The council met on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 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, Andy Teitz, Esq
Town Sergeant, Archie Martins

The Pledge of Allegiance

Council Chair Calouro led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 (draft) Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2026

Sweeney/Teixeira – Voted unanimously to approve these minutes as prepared and presented.

B. Public Hearings

B1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application
Public hearing regarding proposed activities for inclusion in the Town of Bristol's 2026 Community Development Block Grant application, including Renovation of the Walley School building – $500,000;

the Renovation of the Looking Upwards Property – $125,000; and the Bristol Home Repair Program- Amt. TBD.

Also under consideration is the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Town to file the CDBG application.

Sweeney/Teixeira -Voted unanimously to close the public hearing

Teixeira/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to adopt the resolution authorizing the Town of Bristol to file the CBDG application on behalf of the town.

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro opened the public hearing and invited testimony in favor and against

Town Administrator Contente outlined the proposed projects, including $500,000 for renovations to the Walley School Building, $125,000 for improvements to the Looking Up group home on Berry Avenue, and funding for the Bristol Home Repair Program in an amount to be determined. He explained that the funding for the Walley School would be used to complete renovations to the second floor, which had been framed but required additional funding, while the first floor was expected to open within the next few weeks. The Looking Up funding would support kitchen renovations and other improvements to the property.

Councilman Teixeira questioned whether the amount listed as "to be determined" for the Bristol Home Repair Program meant that no specific funding amount would be requested.

Bob Plan, representing the organization administering the program, explained that the amount of funding needed would depend on the number of applicants, the nature and extent of the repairs required, and the associated costs. He noted that the total amount remained to be determined until applications were received, explaining that the program could receive ten applications requesting $50,000 each or only one application requesting $2,500. Accordingly, a specific funding amount could not be established at this stage.

Councilman Ley asked how residents could learn about the program. Mr. Plan stated that information was available on the Town's website, that Ed Carusi assisted with public outreach, and that the Building Inspector could also refer residents whose homes were in need of repairs.

Town Administrator Contente clarified that applicants must meet income eligibility requirements and that assistance is secured by a lien on the property. Mr. Plan explained that the program provides forgivable loans, with lien periods ranging from five to fifteen years depending on the amount borrowed. If the homeowner remains in the property for the required period, the loan is forgiven and effectively becomes a grant. However, if the property is sold before the lien period expires, repayment is required. In response to Councilman Teixeira, Mr. Plan confirmed that homeowners who sell their property during the lien period would be required to repay the loan.

Chairman Calouro requested that the Council add a nonaction item to the agenda to recognize Town Clerk Melissa Cordeiro for achieving the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

> Teixeira/Sweeney– Voted unanimously to add a non-action agenda item to allow for Recognition of Town Clerk Melissa Cordeiro — Certified Municipal Clerk Designation

Chairman Calouro congratulated Clerk Cordeiro on her accomplishment and expressed his appreciation for her dedication and service to the Town.

Clerk Cordeiro thanked the Council for the recognition and noted that she had served the Town for 19 years, including the past six years as Town Clerk. She explained that the designation requires serving as a municipal clerk and completing extensive educational coursework and professional development. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the residents of Bristol, stating that she truly enjoys her work and was honored to have earned the designation. Members of the Council extended their congratulations and commended her on her achievement

B2. Albert Quito, Quito's Shellfish and Restaurant, Inc. 411 Thames Street, request Transfer of Class BV Liquor License to Serve Up Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Q's Waterfront by O.M.G. with Expansion of Licensed

Premises (new ownership – Adam Oppenheimer, Frank Martucci, and Anthony Guaetta) **(see also D1, D2, D3) (continued from October 7th)**

a. Notice of Claim - Alan Sousa, Bay View Farms d/b/a Mello's Fruit

b. Notice of Claim - McLaughlin & Moran, Inc.

c. Notice of Claim - Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits and Mancini Beverage

d. Notice of Claim - NPTLC, LLC d/b/a Newport Lobster Company

e. Notice of Claim - Empire Bottling Works

f. Notice of Claims - MS Walker of RI, Inc. and Johnson Brothers of RI, Inc.

g. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

h. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

i. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

j. D'Amico Burchfield - letter to request to withdraw transfer of BV Liquor License (received at meeting 10/7)

k. Town Solicitor -Superior Court filing (received at meeting 10/7)

Sweeney/Teixeira-Voted unanimously to close the public hearing

Formal acceptance of the transfer withdrawal is recorded under D1.

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro opened the public hearing and invited testimony in favor and against.

Clerk Cordeiro notes a late item marked as "received at meeting" pertaining to a superior court amended restraining order for defendant Albert Quito

Town Solicitor Teitz noted the agenda item was continued from October 7th meeting due to a court-issued restraining order that

was believed to prevent the Council from taking action. The Solicitor advised that the order had since been amended to specifically exclude the property at 411 Thames Street, allowing the Council to consider the liquor license transfer and any related licensing, lease, or sublease arrangements.

Attorney Catherine Hopkins, representing Serve Up Hospitality LLC, informed the Council that her client wished to withdraw the application for transfer of the liquor license. She explained that there were outstanding claims against the previous business and that the former owner had not obtained a certificate of good standing from the State and did not appear to intend to do so. She stated that her client intended to apply for a new liquor license when eligible rather than proceed with the transfer of the existing license.

Attorney Matthew Lyons, representing Newport Lobster Company, an objector and creditor, expressed concerns regarding the withdrawal of the application. He argued that allowing an applicant to withdraw a transfer request and subsequently seek a new license could circumvent the established limits on Class BV and BVL licenses and potentially deprive creditors of recourse associated with the transfer process. He emphasized that liquor licenses are limited commodities and that outstanding creditor claims should be given consideration.

Chairman Calouro responded that the Council had consistently required outstanding debts and creditor claims to be addressed as part of the liquor license transfer process. However, he noted that the Council could not prevent an applicant from withdrawing a transfer request.

