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BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
January 9, 2024
6:00 p.m.
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM
SECOND FLOOR, POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MINUTES

At 6:06 p.m. the Board opened its session for Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Present were Colonel Bradford Connor, Chairman Charlie Benson, Vice Chairman Mike Gilbert, Clerk Jim Paolucci, Assistant Solicitor Wyatt Brochu, and Recording Secretary Lisa Ferolito.

1. Call to Order – Board Chairperson
2. Roll Call – Board Clerk (See above)

FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION

1. Chief Peter McMichael to recommend appointments, promotions, transfers and reassignments; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

ACTION: There were no items to discuss this evening. No action was necessary.

2. Chief Peter McMichael to recommend retirements and resignations; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

ACTION: There were no items to discuss this evening. No action was necessary.

3. Discussion on cancer disability process.

Chairman Benson: All I just wanted to do is basically; I had the conversation with Wyatt and Mike, um, this, this. I don't know, Wyatt, if you saw this. I'm wondering if based on this regulation and amendment to section 15, precludes us from, one of our questions - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: I called Mike for that.

Chairman Benson: Because most of the people coming in here for the cancer things are well over 60.

Solicitor Brochu: Right. I left him a message because I wanted to talk to him about that.

Chairman Benson: Okay. Um, so basically, I asked them our questions. Can we send someone for a thing?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Okay.

Chairman Benson: What should we do for any kind of application? So, he was going to look around for any type of applications. He ended up sending this, which I think we're going to have to come up with our own application. From looking at this, how much information do we want on there. Um, so maybe - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: There are a few items that kind of needed to be on there. Um, but from the statute.

Clerk Paolucci: It's a step in the right direction. It kind of puts the burden on them - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: Yeah. So this section right here on page three, that's right out of the statute. This middle one. Where it has those 1, 2, and 3; for firefighters hired after July 22nd. That needs to stay; that's right out of the statute.

Chairman Benson: But that's for firefighters hired after July 22nd, so again, the people we're dealing with, its meaningless, unless we're still on the Board 50 years from now.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: This talks about, there's a question two lines above that says is your disabling condition cancer? So, does cancer in and of itself, to include even skin cancer, any type of cancer. Is that considered full disability under the statute, no matter what. Even a melanoma, which is a form of cancer.

Chairman Benson: The answer to that is yes.

Solicitor Brochu: Well, yes if - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: If it's active, right.

Solicitor Brochu: If it's active, but it has to affect the job function.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I mean, correct me if I'm wrong, but if I've got some skin cancer on my nose that needs to be removed, I might be out of work for a couple of days while they do the surgery and recover, and then I would imagine I could go back to work. That's just a laymen's common sense answer. So, that's one of the things that I'm confused about. The way the statute reads to me, that any form of cancer, if you're a firefighter - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: Well that's the problem. They didn't put in any carve out language.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: You're getting a lifetime disability pension for any form of cancer, no matter what. You can be retired for 20 years, walk in and say I had colon cancer, I was treated ten years ago, but here's the note from my physician and now I want to convert mine to a full disability.

Chairman Benson: I think it still has to be active.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So what has to be active? The cancer?

Chairman Benson: The cancer.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So what is somebody is already retired, because we do a lot of those conversions, right? So all they have to do is walk in with a note saying by the way, I had some skin cancer taken off, I want my pension now converted to a disability. They haven't worked, so you can't even ask the question as to whether or not it's disabling or not. We're certainly not going to send somebody who's already retired for some sort of a physical.

Solicitor Brochu: But I think they would have to show that there's some type of disability. I'm not sure skin cancer would be - -

Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: I've never read any language like that in that statute that talks about it. That's one of the things I'm hoping to get clarified.

Solicitor Brochu: Well there isn't, that's the problem.

