

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**REMOTE MEETING**  
**-Minutes-**

**Present: Council President, Councilor Val Gilman; Council Vice President, Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor Tony Gross; Councilor Jason Grow; Councilor Frank Margiotta; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Jamie O’Hara; Councilor Tracy O’Neil; Councilor Jeff Worthley**

**Also Present: Mayor Greg Verga; CAO, Jill Cahill; City Clerk, Joanne Senos; CFO, John Dunn; Police Chief, Ed Conley; Auditor, Kenny Costa; Traffic Commission Chair, Bob Ryan**

**Applicants: Adam Scott of Scott Energy for PH2022-003**

*This meeting was conducted remotely through Zoom  
All votes were ROLL CALL votes*

**Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.**

**Councilor Gilman** announced in the interest of government transparency with regards to deliberations and decisions made by the City Council and according to open meeting law, since this meeting was posted as a Zoom meeting, this meeting is recorded by video and audio and will be conducted by remote participation. Additionally, all votes taken by the City Council during this and future remote meetings will be by roll call vote. If you are calling in on a phone, you can press Star 9 (\*9) to request to speak. If you are watching on a computer or device, there is a “raised hand” button that you can tap or press to request to speak. Please use either of these options during oral communications and the public hearing to be recognized to speak.

**Councilor Gilman** introduced the City Council members and City staff in attendance.

**Matters were taken out of order. Councilor O’Hara** joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Brenda Malloy, 43 Rocky Neck Avenue**

Stated she was following up on a written communication sent to the City Council and City Clerk with the request that the upcoming vote for the proposed zoning changes be delayed as she believed that more time was necessary for the public to acquaint themselves on the matter.

**Councilor Gilman** stated the proposed zoning amendments were in front of the City Council but that she would allow residents to make a brief comment if they wished to do so.

**Linda McCarriston, address not learned**

Expressed concern regarding the proposed zoning amendments. **Councilor Grow** called a Point of Order at 6:13 p.m. and stated that **Ms. McCarriston’s** allotted time to speak had expired. **Councilor Gilman** reminded **Ms. Carriston** about the Ward 4 Zoom Zoning meeting on February 9, 2022.

**Hilary Frye, 27 Beacon Street**

Stated she agreed with the previous callers and asked the City Council to delay voting on the proposed zoning amendments. Asked the City Council to protect the City’s zoning codes.

**Steve LeBlanc, former City Council President, 9 Carlisle Street**

Stated that the proposed zoning amendments matter was not a voting matter on this evening's agenda so residents should be allowed to speak on the matter.

**Kelly Secrest, 9 White's Mountain Road**

Stated under ch. 358 of the Acts of 2020, also known as the Economic Legislation of 2020 or the Zoning Act, among the amendments were changes to Sec. 5 of the Zoning Act which reduced the number of votes required to enact certain plans of zoning ordinances and by-laws from a super majority to a simple majority. Also stated that Sec. 9 of the Zoning Act made similar changes to the voting thresholds for the issuance of certain kinds of special permits. She asked how these changes would affect the way the City Council voted on these matters. **Councilor Gilman** stated the **City Clerk** was working with the Legal Department on this issue.

**Patti Page, 3 Tidal Cove Way**

Expressed concern regarding the proposed zoning amendments in Wards 2 and 3, particularly proposed amendments 2, 5 and 7. Encouraged the City Council to not vote in favor of the by-right amendments. Requested that the Mayor not forward an application for compliance for the proposed TOD.

**Pamela Steele, 10 Pilot's Hill**

Requested data as to how the proposed zoning amendments would impact the City's water structure.

**Silvie Corey, 28 Pine Street**

Stated she was in opposition to the proposed zoning amendments as she was concerned regarding the density of housing, changes to the City's infrastructure, as well as changes to safety. Stated quality of life would also be affected.

**Sara Delrio, 9 Crowell Avenue**

Stated she has been an architect for greater than 40 years, served on the Affordable Housing Community in Hamilton and stated she had experience in the real estate market within the City. She stated that the proposed zoning amendments would produce high-end housing, not affordable housing, which would infringe on existing homeowners' rights and would diminish home values.

**Olimpia Palazzola, 57 Western Avenue**

Expressed concern regarding the proposed zoning amendments and affordable housing within the City. Asked that the matter be sent back to the Planning Board for additional public input.

There was a discussion regarding matters that were/were not on the agenda in relation to Oral Communications. **Councilors Grow** and **O'Neil** stated that the public should be allowed to speak on the proposed zoning amendments during Oral Communications. **Councilor Gilman** informed a Rockport resident that she could send her questions/comments into the City Clerk's office who would then distribute them to City Council.

**PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:** None.

**CONFIRMATION OF NEW APPOINTMENTS:**

**Councilor Nolan** stated that all the new appointments were approved by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed at the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee meeting.

*Capital Improvements Advisory Board Joel Favazza*

*TTE 2/14/25*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Joel Favazza to the Capital Improvements Advisory Board, TTE 02/14/25.