C. Ordinances

C1. Ordinance No. 2026-13, Chapter 17, Article II, Alcoholic Beverage Establishments, Section 17-82, Number of Licenses *(to reduce the number of Class BVL licenses from six (6) to five (5); remove the number of Class T licenses; and change the Class BT license classification to Class BH, establishing one (1) Class BH license)* **(2nd reading)**

Teixeira/Sweeney– Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for the adoption of

Ordinance #2026-13. Advertise in the local newspaper

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro explained the proposed amendments were intended to align the Town's ordinance with the licenses currently in use and their proper classifications. The changes included reducing the number of Class BBL licenses from six to five following notification from Pizza Wave that it was relinquishing its limited beer-and-wine license; removing the Class T theater license classification, as there were no active licenses of that type in Bristol; and reclassifying the existing hotel license from Class BT to Class BH to reflect the current state classification and eliminate outdated language in the ordinance.

D. Licensing Board - New Petitions

D1. Frank Martucci, Serve Up Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Q's Waterfront by O.M.G., 411 Thames Street request for transfer of Class BV Liquor License with Expansion of Licensed Premises (transfer from Albert Quito, Quito's Restaurant & Bar) **(see also B2, D2, D3) (continued from October 7th)**

a. Notice of Claim - Alan Sousa, Bay View Farms d/b/a Mello's Fruit

b. Notice of Claim - McLaughlin & Moran, Inc.

c. Notice of Claim - Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits and Mancini Beverage

d. Notice of Claim - NPTLC, LLC d/b/a Newport Lobster Company

e. Notice of Claim - Empire Bottling Works

f. Notice of Claims - MS Walker of RI, Inc. and Johnson Brothers of RI, Inc.

g. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

h. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

i. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

Sweeney/Teixeira – Voted unanimously to accept the request to withdraw the petition

D2. Frank Martucci, Serve Up Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Q's Waterfront by O.M.G., 411 Thames Street request for Victualling License **(see also D1, D3) (continued from October 7th)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development

d. 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

Prior to the vote being taken, Vice Chairwoman Parella expressed concern regarding outstanding debts owed to local businesses, estimated at approximately $38,000. While acknowledging that the new business was not responsible for the previous owner's obligations, she expressed reservations about proceeding without addressing the claims. Solicitor Teitz explained that certain creditors may have lien rights against a liquor license, but those rights do not extend to a victualling license, and payment of the outstanding debts could not be imposed as a condition of its approval.

Solicitor Teitz explained the legal distinction between the liquor license and the victualling license. He advised that Rhode Island law provides certain suppliers with the ability to establish liens against liquor licenses for outstanding debts. However, those protections do not extend to victualling licenses. Accordingly, he stated that, in his legal opinion, the Council could not condition approval of the victualling license upon payment of the outstanding creditor claims associated with

the previous business. He further explained that the new applicant was a separate business entity and that the outstanding obligations of the former license holder did not automatically become the responsibility of Serve Up Hospitality.

Solicitor Teitz then addressed a separate matter involving the Town's consent to the assignment of an existing sub-license agreement for the use of portions of Independence Park associated with the restaurant. He explained that the previous restaurant owner owned the restaurant building and a narrow strip of property adjacent to the driveway. However, the outdoor patio, the majority of the driveway, and certain parking areas were located within Independence Park. He noted that the Town occupied Independence Park pursuant to an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and had previously entered into a sub-license agreement with Quito's Restaurant & Bar allowing the restaurant to utilize designated portions of the park, including the outdoor patio and dumpster area and subject to a sub-license agreement requiring Town consent for assignment.

(SUSPEND and Add Item)

> At this point in the meeting the council suspended the regular order of business to add a nonaction item to discuss the property lease on 411 Thames street. Motion Made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Teixeira to add the not action item of 411 Thames Street Lease for discussion.

Solicitor Teitz explained that the Town’s existing sub-license agreement with Quito’s, which had previously been renegotiated, permitted assignment with the Town’s consent, provided that such consent was not unreasonably withheld. He noted that when the assignment was initially considered, the Town was unaware of the extent of the outstanding creditor claims or that they remained unresolved. He further advised that the assignment had not yet been executed or delivered by the Town. In light of the newly disclosed information regarding the outstanding claims and the uncertainty surrounding their payment, Solicitor Teitz indicated that the Council could have a legally reasonable basis to withhold consent to the assignment. He clarified that the applicant could continue to operate within the privately owned building but would not be permitted to utilize the patio area without the assignment. He further explained that, as the matter had been added to the agenda for discussion purposes only, no vote could be taken at that time. The information was provided

for the Council’s consideration in determining how to proceed with the related licensing matter.

Vice Chairwoman Parella questioned what recourse, if any, the Council had regarding the outstanding debts owed to local businesses. While acknowledging that the new owners were not responsible for the previous owner’s obligations, she expressed concern that the debts had not been satisfied through the sale of the property and asked what options were available to the Council to protect the affected local businesses.

Solicitor Teitz reiterated that the outstanding creditor claims could provide a legally reasonable basis for the Council to withhold consent to the assignment of the sub-license agreement, although the decision remained at the Council’s discretion. He explained that there were no legal grounds to deny the victualling license based on the outstanding debts; however, the Council could consider continuing the matter to obtain additional information or allow further discussion. He noted that withholding consent to the sub-license could encourage the parties to negotiate a resolution of the outstanding claims, as the applicant would otherwise be limited to operating within the privately owned building and would be unable to utilize the patio area. During the discussion, concern was expressed that withholding the assignment would not necessarily result in payment to the creditors.

Applicant Frank Martucci addressed the Council on behalf of Serve Up Hospitality, LLC, and provided background regarding the new business and its efforts to address the outstanding creditor claims. Mr. Martucci explained that he and his business partners had entered into the venture with the intention of establishing a successful restaurant and contributing positively to the Bristol community. He discussed the partners' experience in the hospitality industry, their involvement in the community, and their commitment to operating the establishment responsibly. He emphasized that Serve Up Hospitality was a newly formed business entity and was not legally responsible for the debts incurred by the previous restaurant operator.

Mr. Martucci stated that, notwithstanding the absence of a legal obligation to satisfy those debts, the partners had made efforts in good faith to communicate with creditors and explore possible resolutions. He explained that, through their attorney, they had contacted several claimants, including Newport Lobster Company and Mello's Fruitland, in an attempt to negotiate payment arrangements that would provide some recovery to the creditors while allowing the new business to move forward.