Chairman Benson: See, I'd look at it as it's any kind of cancer. Skin cancer, to me, if someone walked in with an active case; if someone walked in and said I had skin cancer five years ago, I don't have it any more but I had it. Under this law, I'm going to get a disability pension. I'm going to dispute that.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What's the difference with someone that came in that had, say, the colon cancer, and had a part of their colon taken out and can still function, and they're cancer free, which we've had those come in front of us. We have notes that literally say I'm treating this person, they're now cancer free, which you want for anybody, and now the question is is that person disabled based on that condition. Now, if it caused them to have a colostomy bag and other things that they can no longer perform the functions of a firefighter, that's clear cut. The way I understand the cancer statute, based on what I've read, and I haven't read it recently, is I don't even think that needs to be specifically spelled out by the applicant, meaning disability. Like on the police side, from the years of doing that side of the house, you

not only had to be able to show it was an on duty related, you also had to show that it was a permanent disability; not ever going to be able to get better, based on all the doctors concurring and all of that, and there's a whole process for that we know. What's making me nervous about approving some of these things is that we have no medical backing of anyone. We've got someone walking in with a note that's shorter than this saying I'm treating so and so for whatever cancer, if it even says that. We're supposed to be making decisions on handing out disability pensions or converting, costing the city lord knows how much. I want to operate within the bounds of the law, and we can certainly sit here and keep approving them willy nilly, but that doesn't seem to me; and we can't seem to get a definitive answer, even you Wyatt, as an attorney for the City.

Solicitor Brochu: Mike does the labor, that's why I refer to him; to keep it in his wheelhouse.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So what did he say Charlie, when you asked him about those questions? About, like again, does it have to be a disability? Does it have to be an active case of cancer? If it was active six months ago, and he's now in remission, is that considered still, is it a once you have cancer you always have cancer? The only thing I seem to know for sure is that the statute spells out any sort of cancer is job related. That I seem to know. Now the next question is, is that, does that trigger an automatic lifetime disability pension that this board has to vote on. I don't know the answer to that. Do you?

Chairman Benson: We didn't discuss that in this latest thing, but from when I've spoken to Mike in the past, and correct me if I'm wrong, I think it's his opinion that if they have cancer, you've got to do it. He said nothing about being disabling.

Solicitor Brochu: That's why we're not even doing the medical reviews.

Clerk Paolucci: If we do this, that will eliminate; if you can do it by law, if you can have them come back in and the doctor says they removed the skin cancer from the tip of his nose, he's been fine, and something happens that that point there.

Chairman Benson: I think that's something we're going to have to deal with at that point there when it comes up. We haven't even had that yet. It's basically been prostate cancer.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Well, it could be anything. Cancer could be anything. It could be prostate, it could be colon, kidney, liver, lung. Like, obviously, I'm sure the intent when they passed those was that firefighters are going to come down with all sorts of different cancers, that, as a result of all the different things they're exposed to, and they want to make sure they're taken care of. I 100 percent support it. But, give us some guidance on, because there's a lot of different types of cancer out there; many of which have nothing to do with the job. But, we're not even going to get into the weeds of trying to say well Wyatt, every single person in your family history has such and such a cancer, so we're going to try and fight and say this is not job related because you're a firefighter, it's because your dad, your grandfather - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: I mean you could. It creates a presumption.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Well that's spelled out in the statute. I'm not even, that's not even something that we really need to figure out; whether the presumption of job related or not. That's not, but what is, is whether or not having cancer at any point, whether it's active or not active; what does active mean? If I'm in remission and I had cancer five years ago, thankfully I treated it and I'm in remission, do I still actively have cancer, or am I cured? Like, I don't mean to belabor this point, but we can't not, I cannot seem to get a definitive answer from anyone as to whether or not; and this form is not going to do it.

Chairman Benson: No, no. This was just if we want to have them fill out something and we state on there, obviously we you fill out the application and we can put on there anything we want. We can also put on there you will need to provide a signed letter from your physician as to the type of cancer, state of the cancer - -

Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: What does the state disability, they have a board similar to ours, that a lot of the firefighters that are in the state pension system would have to go through, correct?

Solicitor Brochu: Correct.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: I don't know. I mean the good news is from that call, Charlie, I did get our rules and regs that I was told didn't exist.

