

Town Council Meeting
June 16, 2022

The June 16, 2022, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President, in Foster, RI at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President
Heidi Rogers, Vice President
Chris Stone
David Paolino
Cheryl Hawes

Also present:
Kelli Russ, Finance Director
Julia Chretien, Solicitor

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Cheryl Hawes, as a councilmember, said she wanted to congratulate Kelli [Russ] for being awarded the Excellence in Finance Award for FY 2020. Ms. Hawes said it is not the first time Ms. Russ had won the award and that it is something to be very proud of.
- Ms. Hawes also thanked the volunteers who planted flowers in front of the Town Hall. They went far beyond expectations.
- Denise Arrighi, Balcom Road, said she works for RI League of Cities and Towns and they have a new Executive Director, Ernie Almonte, and she is unofficially offering his willingness to come out and meet with them. Ms. Arrighi said that as a resident, she was concerned about the funding of the Ambulance Corps. She reviewed the ARPA funds and said that the funds can be used to fund the corps. She said it is an essential service.
- Lynne Rider, Burgess Road, said that Preservation members are probably the only ones who use the parking lot on the other side of the Town House. Several weeks ago the pavement has been removed and there are big ruts.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA**
- Warrants**-Approval of General Warrant #21 \$105,242.37
- Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.
- Discussion: Cheryl Hawes wanted to know about the purchase of a new grader from Scituate. Don't we have to go out to bid for something like that? Kelli Russ said it's hard to go out to bid for something like that because it's another piece of equipment where there is no way to get something equivalent. It's used; it's a neighbor's, and they're letting us have it at a discounted price. We did get quotes to get the fair market value and we do have that documented. Ms. Hawes saw new tires listed for the grader and a service call for \$3800.00, did it break? Ms. Russ said the majority of that was for tires. Heidi Rogers said that now we have two graders so we can do two different roads at one time and get them done faster. Lynne Rider asked what the amount was. Ms. Russ said \$20,000.00; a new grader is above \$200,000.00. Ms. Rider said she thought anything above \$10,000 had to go out to bid. Denise L. DiFranco said that is what Cheryl just asked. Mr. Petrarca, the solicitor for Scituate, said he had the inverse of this conversation a week ago. Don't we have to put this on bidding sites? You are not required to, but it is good practice. The tire situation is because it was stored outside. Motion passed 5 - 0.
- Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
- EMS Restructuring**
- Cheryl Hawes said there was a request that Atty. Chretien made today for Kelli, did she get that information? Atty. Chretien said that she sent that request to Atty. Petrarca a few hours ago. Atty. Petrarca said he did not have that report.
- Denise L. DiFranco addressed Denise Arrighi's comments, which she could not answer before, that they did use ARPA

funds to supplement the Ambulance Corps. They have used \$100,000 already and are anticipating \$125,000. Atty. Petrarca said the number was \$155,000. Ms. DiFranco asked how much time that would give them. Mr. Petrarca said the first quarter. Heidi Rogers said we should go month to month. Ms. DiFranco said they were waiting for this meeting to see if \$30,000 would suffice. David Paolino said it doesn't look like it if \$155,000 is the number; we're almost 50 percent off. Mr. Petrarca said the payroll is about \$21,000 every two weeks. Mr. Paolino asked what the actual budget cost per quarter for the Ambulance Corps was, not regarding any money from the town; what's the operating budget for the Ambulance Corps quarterly? Ms. Russ said they need a balance sheet. Ms. Russ said as of right now they've collected \$187,000. Ms. Rogers said so that's \$15,583 a month. Ms. Russ asked Ginny [Colwell, Ambulance Commander] how they billed. Ms. Colwell said it is random depending on when they receive it. David Paolino asked how does an Ambulance Corps function from July 21st to March 2022 on a negative balance? Ms. Russ said they don't, they have cash—Mr. Paolino asked where is it? Mr. Petrarca had a balance sheet with him.

Ms. Russ said she understands that the need is based on their budget, so the point is, your budget doesn't fit the town's ability to match. At what point can you decrease operations to save money in order for us to have the ability to fund?