**Summary of Discussion:** **Attorney Favazza** stated that he was first appointed to the Capital Improvements Advisory Board in 2010 and reappointed under the previous Administration. He stated he stepped back from this Board in January 2021 as he was serving on the School Committee. He was no longer serving on the School Committee, he stated, and was happy to be rejoining this board.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Joel Favazza to the Capital Improvements Advisory Board, TTE 02/14/25.**

*Capital Improvements Advisory Board John McCarthy*

*TTE 2/14/25*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint John McCarthy to the Capital Improvements Advisory Board, TTE 02/14/25.

**Summary of Discussion:** **Mr. McCarthy** stated that he was a longtime City employee, retired three years ago and spent the last two years as a Councilor at Large on the City Council. He stated while on the City Council as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee he realized the importance of the Capital Improvements Advisory Board (CIAB). He thanked the City Council for their consideration.

**Councilor Worthley** asked regarding the status of the CIAB. **Mayor Verga** stated he was seeking three more members for this board and asked for anyone interested to send a letter of interest to the Mayor’s office.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint John McCarthy to the Capital Improvements Advisory Board, TTE 02/14/25.**

*Conservation Commission*

*Robert Sherman*

*TTE 2/14/25*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Robert Sherman to the Conservation Commission, TTE 02/14/25.

**Summary of Discussion:** **Mr. Sherman** stated that he was a longtime resident and that he was currently a Park Ranger for the Department of Conservation and Recreation. He stated that he previously served on this Commission and was looking forward to serving again.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Robert Sherman to the Conservation Commission, TTE 02/14/25.**

*Shellfish Advisory Commission*

*Anthony Murawski*

*TTE 2/14/25*

**Summary of Discussion:** **Mr. Murawski** was not in attendance; his appointment was continued until the February 22, 2022 City Council meeting.

*Waterways Board*

*Donna Crocker*

*TTE 2/14/25*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Donna Crocker to the Waterways Board, TTE 02/14/25.

**Summary of Discussion:** **Ms. Crocker** stated that she was a lifelong sailor and boater and had attended the Waterways Board meetings in the past and was interested in waterways safety and enforcement of regulations. **Councilor Gross** asked if **Ms. Crocker** was a member of the Wheeler's Point Yacht Club. **Ms. Crocker** confirmed that she was a member and stated she was also the past Commodore of the Wheeler's Point Yacht Club. **Councilor Gross** asked **Ms. Crocker** to explain her current interest in the Waterways Board. She stated that there was not an opening on the Waterways Board when she attended meetings in the past. She explained that her wish for the City was for it to be a world class boating destination.

**Councilor Worthley** asked for an explanation regarding the functions of the Waterways Board as well as how many openings the board currently had. **Mayor Verga** gave a brief explanation regarding the composition of the Waterways Board. The **CAO** stated she would provide, at the will of the City Council, an update on all vacancies on the Boards, Committees and Commissions. She also stated that the City's website and Mayor's Report provided a definition of each of the boards when there was an upcoming appointment.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Donna Crocker to the Waterways Board, TTE 02/14/25.**

*Waterways Board*

*Bob Alves*

*TTE 2/14/25*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Bob Alves to the Waterways Board, TTE 02/14/25.

**Summary of Discussion:** **Mr. Alves** stated that he had a boat in the City's harbor since he was 14 years old. He stated he had worked collaboratively previously with the Waterways Board and stated he had a passion for the City's waterfront. **Councilor Gross** stated that **Mr. Alves** was instrumental in the beginnings of turning the City into a world class boating destination and stated he was looking forward to working with **Mr. Alves** as the liaison to the Waterways Board.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Bob Alves to the Waterways Board, TTE 02/14/25.**

*Waterways Board*

*Steve LeBlanc (fulfilling unexpired term)*

*TTE 2/14/23*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Steve LeBlanc (*fulfilling unexpired term*) to the Waterways Board, TTE 02/14/23.

**Summary of Discussion:** **Mr. LeBlanc** gave a brief description of his experience on the water and stated he was looking forward to serving on the Waterways Board under the new Administration. He also stated that he was the former City Council liaison to the Waterways Board and expressed his continuing commitment to the Board. **Councilor Nolan** expressed his appreciation for **Mr. LeBlanc's** willingness to continue to serve the City and voiced support for **Mr. LeBlanc's** appointment.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Steve LeBlanc (*fulfilling unexpired term*) to the Waterways Board, TTE 02/14/23.**

*Zoning Board of Appeals*

*Leonard Gyllenhaal (alternate member)*

*TTE 2/14/24*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Leonard Gyllenhaal (*alternate member*) to the Zoning Board of Appeals, TTE 02/14/24.

**Summary of Discussion:** Mr. Gyllenhaal stated that he previously served on the ZBA for two terms and was looking forward to serving again. He stated that he was also previously chair of a zoning board for a small community of approximately 2,000 in Pennsylvania.