Recording Secretary Ferolito: Who told you that?

Solicitor Brochu: I don't remember. Somebody when we were hired.

Recording Secretary Ferolito: Weird. I have them.

Solicitor Brochu: Well, they're from September of '93, is that the most recent?

Recording Secretary Ferolito: I think I have them more recent than that.

Chairman Benson: That's the rules and regs for the Board of Public Safety?

Recording Secretary Ferolito: For disability pensions?

Solicitor Brochu: Rules and regs regarding disability pensions.

Recording Secretary Ferolito: I think I have a newer one.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: They haven't been revised, even to include getting rid of Baute. That hasn't been updated and revised in I don't know how long. The fact that the city has no one to give us any sort of medical guidance on especially these firefighter cancer disabilities, to me, is beyond troubling. I don't understand how they expect us to - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: We used to send them to medical reviews.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Used to, yeah. I don't remember any of the firefighters being sent for medical reviews since I've been on the Board.

Solicitor Brochu: You said the firefighters, right Charlie?

Chairman Benson: Mmm.

Solicitor Brochu: Why don't we anymore?

Chairman Benson: Oh, they do.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I haven't seen one, there's nothing in terms of cancer diagnosis.

Chairman Benson: No, not cancer, but for all others. But, like you said, this sets up an interesting situation. Number three answers our question. If the Board determines retired from disability, may be able to return to the same or similar position, it shall arrange re-examination. But then, any firefighter presumed to have occupational cancer, is that the new law 45- -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: That's the new law.

Chairman Benson: Okay. Shall recertify the condition once every two years until reaching age 55 or age 60. There's not one who's come in here that that will affect; that we will be able to do it.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: But certifying their condition, I guess that's even part on what we aren't cleared on. What that actually means. Coming in with a note from the Dana Farber Institute, Dr. Wang, saying I'm treating Wyatt for cancer? He's a patient of mine and he's being treated for cancer. That's all they need to come in and certify their condition? It doesn't talk anything about any fitness for duty or whether he would or wouldn't be allowed to return to whatever position he just retired from or is trying to retire from.

Chairman Benson: I don't think they have to. In looking at that law, the way I've looked at it, it is so broad and it is so horrible. There's nothing in there about - -

Clerk Paolucci [Interposing]: I think the biggest question is if it goes from; say they're eligible to retire anyway, so it if it reverts from a disability back into just a regular retirement, I can't see anybody who's been out for 19 years, goes out for five for retirement, they probably don't want him, he probably can't do the job anyway. I could see somebody going out on disability, but then if they fill this out, now the people are working. They work at convenience store, do something, whatever they do, you know light construction; doing something. They're working, they're not disabled anymore. They go on a regular pension.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Yeah, but the language here for when it talks about disabled, is only referring to whether or not they can return function of what they left as; if it's a firefighter, if it's a police officer. When they're talking about whether or not they're disabled, it's from permanently performing the functions of that job that they left as.

Chairman Benson: You can have someone that works on the line crew; I don't know if they have them in Warwick, but in Cranston we had firefighters that were on the line crew. Well, do they go in to fires and all that, no. But, you've got to be able to do every aspect of that job.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Same thing on the police side. Somebody could argue you've got administrative jobs in the police department and they could work and do those. That's not how it works, because when those disability rules and regs were changed years ago, what would happen is said you know what, I'm not going to approve your disability. You can work. I'm going to have you work in records division printing stuff for 8 hours a day, you can work. And then the union got it in the contract to say no, no, no; he has to be able to work full function of a police officer. Everything. Whether or not, regardless of what job he might be in, whether he's a patrolman or whether he's a desk sergeant, it doesn't matter, there's no --

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: There's no light duty.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Right. Not permanently like for a career. You're not going to sit there and assign someone for desk duty, for example, just to keep them working for another 20 years.

Clerk Paolucci: Yeah, when they put the time on the job there's no way that person can say they can't do the job without having a physical.