We can afford to use \$400,000 of ARPA funds. We could not possibly build that into our budget next year. Our cap is less than \$500,000, so in order to do that, our entire cap next year would have to be utilized to raise money for the Ambulance Corps and it's just not going to work. Mr. Petrarca agreed. What happens from his perspective is that he looks at it from three different vantages: we need a short-term solution to get us past June 30th, right? Two is the median term solution to get us past the rest of the fiscal year. Finally, the longest term discussion is the Fire District, or if that fails, whatever is after that. If it fails, come November, then we've got the rest of the year to figure out what that longer term solution is.

Ms. Russ said if you use 48-50% of their funding for three months, and we now have an obligation to fund twelve, how do you fund the other nine without going into debt and creating a deficit? If we know for a fact we can't find that resource and funding next year, you're really throwing away good money without creating a solution, and if you know that part of the solution is to make a structural change in the way that you are providing it, then the sooner you do that the better for everyone involved.

Mr. Petrarca said maybe the rest of the year in transition, we don't know what those figures are, the Engineering Board is working on it, and that will help alleviate the concern. He would hope that as we march down this path, we get to a point where the council is comfortable endorsing the solution, that's how the town will move forward as well.

Denise L. DiFranco said he had mentioned going to a special Financial Town Meeting and getting permission from the State to increase and go over, so now, her question is if we do that and it goes through, is that now our 4%?

Ms. Russ said the easiest way to do this is to go out for debt; a good portion of our American Recovery Funds is for the debt. We've applied it already for salaries for our police department, that's going to free up funding so that we can then pay for the debt because we have claims payable to Providence Water that are pretty excessive.

Once that's paid off, that money is transferred to the debt. So we could have a reason to exceed the tax cap; it would have to be through the debt issue, which would then put that in the position of backing out of the promise that they made at the Financial Town Meeting, and also once you to that, yes, that becomes your new low and the 4% is based on that. The purpose of that is that if you needed it this year you are obviously going to need it each year after, so that would be the way we would do it.

Heidi Rogers said the Fire District Tax hasn't even made it to the Senate yet. Ms. Russ said her biggest problem with that is that she's asked and asked what number would you be looking at to fund? You're going to take it out of our budget, and then we're just going to give it to you. If we're funding you four or five hundred thousand dollars and you're going to try to pass a budget for a million four, that's not equal, so she doesn't want to be that person constantly put in a position of contradicting things that are said because it's not factual. If she could get a number—if they were to move forward—then she could give more accurate numbers; otherwise she is basing it off people saying they're going to need \$1,300,000. The fact of the matter is that they presented a budget that equaled nearly a million dollars this year, and that was their bottom line budget. \$988,000. We funded them \$150,000 worth of capital; that's a million and \$150,000. They would need staff, that's probably a million and \$250,000; and they're going to be subject to the 4 percent cap. We're going to have to make sure that's at least built in there because we can't adhere to the 4 percent so we're going to have to have a little bit extra. So minimally speaking, you're looking at a \$1,300,000. So unless somebody wants to contradict with a real number, a real budget, this is why we keep saying the same things over and over again.

Heidi Rogers asked Gordy [Brayton] about setting up a committee. Mr. Brayton said that he, John Kent, Ginny Colwell, and Tom Walden reviewed the options and mostly reviewed the budget. He needs a little bit of time to restructure.

Denise L. DiFranco asked if the monies they get from third party billing are utilized in something for the ambulance. They had \$160,000 as of March, and then we gave them \$100,000 from the ARPA funds. So \$260,000 is gone?

Ginny Colwell said that was year-to-date from last July.

Cheryl Hawes asked if it was paid quarterly. Ms. Colwell said as they receive it. Heidi Rogers asked if the money from the third party billing had been used to purchase rescues. Ms. Colwell said it's a conglomerate from all of it. Ms. Rogers said we've seen your requests over the years for the budget and what was appropriated by the town and she didn't see any rescue purchases in there so the other income that you have. Ms. Colwell said it's sitting right there. Ms. Russ explained that everything goes into one pool, it's not that billings are earmarked for this.