Mr. Martucci also discussed the financial commitments already made by Serve Up Hospitality. He stated that the business had entered into a three-year lease with two additional five-year options and had invested in improvements, equipment, and preparations necessary to open the restaurant. He explained that the partners had been working toward opening the establishment as soon as the required licenses and inspections were completed, with a tentative goal of December 1, 2026. He noted that delays in obtaining the necessary approvals were creating additional financial burdens, including ongoing insurance expenses and other operating costs incurred before the restaurant could begin generating revenue.

Mr. Martucci emphasized the importance of the outdoor patio to the restaurant's proposed operations and overall guest experience. He explained that the business had invested in improvements to the enclosed outdoor area and that the patio was an integral component of its business plan. He expressed concern that an inability to utilize the patio would substantially affect the restaurant's operations and the experience of its customers. He also indicated that the business was considering the possibility of opening temporarily as a bring-your-own-beverage (BYOB) establishment, if permitted, while pursuing the necessary approvals for a liquor license.

Mr. Martucci and Attorney Hopkins further explained the payment proposal that had previously been presented to creditors. They indicated that the proposal contemplated an initial payment toward the outstanding balances, followed by monthly installment payments until the negotiated amounts were satisfied. Under the proposed arrangement, the creditors would provide future goods on a cash-on-delivery basis while the outstanding debts were being paid. They explained that some creditors had been willing to discuss possible arrangements, others had not responded, and some had requested payment in full. Mr. Martucci stated that the new business was not financially positioned to satisfy all of the previous owner's outstanding obligations in a single payment, particularly given the significant investment already made toward opening the restaurant.

Attorney Hopkins explained that the original payment proposal had been conditioned upon Mr. Quito obtaining the necessary Certificate of Good Standing from the State because Serve Up Hospitality had initially been pursuing the transfer of his existing liquor license. She stated that the condition was included to avoid committing the new business to payment

obligations if the proposed transfer could not be completed. She explained that the intention was not to disregard the creditors, but rather to ensure that any proposed agreement was tied to a transaction that could legally move forward.

Allen Sousa of Mello's Fruitland then addressed the Council regarding the outstanding obligations owed to his business and other vendors. Mr. Sousa stated that his claim had remained unpaid for more than two years and that the matter had previously been brought to the Council's attention during a liquor license renewal proceeding. Despite those earlier discussions, he indicated that the debt had not been satisfied. Mr. Sousa estimated that the outstanding amounts owed to several local vendors totaled approximately $35,000 to $39,000. He further alleged that an additional produce supplier located in Fall River was owed more than $50,000.

Mr. Sousa described the efforts made by his business and other vendors to work with the previous restaurant operator to obtain payment. He indicated that he had filed the appropriate lien documentation with the Town and had also made a Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filing in an effort to protect his claim. He expressed frustration that the obligations had remained outstanding despite the passage of time and the creditors' previous attempts to resolve the matter.

Mr. Sousa also addressed the payment proposal presented by Serve Up Hospitality. He explained that the creditors had concerns with the condition requiring Mr. Quito to obtain a Certificate of Good Standing because they were uncertain whether that requirement would ever be satisfied. As a result, he stated that creditors were reluctant to accept a proposal that depended upon an event outside their control and one they believed might not occur.

Nevertheless, Mr. Sousa indicated that he believed the creditors might be willing to consider a revised payment proposal directly from Serve Up Hospitality that was not conditioned upon Mr. Quito's state standing. He suggested that an arrangement involving a reasonable initial payment, followed by a clearly defined installment schedule, could provide a basis for further negotiations. Mr. Sousa emphasized that he did not wish to prevent the new restaurant from opening or cause harm to the new business. He acknowledged that Mr. Martucci had reached out and made efforts in good faith to address the situation. He further stated that the vendors would welcome the opportunity to establish a business relationship with the new restaurant,

provided there was a reasonable effort to resolve the outstanding claims.

Council members discussed the circumstances surrounding the outstanding debts, the new applicant's efforts to negotiate with creditors, and the potential consequences of delaying the restaurant's opening. Councilman Sweeney expressed support for allowing the new business to move forward so that it could begin operating and generating revenue. He suggested that permitting the restaurant to open could place the business in a better financial position to continue negotiations and potentially assist in resolving the outstanding claims. At the same time, he expressed an interest in ensuring that the creditors' concerns were not disregarded and that the matter would be revisited.

Councilman Teixeira questioned whether the applicant would be willing to renew discussions with the creditors and present a revised payment proposal that was no longer contingent upon Mr. Quito obtaining a Certificate of Good Standing. Mr. Martucci responded that Serve Up Hospitality would be willing to contact the creditors again and continue negotiations in good faith. Mr. Sousa indicated that he believed such a proposal could be considered by the creditors, particularly if it included a defined payment schedule and a reasonable commitment toward satisfying the outstanding balances.

Vice Chairwoman Parella reiterated her concern regarding the impact of the unpaid debts on local businesses. She acknowledged the difficult position of the new applicant, recognizing that Serve Up Hospitality had not incurred the debts and was attempting to establish a new business. However, she emphasized that the vendors had provided products and services to the former restaurant and had suffered financial losses as a result of nonpayment. She expressed concern about allowing the situation to proceed without some meaningful effort to address those obligations.

The Council also discussed whether withholding consent to the assignment of the Independence Park sub-license could provide an opportunity to encourage further negotiations between the applicant and the creditors. Solicitor Teitz reiterated that the Council could consider the outstanding claims when determining whether to consent to the assignment, provided its decision was legally reasonable under the terms of the agreement. He explained that the decision rested with the Council and that withholding consent would have a significant practical effect on

the restaurant's ability to utilize the outdoor patio and other designated areas of Independence Park.

Mr. Martucci expressed concern regarding the operational difficulties that would result if the restaurant were unable to use the patio. He explained that the patio was an important component of the proposed restaurant layout and that customers could potentially be required to pass through the kitchen area to access certain dining spaces. He reiterated that the business had already invested in improvements to the outdoor area and that restricting its use would negatively affect the restaurant's operations and customer experience.