Councilor Grow asked Mr. Gyllenhaal to explain his approach when looking at an application. Mr. Gyllenhaal stated he first observed the law and stated the Zoning Board of Appeals considered matters that did not fit in with the law. He stated he tended to listen to the abutters' input on a matter, including any disagreements. He stated that he was in favor of applicants keeping new plans in character with the neighborhood. Councilor O'Neil stated she appreciated Mr. Gyllenhaal's comments regarding considering a neighbor's input on a project.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Leonard Gyllenhaal (*alternate member*) to the Zoning Board of Appeals, TTE 02/14/24.

*Zoning Board of Appeals*

*Rob Russell (alternate member)*

*TTE 2/14/24*

**Summary of Discussion:** Mr. Russell was not in attendance; his appointment was continued until the February 22, 2022 City Council meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

• **CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS**

Affordable Housing Trust	Mary John Boylan	TTE 2/14/24
City Hall Restoration Commission	Janis Bell	TTE 2/14/25
Dogtown Preservation Commission	Leslie Nicholson	TTE 2/14/25
Historic District Commission	Arley Pett	TTE 2/14/25
Historical Commission	Suzanne Morreale	TTE 2/14/25
Human Rights Commission	Toni Borge, Sarah Mitchel Peck	TTE 2/14/25
Planning Board	Rick Noonan	TTE 2/14/27
Traffic Commission	Anthony Bertolino, Michael Mulcahey, Robert B. Ryan	TTE 2/14/25
Waterways Board	Phil Cusumano	TTE 2/14/25

• **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. **Appointments & Reappointments**

**New Appointments**

Affordable Housing Trust	Heather Dagle	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Community Preservation Committee	Mark Poulin ( <i>Open Space &amp; Recreation Cmt. Rep</i> )	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
Fisheries Commission	Sam Parisi	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
Waterways Board	Peter Feinstein	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
ZBA	John Harvey ( <i>fulfilling unexpired term</i> )	TTE 2/14/23	(Refer O&A)
	James Gigliotti	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
<u><b>Reappointments</b></u>			
Archives Committee	Susan Roberts-Wright	TTE 2/15/25	(Refer O&A)
Board of Health	Joe Rosa	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
City-Owned			
Cemeteries Advisory Committee	Augustave M. Sabia	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
Clean Energy Commission	Debra Darby, Candace Wheeler	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Community Preservation Committee	William Cuff	TTE 2/15/25	(Refer O&A)
Council on Aging	Rosalie Nicaastro	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
Dogtown Preservation Commission	Richard Quateman	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
Gloucester Cultural Council	Karen Koretsky, Elizabeth Neumeier	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)
Historic District Commission	Barbara Lambert ( <i>alternate member</i> )	TTE 2/14/25	(Refer O&A)

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| Human Rights Commission       | Michea McCaffrey  | TTE 2/14/25 | (Refer O&A) |
| Shellfish Advisory Commission | Ann-Jo Jackson ( <i>Conservation Commission Rep.</i> ),<br>Francena Monell-Simard | TTE 2/14/25 | (Refer O&A) |
2. Memorandum from Director of Elder Services regarding Title III-B funding provided by Senior Care in the amount of \$1,467 (Refer B&F)
  3. Memorandum from Public Health Director requesting approval to accept a 2022 Community Health Inclusion Index Mini Grant in the amount of \$10,000 (Refer B&F)
  4. Memorandum from Veterans Services Director requesting acceptance of donations in the amount of \$2,250 (Refer B&F)
  5. Memorandum from Interim Community Development Director requesting acceptance of FY22 Mass Cultural Council Grants for Gloucester Downtown “Harbortown” Cultural District & Rocky Neck Cultural District in the amount of \$7,500 per district (Refer B&F)
  6. Memorandum from CFO & Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request (#2022-SA-12) in the amount of \$120,000 (Refer B&F)
  7. Memorandum from Sawyer Free Library Director re: Construction Manager at Risk procurement delivery method for the library’s renovation and expansion project (Refer P&D)
  8. Memorandum from CAO re: Snow & Ice Budget (Info Only)
  9. Mayor’s response to the Oral Communications made at the January 25, 2022 City Council meeting (Info Only)
  10. February 26, 2022 COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic flyer (Info Only)
    - **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**
    - **INFORMATION ONLY**
    - **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**
    1. Special Event Application: Request for street closures re: Fiesta 5K Road Race on June 23, 2022 (Refer P&D)
    2. Special Event Application: Request for street closures re: Magnolia Community Farmers Market on Sundays, June 5, 2022 thru October 2, 2022 (Refer P&D)
      - **COUNCILLORS ORDERS**
      - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
      1. City Council Meeting: 1/25/2022 (Approve/File)
      2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 2/3/2022 (under separate cover), O&A 1/31/2022, P&D 2/2/2022 (under separate cover) (Approve/File)

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- **ADDENDUM TO THE MAYOR’S REPORT**
1. Memorandum from Interim Community Development Director requesting acceptance of a National Grid/MassSave sponsored Community First Partnership Grant in the amount of \$40,000 (Refer B&F)
    - **COUNCILLORS ORDERS**
    1. CC#2022-004 (Gilman/Nolan/Memhard): Ordered that the City Council audit and amend the GCO to be consistent with new resident parking regulations adopted by the City Council on May 25, 2021 (Refer O&A)

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED/REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

There was a discussion as to whether future reappointments should come before the full City Council. **Councilor Memhard** reminded the **Members of the City Council** that the O&A meetings were available via Zoom to refer back to for reappointments. It was suggested that both new appointments and reappointments should be required to come before the City Council.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Gross, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept the Consent Agenda.**

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED/REMOVED FROM THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**Councilor Gilman** read the two referrals on the Unanimous Consent Calendar.