Chairman Benson: And like for fire, for the fire department; again, another example. It's not the same any more, but when I first came on the job, I ended up in fire alarm dispatching. Well you sit in a chair and you talk. But, you've got to be able to wear a SCT pack, you've got to be able to have 80 pounds on your back. We went through this whole thing with what's his name.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Doar?

Chairman Benson: I was trying to forget his name. It's ingrained in your head.

Clerk Paolucci: So this isn't really --

Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: I'm not worried about the ones that are in their, you know, late 60's, been retired for 20 years and now they're coming in with a note saying they're being treated for prostate cancer or colon cancer or lung cancer. Whatever. Those are a little more clear cut. Where it gets a little bit murky for me is whether or not it should trigger an automatic disability immediately, and whether or not it's active, not active, treatable, not treatable, curable, not curable. Those are all in the weeds answers that none of us seem; I don't know, I certainly don't know. Someone could literally come in with a

melanoma, a form of skin cancer right, and then apply for a disability pension. Then you would grant it based on; I mean I'm just asking, I'm not putting you on the spot.

Chairman Benson: I think so.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Really?

Chairman Benson: If they have actively had skin cancer - -

Clerk Paolucci [Interposing]: If it's in the contract you have to.

Chairman Benson: And because, you know I would look at it and say okay, is there anything in the law that says it has to be disabling. No, not from what I read. It just says if you have cancer. They have the greatest union in the world. Paul Valetta, who got that through, you know - -

Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: But ask yourself this, what about the firefighter or police officer or the public servant who, you know, blows out two knees, blows out a back, has a surgery to fight to come back to work, and then somebody could literally tip toe out the door with skin cancer and be disabled for the rest of their life?

Chairman Benson: Yup.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: That's a slap in the face.

Chairman Benson: Sure is.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I mean like, I know from my own personal experience. The scar on my wrist; I had two tendons severed. I put my hand through a window at a SWAT training. They wanted to send me out on disability. I was like absolutely not. I got a second opinion, had a second surgery, they fixed it thankfully, and I was able to come back to work. Someone's going to walk out of here because they had skin cancer? There's amputees getting their legs blown off going back to Iraq and Afghanistan fighting in the wars when those were going on, and yet somebody could walk out the door on a skin cancer disability. That's where I'm hung up. I'm not hung up on just the cancer per se, I understand that; but, it gets a little bit confusing in terms of whether it's active, not active, and whether it's disabling or not disabling. Those are the things that I'm hung up on because knowing how the process is supposed to be laid out for everyone else in terms of any sort of an injury or an illness. Is it job related and is it disabling, or is it permanently disabling? I can't see how any doctor is going to say to turn around and say well; like my dad just had a hunk of skin taken off the back of his neck, skin cancer, and he's not disabled by any stretch. He can do whatever, he's retired, but he can do whatever he was doing before. We're going to be granting disability pensions based on somebody with skin cancer. That probably is my simplest one that makes me a little bit leery. But, I think that same logic would apply to any form of cancer, and we've talked about some of them. When we get a note saying my patient under my care is cancer free, and yet we're still approving a disability pension because they had it at one point - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: Well that was a question we did ask Mike. Because we brought that up to him and said what happens if it's cured. You have your prostate removed. Mike's opinion, at that time anyway, was you've got to give it to him.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So there is no; so I guess what I want to know from Mike is, and there is no requirement per the statute, that the people that are applying for this, have to show any sort of a permanent disability. I get the presumption that any cancer is considered job related if you're a firefighter, I get that. That's the statute, it is what it is. But is there any sort of a component that says you have to be able to show that your condition is now permanently disabling you from ever being able to be a firefighter. That's what I'm not clear on.