The Council continued to discuss the competing considerations of supporting a new business, protecting local creditors, and ensuring that any action taken regarding the Town's property interests was legally appropriate. Members considered the potential benefits of allowing the restaurant to open, the financial consequences of additional delays, and whether a written payment arrangement between the applicant and creditors could provide a reasonable path forward. The possibility of revisiting the matter at the next Council meeting was also discussed to allow additional time for the applicant to communicate with creditors and explore a revised proposal.

Solicitor Teitz clarified that the matter concerning the assignment of the Independence Park sub-license had been presented to the Council for discussion purposes only. Accordingly, no formal vote was taken regarding the Town's consent to the assignment of the sub-license during this discussion. And continuation the victualling license found in D2 is continued.

The Council discussed bringing the matter back at its November 18th, meeting, about three weeks later, to receive an update on **t**he lease and the parties' efforts to resolve the vendor claims. Council members wanted the applicant and claimants to use that time to continue discussions—particularly to consider a revised payment proposal that did not depend on Albert Quito obtaining a certificate of good standing—and return with a clearer account of whether they could reach an agreement

D3. Anthony Guaetta, Serve Up Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Q's Waterfront by O.M.G., 411 Thames Street request for Dancing & Entertainment License **(see also D1, D2) (continued from October 7th)**

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

c. letter of concern - Howard G. Sutton, President Stone Harbour Homeowners Association

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 three-month and six-month review

Prior to the vote being taken, Clerk Cordeiro noted the letter of concern received by Howard Sutton, President Stone Harbour Homeowners Association.

Mr. Frank Martucci addressed the Council regarding the proposed dancing and entertainment license for Q's Waterfront by O.M.G. He explained that live entertainment was intended to complement the restaurant's atmosphere and enhance the dining experience, rather than extend operating hours or establish a late-night entertainment venue. He described the proposed entertainment as low-key, acoustic music, including what he referred to as "yacht rock" or similar sing-along selections. He indicated that entertainment would generally consist of a single performer and could also be offered in connection with charitable functions or other afternoon events.

Chairman Calouro outlined the proposed entertainment hours for both indoor and outdoor areas. The requested hours were 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. He confirmed that the same schedule would apply to both indoor and outdoor entertainment. Clerk Cordeiro noted that the requested hours were consistent with the Town's ordinance.

Regarding the location of outdoor entertainment, Mr. Martucci explained that performances would take place within the tented patio area, with the entertainment oriented toward the north/northwest, in the direction of Fort Adams and away from the neighboring condominium association. He indicated that the

intent was to minimize any potential disturbance to nearby residents while providing an enjoyable atmosphere for restaurant patrons.

The Council also discussed the proposed sound levels and whether amplification would be permitted. Mr. Martucci explained that the preference was to provide acoustic entertainment at a relatively low volume, although some amplification might be necessary to allow patrons seated farther from the performer to hear the music. Solicitor Teitz cautioned against establishing license conditions using subjective terms such as "low amplification" or "not too loud," explaining that such language would be difficult to interpret and enforce. He clarified that acoustic entertainment, by definition, does not involve amplification and that any amplified entertainment would be subject to the applicable standards of the Town's noise ordinance.

Chairman Calouro further noted that while the applicant had described the intended entertainment as "yacht rock" or similar music, the Council could not impose a license condition requiring performers to adhere to a particular musical genre. He explained that any conditions imposed by the Council would need to be clearly defined and enforceable, rather than based on the type or style of music performed

D4. Paula Morrissette, for the James D. Riley Foundation, request for Mobile Food Establishment Event Permit for Saturday, November 21, 2026 (rain date - Sunday, November 22, 2026) from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM for the Bristol Santa House - Opening Day Party **(see also D5)**

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 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. Paula Morrissette for the James D. Riley Foundation, request for One Day Dancing & Entertainment License for Saturday, November 21, 2026 (rain date - Sunday, November 22, 2026) from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM for the Bristol Santa House - Opening Day Party **(see also D4)**

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

Prior to the vote being taken, Paula Morrisette addressed the Council regarding the annual opening day celebration at the Santa House, welcoming Santa and Mrs. Claus back to Bristol for the holiday season. She explained that the event is a free community celebration featuring hot cocoa, cookies, music, and an opportunity for families to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Ms. Morrisett extended an invitation to the community to attend and expressed her appreciation to the Town for its continued support of the Santa House and its holiday festivities

D6. Fatima Milhomens, St. Elizabeth's Church, Santo Cristo Committee, 577 Wood Street request for One Day Dancing & Entertainment License for a Dinner Fundraiser, November 14, 2026, from 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief

Teixeira/Ley- 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

D7. Nhuong Thi Voccio, A New Beginning Salon & Spa, 93 Gooding Avenue, request for Tattoo License (Permanent Makeup)

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Police Chief

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Dept. of Community Development

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

Prior to the vote being taken, Nhuong Thi Voccio addressed the Council and provided background regarding her professional experience. She explained that she had worked at Tiffany in Barrington for approximately 12 years and was now seeking to establish her own permanent makeup business in Bristol.

E. Licensing Board - Renewals

F. Petitions - Other

F1. Denise DiOrio Javery, 26 Tanglewood Drive, Riverside request for Off-Season Parking Rental Cost Adjustment from $125 to $75

a. recommendations- Town Administrator and Harbor Master

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Harbor Commission

Parella/Ley - Voted unanimously to decrease the Off-season parking rental cost from $125 to $75

Prior to the vote being taken, Denise DiOrio Javery addressed the Council regarding winter parking at the Prudence Island Marina, requesting consideration of a reduced rate of $75 per month for ferry passengers. She referenced a survey conducted in response to Councilwoman Parella's request the previous year, which received 229 responses. She noted that five school-aged children regularly travel by ferry, approximately 30 individuals commute three to five days per week, and 76 senior citizens face challenges walking distances greater than one-half mile. Ms. Javery expressed concern about the safety and accessibility of parking during the winter months, particularly given the snow, icy conditions, and strong waterfront winds. She estimated that utilizing all 23 parking spaces at the proposed rate would generate approximately $10,350 in winter revenue for the Town. Ms. Javery concluded by requesting a reasonable and affordable parking option for Prudence Island residents during the winter season.