**By unanimous consent, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept the Unanimous Consent Calendar.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Budget & Finance – February 3, 2022**

1. *Memorandum from CFO regarding Free Cash, distribution memo, and Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Requests (#2022-SA-7, #2022-SA-8, #2022-SA-9, #2022-SA-10)*

**Summary of Discussion:** The CFO, John Dunn explained that the following matters were transfers that moved certified Free Cash into stabilization funds and into the OPEB Trust Fund.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Grow, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-7 in the amount of \$510,580 (Five Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfers In from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-7 in the amount of \$510,580 (Five Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfers In from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-8 in the amount of \$1,021,160 (One Million Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund, Transfers in from the General Fund, Account #770001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-8 in the amount of \$1,021,160 (One Million Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund, Transfers in from the General Fund, Account #770001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-9 in the amount of \$2,042,320 (Two Million Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000, to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, Transfers from the General Fund, Account #760001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-9 in the amount of \$2,042,320 (Two Million Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000, to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, Transfers from the General Fund, Account #760001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Grow, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-10 in the amount of \$450,000 (Four Hundred Fifty Thousand

Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund, Transfer in from General Fund, Account #84004-497001 to partially fund the City’s OPEB unfunded liability.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-10 in the amount of \$450,000 (Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund, Transfer in from General Fund, Account #84004-497001 to partially fund the City’s OPEB unfunded liability.**

2. *Memorandum & Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request (#2022-SA-11) from Fire Chief requesting acceptance of a FY22 MA DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant in the amount of \$10,244.79*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept a state grant under MGL c. 44, §53A, a FY22 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant from the Mass. Dept. of Fire Services (DFS) in the amount of \$10,244.79 for the purpose of purchasing an Ice Rescue Board/Rapid Deployment Craft for use in near shore and water rescues. The grant period is through June 30, 2022 and there’s no local match for this grant.

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Gross explained that this matter was for an inflatable carry boat for near-shore and ice rescues. He explained that the grant fully funded the cost of just the boat. Councilor Grow asked how the boat would be transported. The CAO stated that it was her understanding that the boat would fit into the bed of a large pickup truck.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept a state grant under MGL c. 44, §53A, a FY22 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant from the Mass. Dept. of Fire Services (DFS) in the amount of \$10,244.79 for the purpose of purchasing an Ice Rescue Board/Rapid Deployment Craft for use in near shore and water rescues. The grant period is through June 30, 2022 and there’s no local match for this grant.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-11 in the amount of \$8,800 (Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Capital Projects Stabilization - Fund Balance, Account #7600-359000 to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund – Fire Public Safety Equipment, Account #760031-585021 to purchase an outboard motor and other associated equipment for the Ice Rescue Board/Rapid Deployment Craft for use in near shore and water rescues.

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Gross stated that SA-2022-11 was a transfer to cover the cost of an outboard motor (tiller driven/jet drive) and other associated equipment for the inflatable boat.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2022-SA-11 in the amount of \$8,800 (Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Capital Projects Stabilization - Fund Balance, Account #7600-359000 to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund – Fire Public Safety Equipment, Account #760031-585021 to purchase an outboard motor and other associated equipment for the Ice Rescue Board/Rapid Deployment Craft for use in near shore and water rescues.**

3. *Memorandum from Fire Chief requesting acceptance of donated equipment from CATA*



**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Grow, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL Ch. 44, §53A-½, a gift of tangible goods to the City of Gloucester Fire Department from the Cape Ann Transportation Authority for eight (8) Hetra vehicle lifts, Model 6, for use in the apparatus repair facility with an estimated value of \$18,000.

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Gross stated that the lifts were donated by the Cape Ann Transportation Authority (CATA). He added that CATA also provided current maintenance records showing that the lifts had been well-maintained. The **Members of the City Council** thanked CATA for their generous donation.

Councilor Worthley suggested that an automatic process be established to thank the various organizations/residents who make donations to the City. Councilor Gilman stated that she would do some research in consideration of this.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept under MGL Ch. 44, §53A-½, a gift of tangible goods to the City of Gloucester Fire Department from the Cape Ann Transportation Authority for eight (8) Hetra vehicle lifts, Model 6, for use in the apparatus repair facility with an estimated value of \$18,000.

• **Ordinances & Administration – January 31, 2022 (no items under this heading)**

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Nolan explained that there were no items for the Council's consideration.