Ms. Rogers asked what the price was of the last rescue. Ms. Colwell said \$226,000. Ms. Rogers said if you turn the rescues back over to the town, and let the town keep purchasing through the capital fund like we always did, that would free up an awful lot of money to pay your employees. Ms. Colwell said the town didn't purchase them, we did. Ms. Rogers said no, but we gave you the ones that we purchased, and you've gone on from there, so you did get two free. Ms. Colwell said there was one year when we had to come up with the remainder for that capital, and if you want to go further with it, whatever monies was set aside for the capital for purchasing the rescue, we did not utilize that so that money went back into whatever was purchasing the rescue. Ms. Russ said

that it is still there. Ms. Rogers asked if they would turn them back over to the town, get it back into being purchased through capital funds—they may be consolidating fire trucks—evaluating apparatus. Ms. Rogers asked if those rescues would come back to the town and were purchased through the capital, and there was a consolidation of fire trucks—what we need instead of what we want—if we did that, the third party billing would be yours, what we give you would be yours; the trucks would be purchased through the capital fund—we would have more in capital because we have less fire trucks to buy—and that could go a long way to solving this problem.

Gordy Brayton asked if they would give the money back; going forward that would free up all this money but what does that do right now? David Paolino asked if they turned those ambulances in, how would that translate into operating cash? Ms. Russ said it wouldn't.

Ms. Rogers said that she wasn't saying to give us rescues so we can run the Ambulance Corps, she's saying sign the rescues back over to the town and you run the Ambulance Corps and let the town fund the rescues. Mr. Petrarca said that this was down the road. Chris Stone said yes.

Gordon Brayton said a few years ago, the Ambulance Corps was collecting third party billing and they weren't paying out as much in payroll, they were saving money, they could afford to buy a rescue. That doesn't happen anymore; to not keep the rescue going right now is not going to help the situation. He said he knows they think they are all going to be back here three or four months from now. David Paolino said that's why they were suggesting month to month. Ms. Russ said they don't want month-to-month, they want quarterly. Mr. Brayton says that sometimes they have to wait nine months for that.

David Paolino asked what the fund balance was as of June 2022. Mr. Petrarca said the total in checking was \$49,766.86. Mr. Petrarca said that fixed assets are \$413,964.99. Chris Stone said and there's no other money. Denise L. DiFranco said so you're looking for \$155,000 for the first quarter to make it through. During that first quarter, we're going to looking at restructuring everything. Ms. Russ said you are already short. Ms. Rogers said they are going to be completely out of money, we have to go month to month. Mr. Petrarca said that's going to create an employee retainment problem. Ms. Russ said whether they hire back or if they continue or whatever, she doesn't think the employees keeping their jobs is the issue. They need people to work whether they're doing the service or you're doing the service, even if you do it.

Helene Dolce, South Killingly Road, said she has worked in a lot of health care facilities. Her question is have they done an analysis and had a task force to look at it. She doesn't think one month at a time is fair. They are under the gun and will have to prove something to you. She suggests they guarantee funding for a year.

David Paolino said those are good points but three plus months ago they have had countless meetings. The month to month is a protection of the budget. If we keep funding at the current structure, the money will be gone with no guarantee of a resolution. Denise L. DiFranco said to give full funding will have repercussions all the way down the line. Even for this year, it's now going to be for a lifetime because the money is now in the budget and we will have to maintain that amount.

Ms. Russ said they do not have approval to exceed the tax cap. For any money you give at this point, you would result in having to stop the presses at Vision, and you would have to talk to the Auditor General and the State of RI and ask them to exceed the cap. Ms. Russ said that at this point she

did not think they would be likely to do that, so we would have to go into debt, which we already said that we weren't going to do at multiple meetings. You don't have enough ARPA money left over; it has already been assigned. David Paolino said the amount voted on at the Financial Town Meeting was close to what a quarter would cost.

Mr. Petrarca and Kelli Russ discussed the numbers. Mr. Petrarca said that by the time October 1 is done, we will know everything except the Fire District because the election is in November, but you'll have all those figures. David Paolino asked him to give him an idea of what that would look like in October. Where are we going to be? Mr. Petrarca said in October they will have come to a resolution. Denise L. DiFranco asked what's the resolution? Mr. Petrarca said if we had the resolution we would implement it. David Paolino said so there's no guarantee that we're not left with the same exact problem but with zero money. Mr. Petrarca said he can never guarantee anything. David Paolino said he's not asking for a guarantee, he's asking that he make a case that convinces him that he knows what the outcome is going to be. Mr. Petrarca said there's a lot of resources out there, it might be different allocations, it might be different funding sources for other projects in town that frees up other monies. David Paolino asked Gordon [Brayton], because he said he was going to research over the next several weeks, avenues of funding, where we could cut, where we could save, and bring the bottom line down and give us ideas of revenue. Mr. Brayton said in three months, Foster is still there. David Paolino said but the money is not. Mr. Brayton said so we have to come up with the solution as fast as a possible. David Paolino said there is a lot of background discussion about restructuring and not operating the same way.