Chairman Calouro advised that the Bristol Harbor Commission and Harbormaster had recommended reducing the winter parking fee to $100 per month, following earlier proposals of $150 and $125. He acknowledged the petitioner's request for a further reduction to $75 and invited Council discussion.

Vice Chairwoman Parella expressed support for the $75 monthly rate, citing the limited use of the parking lot during winter, challenging weather conditions, and safety concerns for ferry passengers walking extended distances. She also noted the rising cost of living and emphasized that although Prudence Island residents are not Bristol taxpayers, they contribute to the local economy by patronizing Bristol businesses.

Councilman Sweeney questioned whether the proposed fee would adequately cover the Town's costs for snow removal, maintenance, and administration. He expressed concern that reducing the fee could result in Bristol taxpayers subsidizing parking for nonresidents and requested clarification regarding the actual expenses.

Harbormaster Gregg Marsili explained that the lot must be plowed regardless of winter parking permits to maintain access for ferry operations, emergency vehicles, commercial fishing vessels, and other marina users. He noted that parked vehicles make snow removal more challenging and supported the Harbor Commission's recommendation of $100 per month. He further

explained that the 23 designated spaces were intended to preserve sufficient parking for other year-round marina users.

Chairman Calouro acknowledged that plowing around parked vehicles could increase maintenance costs and reiterated the importance of protecting Bristol taxpayers. He suggested allowing the reduced rate for one winter season and reviewing its effectiveness the following year, noting that only five of the 23 available spaces had been utilized the previous winter. He recommended evaluating participation before considering future rate adjustments and thanked the Harbor Commission and Harbormaster for their recommendations.

F2. Emilio F. Volpicelli, 4 Adelaide Avenue - request for accessible parking spot in front of residence

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

b. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Teixeira/Sweeney- 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 November 18, 2026 for second reading and adoption of resolution.

F3. Patricia Fonseca, 21 Massasoit Avenue request to reduce speed limit on Massasoit Avenue from 25 MPH to 10 MPH

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Sweeney/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to continue to the November 18, 2026 council meeting

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Calouro advised that the Police Department had recommended continuing the matter to the

November 18, 2026, Council meeting to allow additional time for a traffic study.

Petitioner Fonseca addressed the Council and expressed concerns regarding increased traffic in the neighborhood resulting from ongoing residential construction and prospective homebuyers visiting the area. He explained that several young children now reside in the neighborhood and frequently ride bicycles and tricycles down the hill near his property. He expressed particular concern about limited visibility at the intersection with Beatrice Avenue, noting that neither motorists approaching the corner nor children riding down the hill can easily see one another. Mr. Fonseca emphasized the importance of trimming the shrubbery obstructing the intersection and installing appropriate signage to improve visibility and safety. He stated that residents regularly caution children against riding in that area due to concerns about a potential accident.

F4. Bristol Police Department request to amend the Town Ordinance to reduce the posted speed limit on Charles Street and Richmond Street from 25 MPH to 20 MPH to reflect current signage.

Teixeira/Sweeney– Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the, Town Administrator, Town Solicitor, and Bristol Police department so that he may draft ordinance language for Council consideration on November 18, 2026

Prior to the vote being taken, Police Chief Kevin Lynch explained that the posted speed limit on Charles and Richmond Streets is 20 mph, while the Town's ordinance currently specifies 25 mph. He noted that this discrepancy creates an enforcement issue, as the posted speed limit does not align with the ordinance. Chief Lynch requested that the Council amend the ordinance to reflect the existing 20 mph signage.

G. Appointments

G1. Brenda Turchetta, Executive Director, Mount Hope Trust - request to Amend Bylaws of Mount Hope Trust (Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph 3)

Parella/Ley– Voted unanimously to adopt the bylaws as presented

G2. Harbor Commission Advisory Committee - 1 three-year, unexpired term, set to expire July 2029

a. James Ferrato, 23 Noyes Avenue - interest/appointment

b. Timothy Sebst, 7 Basswood Drive- (*withdrawn at this time)*

Parella/Ley– Voted unanimously to appoint James Ferrato to the Harbor Commission Advisory Committee with a term set to expire in July 2029

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro reminded the Council that interviews had been conducted at the previous meeting, during which James Ferrato appeared before the Council. She noted that the Council had requested that Tim Serbst appear for an interview at a later date; however, Mr. Serbst had since advised that he was unable to commit to attending a meeting before the end of the year and had therefore withdrawn his application at this time.

At the conclusion of the board appointments, Chairman Calouro took a moment to express his deep gratitude and appreciation for all members of the community who volunteer their time to serve on one of the town's many boards and commissions. He acknowledged the invaluable contributions of these individuals, recognizing their commitment to the betterment of the community. Chairman Calouro emphasized the importance of their selfless efforts in helping to shape and enhance the town's governance. On behalf of himself and the members of the council he extended a heartfelt thank you to all those who dedicated their time and expertise to the collective well-being of the community.

H. Old Business

H1. Richard Rocha, 9 Jessica Drive, requests the installment of two stop signs at the intersection of Kathy Court and Jessica Drive **(continued from August 19th**

Sweeney/Teixeira – Voted unanimously to deny without prejudice

Prio to the vote being taken, the Council noted that the petitioner had previously been requested to submit a petition demonstrating support from a majority of the surrounding neighborhood. In response to an inquiry regarding the status of the petition, Town Clerk Cordeiro advised that the petitioner had previously requested that the matter be continued to this meeting. She further explained that her office had reached out to the petitioner for an update but had not received a response.

H2. Councilman Ley: Discussion and consideration of the potential impacts of data centers on the Town and related zoning regulations regarding their construction and siting in Bristol **(continued from August 19th)**

a. Community Development Director Williamson, - Proposed Zoning Amendment regulating Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Centers

Ley/Teixeira– Voted unanimously to continue to the November 18th Council Meeting for first reading, with the determination of the date for public hearing and second reading to be determined by the clerk.

