However, 11th Hour Racing stepped in to sponsor the program for a two-year period. The total funding for the program is approximately \$190,000, with the Town contributing a \$10,969 match along with some in-kind staff time.

It was noted that the goals of the program was to enroll 500 households, diverting 260,000 pounds of food waste from the landfill, and achieving a net-neutral project by offsetting costs through reductions in tipping fees. The Town will conduct a request for proposals (RFP) to hire a private compost hauler for the duration of the program.

During the composting pilot program discussion, Councilman Teixeira asked several clarifying questions regarding the scope and financial details of the initiative. He asked for confirmation that the program would run as a two-year pilot, with future continuation dependent on the data collected; Director Williamson confirmed this understanding. Councilman Teixeira also inquired about the cost of the hauler, and Director Williamson explained that the \$190,000 grant from 11th Hour Racing would fund the hauler, with the Town issuing an RFP to select a private provider. Additionally, Councilman Teixeira asked whether the Town's financial contribution was a one-time \$10,969 match over the two-year period, rather than an annual amount, which Director Williamson confirmed.

Councilman Sweeney expressed strong support for the initiative, citing its potential to lower tipping fees, save taxpayer money, prepare the Town for the eventual closure of the landfill, and promote environmental sustainability

I4. Council Chairman Calouro re (Draft) Resolution regarding the Restoration of General Revenue Sharing to Cities and Towns

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to support the resolution regarding the restoration of General Revenue Sharing to cities and towns and instructed the Clerk to transmit a copy of the resolution to the members of the Town of Bristol's State Legislative Delegation.

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro provided an overview of a draft resolution supporting the restoration of general revenue sharing to cities and towns. He explained that the resolution was prompted by recent discussions with the Portsmouth Town Council President. A key issue identified was that, following the elimination of the car tax, the associated legislation did not include an escalator to account for future increases in funding. As a result, the fixed dollar amount allocated to each community has remained unchanged.

For Bristol, passage of the resolution could result in an additional \$787,255 in revenue. It was noted that every dollar received through this restored funding is one less dollar that would need to be raised through local taxation. It was emphasized that the resolution is designed to benefit all communities across the state, not just Bristol.

I5. Council Chairman Calouro re (Draft)Resolution in support of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns Legislative Priorities

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to support the Resolution regarding the Restoration in support of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns Legislative Priorities and instruct the Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the Town of Bristol State Legislative Delegation

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro presented a resolution in support of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns' legislative priorities. The resolution emphasizes the importance of adopting policies that reflect the unique needs of individual communities, rather than implementing one-size-fits-all solutions.

Chairman Calouro specifically stated that he does not support a proposed increase to the existing 4% municipal spending cap. Councilman Teixeira agreed, noting that the cap was originally put in place to prevent municipal overspending and should be preserved.

During the discussion, the Council identified a minor typographical error in the resolution, noting that it mistakenly referenced the Portsmouth Town Council. The Council agreed to make the necessary correction before signing the document.

- I6.** Council Chairman Calouro re consideration of allocation of council contingency funds to help support Tom's Grove non-profit organization.

Ley/Teixeira- unanimously to appropriate \$2000 from the Town Council Contingency account in support of this program

Prior to the vote being taken, Council Chairman Calouro noted that this project was previously discussed during the budget hearings and that the group was encouraged at that time to petition the Council for additional funding at the next meeting- which was the current meeting.

Linda Heroux, Executive Director of Friends of Tom's Garden, presented an overview of the community garden project located at Benjamin Church Manor. The organic garden, which began in 2022 with 12 participating gardeners, has since expanded to include 26 gardeners.

Councilman Lay praised the initiative as a strong example of community building in the wake of the pandemic, referencing Linda's statement, "It takes a village to make a garden

- I7.** Town Clerk Cordeiro re proposed Amendment to Residential Parking Zones

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Voted unanimously
to refer the matter to the Town
Solicitor to draft an ordinance

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro proposed amendments to the residential parking zone ordinance, explaining that during the changes made in November 2024, two specific areas were inadvertently omitted from the updated residential parking district: Hope Street North, from Franklin Street to Washington Street, and Hope Street South, from Franklin Street to Wally Street. She noted that the current ordinance lacks clear language allowing residents in these sections to obtain residential parking stickers, and highlighted inconsistencies in parking restrictions along these portions of the street. While some areas are marked for two-hour parking from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, they still allow overnight parking with certain limitations. To address these issues, Clerk Cordeiro requested that the Council refer the matter to the appropriate departments and collaborate with the Solicitor's Office to draft ordinance amendments clarifying parking regulations and residential sticker eligibility.