Julia Chretien said some of the disconnect is that Atty. Petrarca is just starting with this, we've been working on this for six months, and there hasn't been a solution in six months and she thinks the town is having difficulty picturing that magically in three months we're going to find a solution.

Denise Arrighi asked where are the facts and figures are? She thinks there should be time to put that on paper.

David Paolino said that they have, they've looked at closing a fire station, getting rid of some vehicles, buying a used rescue and manning it with town employees.

Lynne Rider said she thought it is very muddy, and she has not heard a firm number from the town on what it would cost the town to run their own Ambulance Corps. You didn't have a figure from the company if you have to have someone fill in the gap. You were assuming you would be able to hire people at a certain rate, but she thinks that would need more exploration. If you are counting on volunteers, she thinks they will have to discount that. You don't know that you can do it more efficiently. She sees one huge problem getting in the way and that is distrust. It's going to take a huge leap of faith that something will be put together by the end of three months. Do you want to salvage a longstanding volunteer company? You are never going to have the same number of people by hiring them. As far as the Ambulances go, the town hasn't had to buy an Ambulance in ten years.

Denise L. DiFranco said the Engineering Board determines which department needs which truck. Ms. Rider said but you're asking for \$150,000 to cover all of these vehicles, even if you cut down, there are still vehicles we have to have. And how are you going to pay for the training? There are still a couple of people who believe that there is a pot of money somewhere, and that is going to sink this project.

Deb Lusignan said she is not seeing any numbers. David Paolino said they were asked to not continue discussions until they met with Atty. Petrarca. They have trusted Gordon Brayton to put together a team—it was agreed at the last meeting to get prices for a rescue, hire people directly as employees, so that's not accurate, we are moving forward.

Ms. Lusignan said she was asking about the whole thing, if the Ambulance Corps isn't doing its job, you are already planning something, where are you going to come up with that money? You said \$55,000 for an ambulance that you buy from Florida that you could have somebody drive up, with the price of gas, and that's probably not even fully stocked. Heidi Rogers said it came with a stretcher and Moosup Valley has all the other equipment. Ms. Lusignan said so you are going to take the Unit truck out of service and put this on the Ambulance that the town owns and keep it at Station 3? Ms. Rogers said yes. Ms. Lusignan said so Station 2 is going to give all their stuff? Ms. Rogers said yes, because they care about public safety.

Ms. Russ said we took their numbers and modified it, for if we were to close their station, you're saving on rent, you're saving on utilities. She took the same salaries, three and a chief and divided by four, multiplied by three.

Ms. Lusignan said she keep hearing that we could hire this and that. Where is that money coming from? Ms. Rogers said the budget. Ms. Russ said that comes out to \$160,000 for billing, \$125,000 from ARPA funds plus \$228,000 so she budgeted \$513,000 in revenue, the expenditures in yellow were taking numbers that were budgeted and modifying them based on what we know. In some ways, our benefits increased. Ms. Lusignan said but that's still hypothetical. Ms. Russ said a budget is hypothetical. Our budget is hypothetical on numbers provided and the best accuracy that we can come up with. Ms. Russ used their numbers as a base and tried to bring it forward to if we closed a building—a lot of the theory is theirs, she simply eliminated if they used one. You have four 24/7 buildings in a three-and-a-half mile radius all on the same road. The police station, Foster Center, South Foster, and Foster Ambulance Corps. If you were to consolidate that, you would save money.

Ms. Lusignan said what she was asking is when you came up with a plan, did it come to a lot less? Ms. Russ said \$200,000 less. Ginny Colwell asked what happens to the Ambulance Corps when it's time to buy a truck? Ms. Russ said they have over \$300,000 earmarked for the capital budget for the Engineering Board. We put in \$150,000 a year and they don't buy every year. Ms. Lusignan asked how much it would be for the year. Cheryl Hawes said \$640,000. Ms. Russ said their budget was closer to \$800,000 and we're saying it's closer to six based on what we have here. Ms. Lusignan asked if that also included the training. Ms. Russ said yes, we have a separate \$20,000 put aside in engineering for training that they generally use. Ms. Lusignan said they have trainings you pay nothing for.