• **Planning & Development – February 2, 2022 (no items under this heading)**

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Grow explained that there were no items for the Council's consideration.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. PH2022-003: Application of Island's End Realty Trust for the storage of propane at 132 Coles Island Road, Assessors Map 259, Lot 7

**The Public Hearing opened at 7:43 p.m.**

**Those speaking in favor:** Adam Scott, Scott Energy, stated that he was representing the homeowner of 132 Coles Island Road, Islands End Realty Trust. He stated that he had applied for a license, on behalf of the owner, for a maximum storage of 4,000 gallons of LP on the property and stated that the location of the home was far off the main road and the tanks were needed in order to satisfy the BTU requirement of the home. He stated that the City's Fire Department had signed off on the permit and that he had already come before the Planning & Development Standing Committee.

**Those speaking in opposition:** None.

**Written communications:** The City Clerk, Joanne Senos, stated there were no written communications.

**Questions from Councilors:**

**Q1. (Grow):** Asked what the propane was being used for and asked for the relative comparative use to an average house.

**A1. (Scott):** Stated extra storage was needed based on the size and capacity of the heating system, a commercial-sized generator and an ice melt system. He stated in order to satisfy the demand for these uses proper tank storage was needed. He stated the average home could use anywhere from 200,000 to 500,000 BTUs depending on the uses in the home. He stated this house would have an estimated average use of approximately 1.6 million BTUs.

**Q2. (Grow):** Asked **Mr. Scott** to explain the figures as he stated they were different from the consumption figures that he had offered at the P&D meeting.

**A2. (Scott):** Stated consumption depended on the power outage and the ice melt system. He added by state and local codes a permit was needed for storage of propane over 2,001 gallons on a property.

**Q3. (Grow):** Asked in the tanks would be subject to an annual inspection by the Fire Department.

**A3. (Scott):** Stated that an annual inspection by the Fire Department would be required.

**A3. (Senos):** Added that an annual license was also required and the applicant would need to submit the required paperwork and pay the appropriate fee to obtain the license.

**The Public Hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor O’Neil, the Planning & Development Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council grant a license under GCO Ch. 8 “Fire Prevention and Protection,” Sec. 8-1 “License for storing inflammables,” MGL. Ch. 148, §13 and 527 CMR 1.00 for storage of inflammables at 132 Coles Island Road, Assessors Map 259, Lot 7, owner Islands End Realty Trust, specifically to store 4,000 gallons of propane in four (4) 1,000 gallon ASME UG containers with the following condition that said 4,000 gallon ASME UG containers be used for the exclusive use of 132 Coles Island Road.

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Grow stated that he saw no legal or justifiable reason to not grant this permit. He explained that he was struck by the amount of energy being used by a single property. There was a brief discussion regarding sustainability issues and overall community responsibility regarding energy usage.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor O’Neil, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to grant a license under GCO Ch. 8 “Fire Prevention and Protection,” Sec. 8-1 “License for storing inflammables,” MGL. Ch. 148, §13 and 527 CMR 1.00 for storage of inflammables at 132 Coles Island Road, Assessors Map 259, Lot 7, owner Islands End Realty Trust, specifically to store 4,000 gallons of propane in four (4) 1,000 gallon ASME UG containers with the following condition that said 4,000 gallon ASME UG containers be used for the exclusive use of 132 Coles Island Road.

2. PH2022-001: RZ2021-004: Concord Street #44R & #44, Map 229, Lot 2, from R-20 (Low/Medium Residential) to EB (Extensive Business) (Cont. from 1/25/22)

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Gilman asked the City Clerk to read the letter received on and dated February 8, 2022, from Attorney Mark Nestor regarding this matter. The City Clerk read the following letter:

*“Dear President Gilman: As a result of the recommendations of both the Planning Board as well as the P&D Committee, my clients have elected not to proceed forward with their application to rezone their property from R-20 to Extensive Business (“EB”). They therefore request that their Application be withdrawn without prejudice either prior to tonight’s City Council meeting or before said meeting. As such, my clients will not be present at the City Council hearing tonight. Their intention is to continue to mitigate and correct the issues raised by the Building Inspector and to look at the concerns raised by some of the abutters during both the site visit and prior hearings. My clients have always striven to be good neighbors and they want to continue in the*

*same vein moving forward. I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Signed, Attorney Mark Nestor”*

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept the withdrawal of RZ2021-004 without prejudice.**

3. PH2021-033: Amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles,” Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by ADDING “Farrington Avenue, northerly side, from its intersection with Eastern Point Boulevard in an easterly direction to its intersection with St. Louis Avenue” (referred back to O&A from December 14, 2021 City Council Meeting)

**The Public Hearing opened at 7:55 p.m.**

**MOTION: By unanimous consent, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to recess for five minutes at 7:56 p.m.**

**The City Council reconvened at 8:01 p.m.**

At Councilor Grow’s request, Councilor Gilman gave a brief overview of the procedure for a Public Hearing.

**Those speaking in favor:**

**Betty Davis, 29 Edgemoor Road**

Stated she has lived on Edgemoor since 1977. Stated parking on both sides of Farrington in the summer months was a safety concern for both pedestrians and vehicles. She asked the City Council to consider the residents’ request of allowing parking on only one side of Farrington Avenue during the summer months. She stated this request was due to Farrington Avenue not having any sidewalks and that it was a narrow street similar to East Main Street. She stated pedestrians could not safely walk on the street to get to the beach. She further stated that emergency vehicles could be seriously delayed responding to any type of emergency and referenced an incident in the 1970s where a child drowned and did not get treatment in time due to the delay caused by cars being parked on the corner of Farrington and Edgemoor. Also stated that when cars were parked on both sides it impeded the view from pulling out of the side streets (Edgemoor and Stewart Street). Asked the City Council to limit parking to only one side of Farrington Avenue during the summer months.

