

GLOCESTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

TOWN HALL, 1145 PUTNAM PIKE, CHEPACHET, RI

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Open Forum - For Agenda Items
- V. Citation - 2020-01 Milken Foundation Award - Teacher Jennifer Paolantonio
- VI. Public Hearing
 - A. NEW Victualing License - Discussion and/or Action
 1. Applicant: BlackForest Café
Location: 1195 B Putnam Pike, Chepachet
Applicant seeks new Victualing License at proposed location
- VII. Consent Items - Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Approval of Town Council Regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2020 and Workshop with Budget Board meeting minutes of February 24, 2020
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - A. Bds. and Commissions
 1. Appointment- Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Land Trust
 1. One expired 1 year at-large term to expire 2/2021
 - B. Human Resource Administrator -Approve Dental Benefits & Waiver of Handbook, Health Insurance, Section 5. Part Time Employees, Two year minimum - Discussion and/or Action
 - C. Personnel Handbook updates rec'd from HR Administrator - Discussion and/or Action
 - D. Authorization of Expenditure
 1. Repairs and/or rehabilitation of "Betty" the Elephant (Potato Head Statue)- Discussion and/or Action
- IX. New Business
 - A. Procedures and Protocols: Closed Session - Discussion and/or Action
 - B. Policy for access to Town Security cameras - Discussion and/or Action

- C. HR Position
 - 1. Declare position vacant - Discussion and/or Action
 - 2. Discussion and/or Action to fill position - Discussion and/or Action
- D. Review and consider updates/samples to consider an amendment to Gloucester's Code of Ordinance, Chapter 399. Sexual Harassment Policy - Discussion and/or Action
- E. Town Treasurer request for Authorization to hold "Low Value Sale of Properties" on properties where Tax Title held by Town) - Discussion and/or Action
- F. Town Road Repair Priority List - Discussion and/or Action
- G. Gloucester's Community Septic System Loan Program - Consideration of seeking additional funding for program: Discussion and/or Action
- H. Budget FY 2020-21
 - 1. Items to be discussed and voted for inclusion in proposed budget for pending voter approval:
 - a. Proposed changes to employee benefits/hours: Planner, IT Office, Recreation Director - (submitted to Budget Board) Discussion and/or Action
 - b. Proposed new additional positions: Police Dept. & Public Works - (submitted to Budget Board) Discussion and/or Action
 - c. Change in position title: GIS Consultant to GIS Analyst (clarify consultant/employee payroll status)- Discussion and/or Action
- I. Authorization for Town Planner to apply for a RI Foundation Community Grant seeking funds for repairs to "Betty the Elephant"- Discussion and/or Action
- J. Boards & Commissions
 - 1. Resignation - Discussion and/or Action
 - a. Economic Development Commission
One two year term to expire 12/31/2020
 - 2. Appointment - Discussion and/or Action
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- K. Gloucester Land Trust - Funding of Hawkins Dam project - Disc. and/or Action
- L. Hunting - Gloucester Veterans Memorial Recreation Area - (Stone Dam Rd.) Discussion and/or Action
- M. Covid-19 Updates/Actions - Discussion and/or Action

- X. Town Council Correspondence/ Discussion
- XI. Department Head Reports/Discussion
- XII. Bds. and Commissions Reports/ Discussion
- XIII. Open Forum

- XIV. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to:
 - A. RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(4) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil misconduct - Discussion and/or Action

- XV. Reconvene Open Session
Disclosure of votes taken or # of votes taken in Executive Session - Discussion and/or Action

- XVI. Adjourn