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Planner Tanner addressed the Council regarding the Planning Board's recommendation for proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance concerning data centers. He explained that, following discussions at its September and October meetings, the Planning Board voted to recommend establishing a definition for data centers under Section 28-1 of the Zoning Ordinance and adding data centers to the use regulations as a prohibited use in all zoning districts. He noted that the Planning Board had considered several alternatives, including a temporary moratorium to allow additional time for study and permitting data centers by special use permit in certain zoning districts, subject to specific conditions. These options were discussed with the Town Solicitors; however, following its review and deliberations, the Planning Board ultimately recommended prohibiting data centers in all zoning districts, as presented to the Council.

Chairman Calouro clarified that the Planning Board's recommendation included establishing a definition of a data center and prohibiting that use in all zoning districts. Town

Planner Tanner explained that the proposed definition specifically addressed properties where a data center would be the principal use, rather than businesses that utilize computer systems or related technology as an accessory to their primary operations. He emphasized that the distinction was important because the term "data center" could be interpreted differently and that the proposed ordinance was intended to regulate facilities specifically established and operated as data centers, not businesses with ordinary or substantial computing needs that support their primary operations.

Chairman Calouro questioned how the Town would distinguish between a data center and a business that relies on substantial computer infrastructure as part of its operations. While acknowledging the Planning Board's efforts and the importance of regulating large-scale data centers, he expressed concern that the proposed ordinance should not inadvertently discourage businesses from investing in technology necessary for their operations. Town Planner Tanner reiterated that the determining factor would be the principal use of the property. He clarified that a business utilizing computer equipment, servers, or other technology in support of its primary business activities would not be classified as a data center solely because of that equipment. Rather, the proposed definition was intended to address facilities whose primary purpose was operating as a data center, as outlined in the definition.

Councilman Ley emphasized the importance of addressing the issue proactively, noting that other Rhode Island communities, including Smithfield and Westerly, were confronting similar concerns. He explained that the proposed amendments were intended to ensure that Bristol had appropriate zoning regulations in place before receiving potential data center proposals. He further noted that the Council could revisit and amend the ordinance in the future if circumstances warranted. Councilman Ley thanked the Planning Board for its review and recommendations and expressed support for the proposed prohibition of data centers in all zoning districts.

I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action

I1. *Town Administrator Contente –Request for Consideration of the Sale of the Reynolds School Building, ~~253~~ 235 High Street- Including Presentation and Discussion of the Highlights of the Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Sale of the Property. (Any Proposed Sale*

is Subject to a Subsequent Public Hearing and Town Council Approval)

Sweeney/Teixeira– Voted unanimously to authorize the sale of the Reynolds School Building, located at 235 High Street, through the Town's bid process, as recommended, with the understanding that the Town Administrator's memorandum be amended to remove the provision requiring him to return to the Council for approval of a minimum bid amount

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Administrator Contente addressed the Council regarding the preparation of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the sale of the Reynolds School property. He explained that the Administration was nearing completion of the RFP and was seeking the Council's input on the proposed evaluation criteria before advertising. He emphasized that proposals would be evaluated based not only on the purchase price but also on the proposed use of the property, with consideration given to its highest and best use. He outlined several proposed requirements, including a $10,000 deposit and an administrative evaluation of each proposal based on the feasibility of the proposed project, the applicant's experience, business ownership, and anticipated duration of the proposed use. He explained that a proposal offering a lower purchase price could receive a higher evaluation if its proposed use was determined to be more beneficial. The Administration would review the submissions and make a recommendation, with the final decision regarding the sale remaining with the Council.

Councilman Sweeney expressed support for the proposed approach, agreeing that while the purchase price was an important consideration, neighborhood compatibility and historic preservation should also be significant factors in evaluating proposals. He emphasized the importance of balancing these considerations and indicated his support for proceeding with the RFP.

Chairman Calouro emphasized that the potential sale of the Reynolds School was a significant decision that the Council and Administration had considered carefully through numerous discussions. He acknowledged the building's historical importance and its original purpose of educating Bristol's children, recognizing its significance to the community. He explained that the building had most recently housed the Superintendent's offices on the second floor and the Community

Development Department on the first floor. As the Town moved forward with consolidating operations at Guiteras School, the resulting cost savings and opportunity to better utilize municipal properties were important considerations, but not the sole reasons for pursuing the sale. Chairman Calouro stressed that the Council's objective was to ensure the property would be put to its highest and best use rather than remain underutilized. He reiterated that the Council recognized the building's historical and community value and was approaching the potential sale with careful consideration and an understanding of its importance to Bristol residents.

Town Administrator Contente further advised the Council of a change to the process outlined in his memorandum. He explained that the Town had received the property appraisal earlier that day and that the Administration was reviewing it and had several questions regarding the appraisal and the methodology used. He noted that his memorandum indicated he would return to the Council to establish a minimum bid amount before proceeding with the RFP. However, upon further consideration, he did not believe that step was necessary, as the Council would ultimately review the evaluation of the proposals and determine whether to accept an offer. He requested that the record reflect this change and that the reference in his memorandum to returning to the Council for approval of a minimum bid be withdrawn

I2. *Councilman Sweeney - Bristol Christmas Festival & Austrian Market (December 5 & 6, 2026). Review and discuss the status and coordination of the event between the Bristol Christmas Festival Committee, Town of Bristol, Unity Park LLC, and Roger Williams University. Possible votes, including regarding the Memorandum of Agreement.

Sweeney/Parella– Voted unanimously to approve the MOU and Authorize the Council Chairman to sign on behalf of the Town

Prior to the vote being taken, Town Clerk Cordeiro noted for the record that a Memorandum of Understanding, marked “Received at Meeting,” had been presented to the Council for its consideration.

Chairman Calouro provided background regarding the Bristol Christmas Festival Committee's involvement in the proposed Austrian Christmas Market at Unity Park. He explained that, at

the previous Council meeting, the Committee had requested and received approval for several one-day licenses and permits, including dancing and entertainment and mobile food vendors, in support of the event. However, following that meeting, the Christmas Festival Committee voted not to proceed with its involvement in the event. Chairman Calouro noted that Town Solicitor Teitz had attended the Committee's meeting at his request to provide legal guidance and clarification, rather than to influence the Committee's decision. Following that discussion, the Solicitor recommended that the Committee schedule a meeting for November 2, 2026, to reconsider its position.