**Peter Coakley, address not learned**

Agreed with the previous caller and stated that there were no sidewalks in this area with hundreds of cars trying to leave Eastern Point. Stated he had issues sometimes just leaving his driveway during the summer months. Told the story of a friend who had a bicycle accident in the area with a car door opening and hitting the bicyclist. Stated convenience should not be chosen over safety.

**Those speaking in opposition:**

**Karen O’Donnell, 3 Orchard Road**

Stated she was opposed because the extra parking was needed in that area. Stated that cars should be able to park on either side of the road with a beach parking sticker.

**Bob Ryan, 3 Blake Court, Traffic Commission Chair**

Stated he was opposed for several reasons. He stated there 40 parking resident sticker-only spaces, 2 of which were handicap spaces, along Eastern Point Boulevard near Niles Beach, with an additional 20 resident sticker-only spaces on the southerly side of Farrington Ave from the stone pillars to St. Louis Avenue. He stated the northerly side of Farrington was currently open to resident and nonresident parking. He stated that the area in question measured 640 feet which accommodated approximately 23 to 29 parking spaces, with mostly nonresidents parking in those spots. He stated that he believed limiting parking at Niles Beach was unreasonable. He stated Lt. Williams from the Traffic Commission informed him that there had not been any

moving vehicle violations from Eastern Point Boulevard to St. Louis Avenue. He added that there were two accidents near Atlantic Road, but those accidents had no relation to beachgoers. He stated parking in this area had been allowed since 1974 and he believed that there had not been any traffic or safety issues. He asked that the City Council be tourist friendly and stated that the parking in the area was reasonable.

**Mary Ann Albert Boucher, 93 Mt. Pleasant Street**

Stated she worked years ago to help address the parking at Niles Beach. She stated it was determined that the best solution was to create more resident beach parking sticker spots on the Edgemoor Street side of Farrington Avenue. She stated she frequented Niles Beach and stated she did not know of any accidents in that area. She suggested possibly eliminating a parking space on either side of the side streets to allow enough space for emergency vehicles to enter if needed. She stated she believed that if the spaces were removed as proposed then that would create more issues with people parking farther away on side streets. She stated she highly opposed taking away any parking spaces.

**Heather Goolsby, 12 Mondello Square**

Stated she was opposed to this matter. She stated she has frequented Niles Beach her whole life and appreciated the nonresident parking on Farrington Avenue as an alternative if the lined spots were full.

**Kelly Brancaleone, 18A Calder Street**

Stated that she was a lifelong resident of East Gloucester and was a former lifeguard there in her youth. She stated children did not typically walk on Farrington Avenue and that she did not believe traffic was a safety issue in the summer and stated that it was more of an inconvenience.

**Susan Muise, 22 Mt. Vernon Street**

Stated that she was in opposition to changing any parking at Niles Beach. Stated there were no reported accidents or incidents. She stated as a lifelong resident she was asking the City Council not to make any changes.

**Kathy Lawson, 40 East Main Street**

Stated she was a lifelong resident and has enjoyed Niles Beach since she was a child. Stated she was vehemently opposed to removing any parking, particularly due to seniors enjoying the beach. She also stated that there was a soft shoulder on the side to walk on and stated that this matter affected more than the 8 parking spaces mentioned at the previous O&A meeting; she stated approximately 25 parking spots would be affected. She also stated that there had been no accidents in the area for at least five years. She stated she respectfully asked the City Council to vote against this proposal.

**Kailey Mione, 6 Davis Street Extension**

Stated she frequents Niles Beach almost daily in the summer. She stated that she disagreed with a previous caller about the width of Farrington Avenue being similar to East Main Street and stated that she believed it was wider. She stated she strongly opposed taking away any parking on Farrington Avenue.

**Debbie Liacos, 41 Woodward Avenue**

Stated she was a lifelong resident and frequented the City's beaches. Stated she strongly opposed the parking changes. Stated she also believed Farrington Avenue was wider than East Main Street. She suggested the City look at creating sidewalks in that area. Also suggested removing one or two spots near the sides of Edgemoor for widened access to the side street.

**Cate Andrewes, 4 Decatur Street**

Stated she opposed changing the parking. Stated she agreed with the comments of the previous callers in opposition.

**Jaclyn Baldassano, 14 Decatur Street**

Stated she also agreed with the comments of the previous callers in opposition. Stated that if those spaces were removed, then people would find other side streets to park on.

**Denise Pascucci, 20 Birch Grove Heights**

Stated she was in opposition of removing any spaces. Asked the City Council to listen to the many residents speaking in opposition.