Ms. Russ said the staff would already be trained.

Lynne Rider said one of the questions was initially on July 1st, you need to hire a company to come in, you don't know for how long. Do you know how much it is going to cost you to hire a company and are you factoring that into the three months. David Paolino said it was roughly \$600,000 for a year, per month it's \$54,000. The third party billing would be ours. Ms. Rider said so going forward three months, they sound cheaper.

Denise L. DiFranco said heads are spinning. We have to come up with something tonight. Having another meeting

is not going to accomplish anything. We have to decide what they are going to do now. Ms. DiFranco said they are asking for \$155,000 for the first quarter. Mr. Petrarca said yes. Ms. DiFranco said they are saying \$30,000 a month, which is \$90,000, which is short. Ms. Rogers said she is not in favor of going three months. What Mr. Petrarca heard is that's \$54,000 a month, and that's probably an up and running solution should the Ambulance Corps not be able to perform on July 1. Ms. Rogers said that was the basic quote on an annual basis, which David just divided by 54, she put requests in for a monthly and weekly basis. David Paolino said they also came up with, in fairness, investigated hiring people, maybe the same people to work as employees, which is considerably less. Mr. Petrarca said based on their rough figures, it's \$54,000 a month for private. Mr. Petrarca said that might be their option for the first month, but that's more expensive on a per month basis than what they are asking for. Denise L. DiFranco said it's about the same. Mr. Petrarca asked if that included having their own ambulances? Ms. Rogers said if we had the purchased one, they would use that one; it would be out of capital. Mr. Petrarca implored them to give him more time. The Ambulance Corps have been operating in good faith for 51 plus years without incident; you know the people, they know the town.

Heidi Rogers said that is not the issue. Denise L. DiFranco said you are trying to make it a personal thing; we are looking at it financially. She does not want to see the Ambulance Corps closed. They want to fix however it is, the town side, the Ambulance side—she would like to walk away knowing they had something past July 1st. That is her ultimate goal tonight. She sees a financial discrepancy of \$30,000, \$90,000 versus \$155,000, so we're talking about \$60,000 difference. She is also seeing month by month or quarterly. Looking at it: if we go month by month or quarter, is there a compromise?

Ms. Rogers said she is not willing to put out any money without documentation. Denise L. DiFranco said we need to know where the money is going. Is there a compromise? Can we say two months with the caveat that we get the month to month spending? If we are not getting that, then we are back at the table. David Paolino asked if the quarter they are looking for includes the third party billing. Mr. Petrarca said they need that to operate. Ms. Rogers said she is comfortable month by month and wants to see progress and changes. Ms. DiFranco suggested two months and if after the first month we are not seeing some progress. Mr. Petrarca objected to four weeks.

Cheryl Hawes said she would like Kelli to get the figures so they have that to work with while they are trying to work things out. She said she is here because they took that threat of July 1st seriously—the buildings were going to close, so we reacted. Now we're here and discussing it, but she is tired of hearing the same thing week after week after week and it's different people coming in and it's the same things we are going over and over. She doesn't want the Ambulance Corps to close, but she is not opposed to the town taking it over as a department and running it that way if it can be run more efficiently and cost less. We want to employ and keep the same people. At least we would know and we would have it budgeted in. We are not going to go over the cap and we are not taking the funds from the police station. We are trying to do everything we can to make this work. She is willing to go with what Kelli recommends.

Ms. Russ said their operating budget is based on a theory and a working that she said you have to restructure, and that you have to combine in order to save money. It's not

just them, it's EMS too. They should be one unit somehow combined. That changes the theory, which changes the numbers and you have to agree with that. She had a whole conversation with Gordy and that's great that you'll work with them, but are they going to restructure? Nothing has changed. Denise L. DiFranco said she would think they would look at it. Cheryl Hawes said one thing that came up was three people on a run. Many people on the Engineering Board said that was not necessary. Ms. Russ said they told Gordy it needed to be that way. Mr. Petrarca said there was a medical reason that required the three people.

Denise L. DiFranco said she hopes they will look internally and find something to help this situation.

Lynne Rider said they are willing to work on this. They can't come up with a plan in two weeks. You have to put the deadline out of their minds. How does the Ambulance Corps pay their bills? There must be a reason they need a lump sum.