Chairman Benson: And does it have to be active? Because that skin cancer is going to be a good one.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Well, right. Because it's something that could be. Well think about it, any form of cancer, if they God forbid they found out the you had thyroid cancer. Like a small tumor in your thyroid. They remove it, it's gone. You're presumed cancer free unless it shows it shows back up somewhere else in the body. In many cases it doesn't. They take out the piece of the thyroid, or the tumor that's on the thyroid, and hopefully your cancer free. What if it was a female firefighter with breast cancer. They find a lump, God forbid it's breast cancer, she goes through her treatments and surgeries, and whatever, and hopefully she recovers. Now the question is is she permanently disabled? I don't know. When we're talking about the males, but. What about testicular cancer. They take the guys testicles out and the cancer is essentially gone. Is her permanently disabled for the rest of his life. I don't know. I guess that's the question I really want to know is the presumption is pretty clear cut, job related fine - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: You want to know about the retirees. If they are already retired. You want to know, say if the cancer is removed, do they stay on disability.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: That's probably the question I would have. So, like some of these examples of whether it's testicular, whether it's skin cancer, whether it's; you know the ones that are much more clear cut are the ones where a guys got incurable lung cancer and God forbid he's going to pass away. Those are much more clear cut. But, ones where, whether it's testicular cancer, prostate cancer, thyroid cancer, skin cancer; things that are treatable, maybe not curable. Now we're getting into the weeds of medical stuff that I don't have answers to. But, it makes me uncomfortable that we're sitting here making decisions on granting; and I would certainly not want to be the guy that says no, denied. It says right here your cancer free, I'm not going to vote to approve that. If were not on solid legal footing. I want to apply whatever the statute says. I don't understand.

Chairman Benson: Wyatt, this thing right here, the amendment to section 15. This is regarding the rules and regulations for the Board of Public Safety, so that booklet basically that you have.

Solicitor Brochu: Right, that's why I didn't know because this one was '93.

Chairman Benson: Well let me ask you a question. Does this have to approved by the council?

Solicitor Brochu: Well I need to go look at the ordinance, because at least in these regs it didn't say what the amendment process was.

Chairman Benson: Okay, because my question would be can we make amendments to this right here, because of the situation, and say; at least they have to recertify going forward to prove that they still have the active cancer. If that's even a possibility; it doesn't have to be active or not. But are we able, the Board here, able to amend this? I don't know how this gets amended. I don't know the situation, so. Maybe that's something you can check on for us, because then maybe we can just amend our things to put in what we want to put in and then give it for a legal review, to see if it's even legal what we want to do. Then we'll know for sure. All right, so, it's something to think about. We've got some questions for Mike. Should we put this on the agenda, just another little discussion the next time you're here, just - -

Clerk Paolucci [Interposing]: There's also the legal opinion, the medical opinion, I know that we stated that before that it's in the contract.

Solicitor Brochu: What's the processing? If you wanted a medical review on one of those. What's that process?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Yeah. I don't know what the process is, right.

Clerk Paolucci: Their contract states that it doesn't matter, once they have it there's nothing they can do about it. It's in the contract. We're stuck. There's no reason to have a review if you can't change anything.

Chairman Benson: Yeah, it is stupid to have a review, you're right.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Well, we should have access to the collective bargaining for the firefighter's contract. We should be able to get copies of that.

Chairman Benson: But what we're doing has nothing to do with the firefighter's contract.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: It's statutory, right? You're talking about, it's based on the statute.

Chairman Benson: Right. The contract is meaningless, because once they're retired they're not - -

Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: I'm going to have to go back and read the statute. I don't think the statute; the statute doesn't specifically spell out the contract implications. It talks about, it talks about the presumption of cancer. I don't think it spells out, I don't think there's even any language in there that says the firefighter's entitled to a permanent life time disability pension. I don't think it's spelled out in there. I think it just simply clears up as to whether there's a presumption as to whether or not it's job related.

Solicitor Brochu: Right. It addresses the issue, because the firefighters couldn't prove, I don't want to say they couldn't prove, but they say I have lung cancer, it's from my job.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Right. So that's where all of those questions come from. Did you smoke, did you use tobacco, did you dip, did you smoke cigars; because the City is going to turn around and say wait a minute, who says the lung cancer you have is from that, you've been smoking a pack a day for the last ten years. We all know it. But, you're going to try to say it's from the fires that you fought, which, who the hell is going to be able to say that?