Chairman Calouro emphasized that the Council respected the Committee's independence and would not require volunteers to undertake responsibilities they were unwilling to assume. He expressed the Council's appreciation for the Christmas Festival Committee and its members, recognizing the significant time and effort they devote throughout the year to organizing holiday events, securing support, and enhancing Bristol's holiday decorations and festivities. He acknowledged Committee Chair Tanya Kerian, who was present, and thanked the members for their continued service to the community.

Chairman Calouro further explained that preparations for the Unity Park event were already substantially underway, with numerous vendors, performers, local organizations, and participants having made commitments. He expressed concern that canceling the event at this stage could negatively affect those involved, as well as residents who looked forward to attending. He acknowledged that the Committee had raised concerns regarding certain procedures and Town requirements that had not been properly addressed during the planning process. He indicated that those concerns had since been reviewed and that Solicitor Teitz had prepared a revised Memorandum of Agreement intended to clarify responsibilities and address the issues raised. Chairman Calouro explained that the Committee would have an opportunity to reconsider its participation at its November 2 meeting. Should the Committee decide not to proceed, the Town could assume responsibility for facilitating the 2026 event through the Recreation Department.

Solicitor Teitz addressed the Council and explained that he had substantially revised the proposed Memorandum of Agreement, reducing the original 44-page document to four pages, plus a signature page, while retaining the essential provisions. He stated that his primary concern was protecting the Town from potential liability to vendors, donors, performers, and other parties who had already committed to participating in the event.

He explained that the agreement was intended to establish clear legal responsibilities among the participating organizations and allow the event to proceed without significant disruption.

Solicitor Teitz identified the parties to the agreement as the Town of Bristol, the Bristol Christmas Festival Committee, the project management class at Roger Williams University's Gabelli School of Business, and Unity Park, LLC. He explained that the Roger Williams University students had assisted with the event the previous year and would continue providing project management and organizational support. He noted that prior arrangements, particularly those involving Unity Park, had been largely informal, without a comprehensive written agreement establishing each party's responsibilities. The revised agreement was intended to formalize those arrangements and provide greater clarity regarding the management and operation of the event.

Solicitor Teitz emphasized that the agreement was subject to approval by both the Town Council and the Christmas Festival Committee, which was scheduled to reconsider the matter on November 2. He expressed hope that the Committee would agree to continue its involvement, noting that the agreement was structured to minimize additional responsibilities for its limited number of volunteers. However, should the Committee decline to participate, the agreement provided an alternative arrangement under which the Town's Recreation Department would assume responsibility for the event. In that circumstance, the necessary dancing and entertainment license and mobile food vendor permits would be brought before the Council at its November meeting.

Solicitor Teitz also outlined changes to the financial oversight of the event. He explained that, regardless of whether the Christmas Festival Committee continued its involvement, the Town Treasurer would oversee the financial transactions, including depositing funds, issuing payments, and maintaining the financial records associated with the event. He emphasized the importance of separating the responsibilities for approving expenditures and issuing payments to ensure appropriate financial controls. Accordingly, the Town Council liaison to the Christmas Festival Committee would be responsible for reviewing and approving expenditures to ensure they were consistent with the established budget, while the Treasurer would process the payments.

Regarding event operations, Solicitor Teitz explained that the Roger Williams University project management students would continue coordinating the day-to-day planning, vendor

arrangements, and logistical responsibilities, with Unity Park continuing its existing role. He noted that current agreements with vendors and performers would remain in place and that donations received for the event would be restricted to that purpose. He further explained that the Town Administrator had authorized assistance from municipal departments, including the Recreation Department and Department of Public Works, should additional staffing be necessary for event setup, operations, or cleanup. Although such assistance was not anticipated to be necessary, it would remain available if needed.

Solicitor Teitz addressed the insurance and liability provisions of the agreement, explaining that each participating party would remain responsible for its own acts and omissions. Vendors would be required to obtain any applicable licenses and permits, with the Roger Williams University students assisting in collecting and submitting documentation for the Town's review. He further explained that the Town would provide insurance coverage to Unity Park and its condominium association for claims arising from the Town's own negligence, while Unity Park would provide corresponding coverage for claims arising from its negligence. He confirmed that the required certificates of insurance had already been obtained and exchanged between the parties and expressed satisfaction that the Town's liability concerns had been adequately addressed.

Solicitor Teitz also clarified that the event would not involve any additional alcoholic beverage licensing or expansion of existing licensed premises. Businesses within Unity Park holding liquor licenses would be permitted to serve alcoholic beverages only within their currently approved licensed areas. No additional alcohol sales by vendors or other participants would be permitted. He emphasized that the event would remain family-oriented, consistent with the Christmas Festival Committee's original vision.

Solicitor Teitz stated that the proposed agreement established a clear framework for the participating organizations to continue planning and conducting the 2026 Austrian Christmas Market while addressing the legal, financial, and operational concerns that had been raised. He emphasized that the intent was to maintain continuity for vendors, performers, and the public, with most changes occurring administratively behind the scenes. He further noted that, following the 2026 event, the Council could evaluate and determine the most appropriate organizational structure for managing the event in future years.

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

Peter Hewitt, 11 Wendy Drive addressed the Council concerning state legislation affecting local authority over land use, zoning, planning, and affordable housing. He urged the Town to consider supporting litigation or related efforts by Portsmouth to protect municipal home-rule powers.

Chairman Calouro explained that, because the subject was raised during public forum rather than as a posted action item, the Council would not deliberate or vote on the request at that time.

J. Bills & Expenditures

K. Special Reports

K1. BCWA Tri Town Monthly Report September 24, 2026

Teixeira/Sweeney– Voted unanimously to receive and file

(Announcement)

Prior to the commencement of the public section of the meting agenda, Chairman Calouro wished everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween.

L. Town Solicitor

M. Executive Sessions

M1. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-4, (a)(2) potential litigation(s) and all pending litigation(s)

Sweeney/Teixeira – Voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-4 (a) (2) potential litigation(s) and all pending litigation(s)at 9:11PM.

M2. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL§ 42-46-4 (a) (1)- Any discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons

Sweeney/Teixeira – Voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL Section 42-46-4 (a) (1) Any discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons at 9:11 PM.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Solicitor Teitz announced for the record that the person affected was notified in advance in writing in accordance to RIGL.