Denise L. DiFranco asked if they could get a consensus without a vote? Do we need to say \$30,000 a month isn't going to cut it? Chris Stone can we make it \$50,000?

Ms. Russ consulted with Ginny Colwell on her payment schedule.

Mr. Petrarca said no, because the membership said they aren't going to worry month to month if they're still here. If the quarter is funded, he will still work for a solution, with Gordy, we will explore every reasonable option.

Julia Chretien said if we could get the information and if they were comfortable with doing the two months that Denise suggested but do it as a staggered payment, where after the first payment you get the initial accounting, but voting to do the first two months so the money is set aside.

Denise L. DiFranco said that's the stipulation, the caveat, that you get the two months but we need to know the first month. Ms. Chretien said and then you get the second payment because there is some concern because even before Atty. Petrarca got involved when requests were made for information, we didn't see that. Before the council can make this decision, they need to see these numbers.

Heidi Rogers asked then what would happen after two months? Ms. Chretien said that would be something to discuss.

David Paolino asked what would be the suggestion for how much per month.

Denise L. DiFranco asked if there could be a contract between the Ambulance and the Town regarding third party billing. Ms. DiFranco said so we do the two months with the stipulation that we get this ledger soon and we get a monthly account before the second month starts. July 1st comes, we give whatever we agree on. That goes to August 1st. By August 1st, we have a ledger of what has been spent that month, then we give the next amount; but if we don't get a ledger, then we're back at the drawing board again. Does that make sense?

Atty. Petrarca said he has to bring it back to agree to it. He said he's already sent for the general ledger stuff. He'll get them that. The month-to-month aspect, he's run into a logistical problem because by August 1 we need the funding.

Julia Chretien suggested at the July 21 meeting they could get an expenditure report which would be a showing of good faith for August 1st then you wouldn't have a timing issue. David Paolino asked if it was \$50,000. With third party billing of \$15,000, then they have \$65,000. We can at least say we took a chance.

Denise L. DiFranco said it's contingent upon getting those numbers because we are going to meet on the 23rd. We need to get them by Tuesday. We will do two months, \$50,000 a month, contingent upon you getting the ledger to Kelli on Tuesday. When we meet July 21st, we should know what's going on and then we move forward.

Atty. Petrarca said the number they are using is \$50,000 a month but if we take the \$155,000 and divide it by three, it's actually \$51,666.66. He said he was trying for clarity because he would be going back with less time and less money when they already told him this is what their bottom line is.

Petrarca asked for a vote. Denise L. DiFranco said she is giving him her word that that will happen. The council voiced that they were all in agreement.

Julia Chretien asked if they would be open to a council vote to for her to send Atty. Petrarca a written proposal from the council.

David Paolino moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to allow Julia to send written documentation of what the proposal.

Discussion: Cheryl Hawes said good faith works both ways. Julia Chretien reviewed: \$50,000 for two months, we'll get the documents requested by Tuesday 6/21, and the Ambulance Corps will provide a detailed breakdown of how the July \$50K had been spent up to July 21 and if they have projected, how they were planning to spend the ten days' worth of money that will be included before you can send off the August \$50,000.

Atty. Petrarca clarified with Ms. Russ that on the June 30th financials, that's the year end. Just knowing how things work, it might not be the final final. Ms. Russ said she understood.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

V. NEW BUSINESS
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Denise L. DiFranco said we could do one of two things, she could move them to July and we could have a brief meeting on the 23rd for Mr. Petrarca to come back and say aye or nay. Full or abbreviated agenda? Cheryl Hawes if we have stuff to do. Heidi Rogers said just set the agenda and we'll deal with what we have to deal with.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO RIGL
42-46-5a (2) Potential
Litigation**
Nike Site Rental
**PURSUANT TO RIGL
42-46-5a (2) Collective
Bargaining**
Local 3422, International
Assn. of Firefighters

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 for a work session regarding Collective Bargaining / Negotiations or Litigation according to RIGL 42-46-5-a (2) and to reconvene into open session and to further keep the minutes of said meeting closed and the minutes of all executive sessions held previous to this meeting remain closed in accordance with provisions in RIGL 42-46-4 & 5. No discussion.

Motion passed 5-0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

The council reconvened in to Open Session at 9:43 p.m. Denise L. DiFranco announced that one vote was taken to terminate the lease at the Nike Site.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

Submitted by,

Susan M. Dillon,
Town Clerk