**Written communications:** The **City Clerk, Joanne Senos**, stated communications were received in opposition from the following residents:

- Patti Page – did not feel safety was an issue.
- Denise Pascucci
- Maryanne Hobbs Boucher
- Mary Ann Albert Boucher – did not feel safety was an issue.
- Carla Benjamin
- Kelly Brancalone - did not feel safety was an issue. Suggested a dedicated drop-off space.
- Gina Razel
- Cate Andrews
- Susan Muise
- Karen Zager
- Kathy Lawson - did not feel safety was an issue.
- Dianne Eason
- Sharon Shianciola
- Debra Aiello
- Pam Steele
- Jane P. Montenero
- Brenda Malloy – opposed to restrictions. Supports resident-only parking to the church and no restriction beyond.
- Karen Cunha
- Maria Clarke
- Jean Phillips
- Marla Polizzia
- Janine Canillas
- Jerry Goulart
- Steve LeBlanc
- Julie Nicaastro
- John Nicaastro

**Written communications received in favor:**

- Jack and Betty Davis
- Peter and Kathy Coakley – public safety and trash concerns
- Richard and Laney Makin – public safety and trash concerns.
- Karen and Paul Murphy – public safety and trash concerns.
- Gene and Sandy Heacock - public safety and trash concerns.
- Laura Coburn and Seth Hochbaum - public safety and trash concerns.
- Vincent and Elizabeth DiCesare - public safety and trash concerns.

The **City Clerk** stated she distributed an Excel spreadsheet outlining the communications to all councilors.

The **City Clerk** stated the following regarding her research on this matter: *“There were amendments to the Code of Ordinances that were initiated and voted on by previous City Councils and said amendments were submitted by former City Clerks to update our Code of Ordinances in regard to parking on Farrington Avenue. After researching, starting in 1970 we found the following: On July 7, 1974, an Emergency Order was adopted to allow parking on the northerly side from St. Louis Avenue to Eastern Point Boulevard. On August 1, 1974, the City Council adopted the ordinance amendment (the emergency order). Under Sec. 22-272, which reads: “– Same – Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays – No Parking – May 1 – September 15” where it shall be unlawful for any person to park vehicle on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, etc. Farrington Avenue is on the books for “Farrington Avenue, north side, from St. Louis Avenue to Eastern Point Boulevard, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays” and it should have been deleted from the Code at the same time when the City Council adopted the ordinance amendment on August 1, 1974.”*

The **City Clerk** summarized by stating that many amendments had been made to the Code of Ordinances by various City Councils that sometimes a portion of the code which coincides with the amendment was not updated, as an oversight, by not deleting another section. She stated that she came across many of these sections since taking over as City Clerk and was in the process of trying to clear up the confusion. She added that parking was allowed in 1974 on the northerly side of Farrington Avenue. **Councilor Gilman** added that perhaps that was why the area was not marked with the appropriate signage.

**Questions from Councilors:**

**Q1. (Worthley):** Asked for clarification if the Council Order was to remove parking on both sides of Farrington Avenue.

**A1. (Memhard):** Stated that the Council Order was to remove the northerly side parking only.

**Q2. (Worthley):** Asked if consideration had been given for allowing parking on the ocean side.

**A2. (Memhard):** Stated the southerly side was currently reserved for resident-only parking from the gates of Eastern Point to St. Louis Avenue.

**Q3. (Worthley):** Asked if the Parks and Recreation employees could be discouraged from telling beachgoers at Good Harbor to park at Niles Beach for overflow parking when the Good Harbor lot was full.

**A3. (Cahill):** Stated the current Administration had not spoken regarding this matter yet. She stated in her work under the previous Administration she could not recall any conversation to divert beach traffic to Niles Beach. She stated the conversations she has had regarding beach traffic overflow parking was to divert the vehicles to Stage Fort Park so those people could use the trolley service provided by CATA.

**Q4. (Grow):** Asked the **City Clerk** to clarify the current parking on the northerly side of Farrington.

**A4. (Senos):** Stated parking was allowed on the northerly side from St. Louis Avenue to Eastern Point Boulevard with no restrictions. She added that this was adopted in 1974.

**Q5. (Grow):** Asked the **Police Chief** if he knew of any issues accessing Farrington in the summertime.

**A5. (Conley):** Stated he was unaware of any complaints regarding access.

**Q6. (Gilman):** Asked the **Police Chief** to elaborate on his knowledge of any traffic accidents or violations in the area.

**A6. (Conley):** Stated Lt. Mike Williams represented the Police Department on the Traffic Commission and that they had pulled data regarding accidents in that area over the last five years, in which there had been three accidents. He explained that one accident was a medical emergency by a single operator who lost consciousness and collided with another vehicle; the second accident was someone who lost control of their vehicle and hit hedges, but stated it was believed that the driver was impaired and he fled the scene; and he stated that the third accident was a minor incident where a car scraped the side of a parked car. He also stated that he was unaware of injuries. He explained that the incident involving a bicyclist that Mr. Coakley had

spoken of [during public comment] would not be captured in the traffic accident data, but that he was not aware of any other major incidents.

**Q7. (Grow):** Asked how frequently the police patrolled the area. Asked if the DPW could paint no parking zones at the corners of the side streets/intersections.