Parella/Sweeney – Voted unanimously to resume open session and seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 10:17 PM.

Solicitor Teitz announced that a motion was made and voted on in Executive Session and that the Council Deferred another motion and vote to be addressed in public session as follows:

Parella/Sweeney- Motion to enter into litigation with the Town of Portsmouth relating to enjoining enforcement of state laws relative to Usurpation of Local Control over development, with the Town's contribution toward legal fees not to exceed $12,000. Voting in favor: Calouro, Parella, Sweeney. Voting Opposed: Teixeira and Ley. Motion Carries

The Council discussed the Town's potential participation in litigation initiated by the Town of Portsmouth against the State of Rhode Island concerning state legislation affecting municipal authority over land use, zoning, planning, and affordable housing.

Councilman Ley expressed his opposition to participating in the litigation, acknowledging that the intent of the legislation is to promote affordable housing, which he considers a worthwhile and necessary objective. While recognizing that the legislation may not be perfect, he believed the State's efforts were well-intentioned and aimed at addressing the need for additional affordable housing opportunities. He questioned the likelihood

of success and did not believe that committing $12,000 in taxpayer funds toward what he considered a potentially frivolous lawsuit was warranted.

Vice Chairwoman Parella expressed concern regarding what she viewed as an overreach of state authority into matters traditionally governed at the municipal level. She emphasized that communities have unique characteristics and challenges that cannot effectively be addressed through a uniform, statewide approach. She further questioned whether the legislation would achieve its intended goal of improving housing affordability and expressed her belief that local governments should retain greater authority over planning and zoning decisions.

Councilman Sweeney echoed concerns regarding the impact of statewide legislation on local decision-making. He referenced Bristol's unique flooding and environmental challenges, noting that the Town's Planning Board and Zoning Board possess the local knowledge and expertise necessary to evaluate development proposals and their potential impacts. He emphasized that affordable housing remains an important objective but believed that alternative measures could be pursued without diminishing municipal oversight and authority.

Chairman Calouro emphasized the importance of preserving local control over land use and development decisions, stating that "Bristol knows Bristol." He explained that the Town's planning and zoning review processes are intended to safeguard the community by considering its specific characteristics, infrastructure, and development needs. He expressed concern that increased state oversight applies a broader, statewide approach that may fail to account for the circumstances of individual municipalities. Chairman Calouro maintained that these decisions are best addressed through the knowledge and expertise of local officials and boards.

Councilman Teixeira expressed reservations regarding the proposed litigation, questioning the municipalities' ability to successfully challenge the State. He believed the lawsuit would be difficult to prevail upon and that the participating towns lacked sufficient leverage to achieve a favorable outcome. Given the anticipated legal expenses and uncertain prospects for success, he did not believe the expenditure of municipal funds was justified.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman Teixeira, seconded by Councilman Sweeney and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 10:26 pm.

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Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk
Council Clerk

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. Zoning Board of Review Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2026

(CA) AA2. Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes - October 5, 2026

(CA) AA3. Bristol Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes - October 5, 2026

(CA) AA4. Town of Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes - August 20, 2026

(CA) AA5. Town of Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes - September 02, 2026

(CA) AA6. Town of Bristol Housing Authority Meeting Minutes - October 01, 2026

(CA) AA7. Bristol Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes - October 5, 2026

(CA) AA8. Board of Canvassers Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2026

(CA) AA9. Bristol Planning Board Minutes - September 10, 2026

(CA) BB. Budget Adjustments

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

(CA) BB1. Tax Assessor Leadem recommended Abatements & Additions - October 2026

(CA) CC. Financial Reports

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

(CA) DD. Proclamations, Resolutions & Citations

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

(CA) DD1. Citation - Bristol Land Conservation Trust 40th Anniversary

(CA) DD2. Citation - Caron Jewelers, Joe Caron and Diane Berube-Catanzaro

(CA) DD3. Citation - Tragmar Ale Works, Michael Godet and Chris Kerr

(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. Town of Exeter Resolution 2026-22 - Requesting the Rhode Island General Assembly to Relieve Cities and Towns of the Unfunded Mandate to Prepare Emergency Action Plans for Privately Owned Dams, and to End the Penalizing of Municipalities for Owner Noncompliance

(CA) FF2. Town of Exeter Resolution 2026-21 - Supporting Glocester and Other Rhode Island Municipalities Seeking Reform of Dam Emergency Action Plan Requirements

(CA) GG. Distributions/Communications

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

(CA) GG1. Thank You - Samaritans of Rhode Island

(CA) GG2. Thank you - Herman Martin, North and Each Burial Ground Commission

(CA) GG3. Thank You - Edward Correia, Bristol Housing Authority

(CA) GG4. Greater Providence Board of Realtors - Information on Salute to Local Government event

(CA) GG5. FEMA Region I Mitigation Division - Public Notice upgrades to seawalls Independence Park and Maritime Center (Thames Street)

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

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

(CA) HH1. Building Board of Appeals Agenda - October 7, 2026

(CA) HH2. Planning Board Meeting - October 8, 2026

(CA) HH3. Conservation Commission Meeting - October 6, 2026

(CA) HH4. Bristol Fourth of July Committee General Committee Meeting - October 13, 2026

(CA) HH5. Recreation Board Meeting - October 14, 2026

(CA) HH6. North and East Burial Grounds Commission Meeting - October 14, 2026

(CA) HH7. Bristol Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting - October 8, 2026

(CA) HH8. Bristol Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting Rescheduled - November 19, 2026

(CA) HH9. Bristol Fourth of July Committee 2027 General Committee Meetings

(CA) HH10. Bristol Housing Authority 2027 Board Meetings

(CA) HH11. Planning Board Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting - October 22, 2026

(CA) HH12. Bristol Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting - October 28, 2026

(CA) HH13. Bristol Planning Board Technical Review Committee Meeting - October 28, 2026

(CA) HH14. Bristol Christmas Festival Committee Meeting - October 21, 2026

(CA) HH15. Historic District Commission Meeting - November 05, 2026

(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) 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. Jessica Vieira, 19 San Jose Drive - request for curb cut

a. recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Adjourned: _____

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Posted: October 23, 2026