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

K. Special Reports

K1. BCWA Tri-Town Monthly Report - February 2025

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

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

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. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2024
- (CA) AA2. BCWA Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2025
- (CA) AA3. BCWA Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2025
- (CA) AA4. Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes - February 3, 2025
- (CA) AA5. Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2025
- (CA) AA6. Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2025
- (CA) AA7. Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2025
- (CA) AA8. Housing Authority Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2025
- (CA) AA9. Bristol Planning Board Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2025
- (CA) AA10. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - December 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 - March 2025
- (CA) DD. **Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations**
- Approval of consent agenda = "motion to adopt these Proclamations, Resolutions and Citations as prepared and presented"**
- (CA) DD1. Citation -James Dollins - 22 years on the Harbor Commission - March 3, 2025 (signed)
- (CA) DD2. Citation -Dominic Franco - 44 years on the Harbor Commission - March 3, 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, 50 Feet West of the centerline of the intersection of State and High 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. Burrillville Town Council Resolution No 25-03 - Support of House Bill 2025- H 5371
- (CA) FF2. Burrillville Town Council Resolution No. 25-02 - RI League of Cities and Towns 2025 Legislative Priorities
- (CA) FF3. Burrillville Town Council Resolution No. 25-01 - Support and Subsidy for Transportation of Homeless Students
- (CA) FF4. The following Towns and Cities have submitted the following Resolutions regarding the Restoration of General Revenue Sharing to Cities and Towns
- Town of Portsmouth Resolution No. 2025-02-24
Town of Middletown Resolution No. 2025-16
Town of Westerly Resolution 24/25-74
Town of Narragansett Resolution No. 2025-03
Town of Lincoln Resolution No. 2025-5
City of Woonsocket Resolution 25 R 4
- (CA) FF5. Westerly Town Council - Resolution in Support of House Bill H 5457 - An Act Relating to Public Records - Access to Public Records
- (CA) FF6. Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District re Resolution of the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District Committee

(CA) FF7. Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District re Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as outlined in RIGL § 16-7.2-6

(CA) FF8. Town of Lincoln - Resolution 2025-6 Opposition to RI 2025 Gun Control Legislation

(CA) FF9. Town of Middletown Resolution No. 2025-17 - Support of the RI League of Cities and Towns 2025 Legislative Priorities

(CA) FF10. Town of Charlestown Resolution in support of House Bill 2025-H5315 Amendment to the General Laws of the State of RI to allow for the Temporary Service of Election Officials after Retirement

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

(CA) GG1. DEM re WQC File No. 25-028 Jacobs Point Salt Marsh Restoration Project Plat 54, Lot 12 - Water Quality Certification

(CA) GG2. Director Williamson to BWRSD Chairman McGovern re Drainage Maintenance at future Mt. Hope School

(CA) GG3. Town Administrator Contente to David Taylor - Award Bid #1059 Bristol Historic District Standards Guide

(CA) HH. Distributions/Notice of Meetings

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

(CA) HH1. Planning Board Meeting - March 13, 2025

(CA) HH2. BCWA Personnel Committee Meeting - February 27, 2025

(CA) HH3. Bristol Fourth of July General Committee Meeting - February 27, 2025

(CA) HH4. Bristol Fourth of July Military and Town Officials Sub Committee Meeting - February 25, 2025

(CA) HH5. Recreation Board Meeting - February 26, 2025

- (CA) HH6. BCWA Board of Directors Meeting - February 27, 2025
- (CA) HH7. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting - February 27, 2025
- (CA) HH8. Harbor Commission Meeting - March 3, 2025
- (CA) HH9. Historic District Commission Meeting - March 6, 2025
- (CA) HH10. Conservation Commission Meeting - March 4, 2025
- (CA) HH11. BCWA Properties Committee Meeting - March 13, 2025
- (CA) HH12. Housing Authority Meeting - March 13, 2025
- (CA) HH13. Bristol Christmas Festival Committee Meeting - March 10, 2025
- (CA) HH14. Recreation Board Meeting - March 26, 2025 (canceled)
- (CA) HH15. North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting - March 12, 2025
- (CA) HH16. Bristol 4th of July Sub Committee Meeting Photography Contest - March 10, 2025
- (CA) HH17. Bristol 4th of July Committee, General Committee Meeting - March 13, 2025
- (CA) HH18. Bristol 4th of July, Flag Day Sub Committee Meeting - March 13, 2025
- (CA) HH19. Planning Board Meeting - March 13, 2025
- (CA) HH20. Historic District Commission Meeting - April 3, 2025
- (CA) HH21. Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting - March 20, 2025
- (CA) HH22. Bristol Fourth of July Committee, Promotions Meeting - March 20, 2025
- (CA) HH23. Zoning Board of Review Meeting - April 7, 2025
- (CA) HH24. Bristol Fourth of July Wine Tasting Sub Committee Meeting - March 24, 2025
- (CA) HH25. Bristol Fourth of July Souvenir Sub Committee Meeting - March 27, 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) II1. Brian Authelet - complaint/claim

(CA) II2. Brian Authelet - complaint/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. Joshua Cordeiro, 151 Sunrise Drive re curb cut

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and 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 8:16 pm.

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk
Council Clerk