Solicitor Brochu: Right.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, I don't know. It's like we leave here with more questions - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: I know, with more questions than we had.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Right?

ACTION: There was no action taken, as this was only a discussion at this point.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION

Board Business Police Department - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action
and/or Vote:

1. The police session minutes of the Board of Public Safety meeting held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 to be submitted for approval.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Colonel Bradford Connor to recommend appointments, promotions, transfers and reassignments;

The following academy trainees were sworn in as Probationary Officers on Thursday, December 21, 2023, effective Monday, December 18, 2023:

Noah J. Kane
Zachary I. Monaghan
Yadira Allen
Ryan A. Valentim

Effective Monday, December 18, 2023. The following assignments will take place:

Probationary Officer Noah J. Kane assigned to the Field Training Officer Program, Uniform Patrol Division.

Probationary Officer Zachary I. Monaghan assigned to the Field Training Officer Program, Uniform Patrol Division.

Probationary Officer Yadira Allen assigned to the Field Training Officer Program, Uniform Patrol Division.

Probationary Officer Ryan A. Valentim assigned to the Field Training Officer Program, Uniform Patrol Division.

Effective Monday, December 25, 2023, the below First-Class Officer was elevated to the rank of Detective:

Thomas W. Greene

Effective 0700 hours, Monday, January 1, 2024, the following assignments will take effect:

Detective Thomas W. Greene assigned to the First Platoon, Detective Division.

Effective 0700 hours, Monday, January 8, 2024, the following temporary transfer will take effect:

Officer Jonathan M. Reiff assigned to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy from Monday, January 8, 2024, through Friday, May 24, 2024.

The following Third-Class Officers will be elevated to Second-Class Officer, effective, Wednesday January 3, 2024:

Zachary J. Coyne

Zachary J. Capaldo

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Colonel Bradford Connor to recommend retirements and resignations; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

Letter of retirement request from Officer James B. Vible. Officer Vible was sworn in to the Department on Sunday, March 14, 2004, and will be retiring effective Sunday, March 17, 2024 with a pension rate of 50.000 percent.

Letter of retirement request from Detective Brenton Groeneveld. Detective Groeneveld was sworn in to the Department on Sunday, November 30, 2003, and will be retiring effective Monday, January 29, 2024 with a pension rate of 50.323 percent.

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ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

All licenses are subject to receipt of all required paperwork, all State and Local permits, and compliance with all stipulations, rules and regulations as required by the Board of Public Safety.

1. Holiday Sales (Owner Change) – New

O-B NYLO Warwick Operator, LLC
d/b/a NYLO
400 Knight Street

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending state taxes. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending state taxes. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Holiday Sales (Transfer – Location) – New

Ulta Salon Cosmetics & Fragrance
d/b/a Ulta Beauty
1245 Bald Hill Road, Unit 2

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building and fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building and fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Second Class Victualer – New

Osaka Hibachi Buffet, Inc.
d/b/a Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet
1245 Bald Hill Road

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building and fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building and fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

4. Game of Chance/Raffle

Kerri Bastien
Warwick Girl Ice Hockey Club
975 Sandy Lane
January 13, 2024
January 20, 2024
February 10, 2024
February 17, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

5. Game of Chance/Raffle

Julie Connors-Costello
Warwick Teachers' Union
25 Week Club
January through April, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

6. Game of Chance/Raffle

Kerri Bastien
Warwick Girl Ice Hockey Club
125 Broad Street
January 24-February 24, 2024 (daily)

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

7. Game of Chance/Raffle

Paul O'Rourke
Special Signal Fire Association
100 Minnesota Avenue
March 25, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

8. Live Entertainment (Inside)

Raymond Brooks
Picasso's Pizza & Pub
2323 Warwick Avenue
January – December, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

9. Outside Seating

Raymond Brooks
Brooks Consulting
Picasso's Pizza & Pub
2323 Warwick Avenue
January – December, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