**A7. (Conley):** Stated that a sector car monitored that area routinely during the summer.

**A7. (Nolan):** Stated that any councilor could submit a request to the DPW through the Mayor's office to add a sign regarding no parking. He added that parking should not be within 20 feet from an intersection.

**A7. (Cahill):** Stated Administration would work with parking enforcement. Also stated that a sign needed to be in place for enforcement.

**Q8. (Margiotta):** Asked what the speed limit was for that area. Also asked if a speed radar could be placed to measure the speed in that area.

**A8. (Conley):** Stated a speed trailer had been placed in the area twice previously. He stated that the speed limit was 25 m.p.h. and that the speed trailer captured an average speed of 28 m.p.h. in one direction and 30 m.p.h. in the other direction.

The Rules of Procedure were suspended by the will of the City Council to allow a resident to speak.

#### **Pam Steele, 10 Pilot's Hill**

Stated she opposed any changes in parking in this area, particularly for mental health issues. She stated people go to a beach for restorative reasons.

#### **The Public Hearing closed at 9:00 p.m.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 0 in favor, 3 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at all times" and Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" by ADDING "Farrington Avenue, northerly side, from its intersection with Eastern Point Boulevard in an easterly direction to its intersection with St. Louis Avenue."

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Memhard stated he proposed this matter in specific response to his constituents who had experienced the challenges and possible safety issues for excessive parking in that area. He stated it was clear that the City's residents wanted access to the beach and was appreciative of the dialogue regarding this matter. Councilor Grow stated he appreciated the concerns of the neighborhood. He stated this order would not resolve the parking issue overall. He stated he would not be supporting this matter. Councilor Worthley inquired if there would be any value to refer the matter back to the O&A Committee to allow the Council Order to be amended to include the possible ideas of the constituents. Councilor Margiotta stated if this area was restricted there could be a potential domino effect on other side streets. Councilor Nolan stated he would not be supporting this order as written. He stated, to answer Councilor Worthley regarding re-referring this matter to O&A for enforcement matters, signage and parking 20 feet from an intersection, that those matters were already ordinances, but for the suggestion of creating a drop-off only space this could be proposed and discussed. Councilor O'Neil stated she was opposed to this matter as written. She stated that she calculated that this would affect far more than the six or eight cars mentioned in a previous meeting. Councilor Gross stated Edgemoor Road was a resident-only street in the summer. Councilor O'Hara stated that every area of the City was impacted by visitors. He stated he would not be supporting this matter. Councilor Gilman stated she would not be supporting this matter but appreciated the reasons as to why Councilor Memhard brought this matter forward. She also stated that the residents of the City had spoken.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted 0 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 (Memhard) present, to amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at all

times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by **ADDING** “Farrington Avenue, northerly side, from its intersection with Eastern Point Boulevard in an easterly direction to its intersection with St. Louis Avenue.”

**FOR COUNCIL VOTE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**COUNCILORS’ REQUESTS TO THE MAYOR:**

- **Councilors Memhard and O’Hara** requested through the Mayor that the swimming float at Niles Beach be brought back.
- **Councilor Worthley** requested information through the Mayor to the DPW regarding water capacity/water pressure as related to the proposed zoning amendments.
- **Councilor Worthley** requested through the Mayor that sidewalks and elevated crosswalks be added to Farrington Avenue.
- **Councilor Worthley** requested through the Mayor that a pothole be fixed on Gloucester Avenue.
- **Councilor Grow** requested to the Mayor an update on the status of the TOD legislation at a joint meeting between the City Council and Planning Board. He asked that the joint meeting take place prior to the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline in order to get public comment, if that was the will of the City Council.
- **Councilor Grow** asked through the Mayor to the CAO that some minor road repairs be performed on Brightside Avenue.
- **Councilor O’Neil** asked through the Mayor to the DPW that a snow pile on Main Street (near Bravo Pizza) be removed as it was blocking the sidewalk.

**COUNCILORS’ THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

- **Councilors Nolan, O’Hara, Gross and Worthley** thanked the Administration and the DPW for their tireless work over the past two weekends with snow/ice storms.
- **Councilor O’Neil** thanked **Bob Ryan, Traffic Commission**, for his expertise and input at tonight’s City Council meeting.
- **Councilor Grow** thanked the Mayor for working with the Cape Ann Surfers Union for approving the recommendations for enhanced access for the surfing community.
- **Councilor Gilman** thanked the Administration for their willingness to work collaboratively with the City Council.

**COUNCILORS’ WARD UPDATES AND COMMUNITY NEWS:**

- **Councilor Gilman** wished to inform the community that the Fiesta for June 22-26, 2022 was approved.
- **Councilor Gilman** wished to inform the community that the Annisquam Village Players was offering a free cabaret night on Saturday evening via Zoom.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Worthley, the City Council voted by **ROLL CALL 9** in favor, **0** opposed, to adjourn the meeting **9:29 p.m.**

**Submitted by:** Sherry Karvelas, Clerk of Committees

**Items submitted at the meeting:** None.