10. Live Entertainment (Inside)

Iron Works
697 Jefferson Boulevard
January – December, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

11. Outside Seating

Newport Restaurant Group
Iron Works Tavern
300 Metro Center Boulevard
April 15 – October 15, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

12. Live Entertainment (Inside)

Yan Xu
Dine with Us Restaurant Group
d/b/a Lemongrass
1138 Post Road
Comedy Show
Monthly, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building and fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building and fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

13. Live Entertainment (Inside)

Saba Khouri
Sam's Inn
2227 West Shore Road
January – December, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

14. Outside Seating

VFW Post 272
840 West Shore Road
January – December, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

15. Outside Seating

OTB Acquisition
d/b/a On the Border Mexican Grill
650 Bald Hill Road
January – December, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

16. Private Detective (Renewal)

Patrick J. Reardon
Insight Service Group

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

17. Permanent Makeup

Sindia Torres
d/b/a Brows by Sindia
1732 Post Road
(Inside K&A Styles)

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending city taxes. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending city taxes. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

18. Dry Cleaning (Ownership Change) – New

Peter Baffoni
Courtesy Cleaners, Inc.
d/b/a Courtesy Cleaners
3868 Post Road

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building, fire, and city taxes. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, and city taxes. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

19. Honorary Constable (Renewal)

Howard Fleming
169 Carolyn Street

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

20. Honorary Constable (Renewal)

Eugene Kelly
38 Anoka Road

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

21. Honorary Constable (Renewal)

Vincent Confreda
461 Pavilion Avenue

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

22. Vendor (General)

Joe Brito
The Crown Jewel Card Show
Crowne Plaza
January 13, 2024
9:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Vendors

Shannon Hopkins
Brian Forsman
Joseph Brito
Lazaros Xanthopoulos
Gabriel Tutunjian
Jeremy Weikel
Jeff Bastren
Ryan Methia
Trevor DiFillipo
William Whyte
Fred Borelli
Matthew Ryan
Benjamin Butterfield
John Dooley
Christopher Lambros
Michael Murphy
James Murphy
Joshua Knoth
Jack Hoogasian
Stephen Manfredo
John Filleti
Colton Eliassen
Tracey Margeson
Sean McElroy
Evan Thompson
James Pjura
David Shironian

RazRips
Beast & Big Breaks
All Sortz of Sports Store
The Card Board
Gabriel Tutunjian
Jeremy Weikel
JB Collectibles
Ryan Methia
KBboys_401
KTD Sports Cards
FAB Finds
Matthew Ryan
Benjamin Butterfield
Central Sports Cards
Rhody Sports Cards
Michael Murphy
Murph's Card Town & Sports Shop
Joshua Knoth
Bapa Bing Breaks
Wildcard Sportscards
John Q Cards
South Shore Coins & Currency
The Grading Authority
Able & Duncan Collectibles
Thompson Auto Sales, LLC
James Pjura
David Shironian

Robert Gobin
Vincent Letizia
Nicholas Bodell-Knolla
Joe Florio
Ricardo Castillo
Jeremy Di Micco
Orlando Santos
Luigi Santos
Derek Fleming
Scott DeMay
Cameron Schultz
Joseph DeDonato
James Doyle
Maddie Hawkins
Nick Torregrossa
Scott Coleman
Chris Langdon

Robert Gobin
Vincent Letizia
Nicholas Bodell-Knolla
Joe Florio
PVD Collective
Dims
Papa's House of Cards
Luigi Santos
Ladder 133
DeMay's Enterprises, LLC
Cameron Schultz
Premier Sports
Doyle II Cards
Cerulean Sea Creations
New England Pieces
B and S Collectibles
Vintage Vault, LLC

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending BCI checks. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending BCI checks. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

23. Bazaar

Captain Con, 2024
Crowne Plaza
February 2-4, 2024

Vendors

Steven Long
James Galarza
Joy Soares
Jonathan Hammer
Ruth Savage

Baron of Dice
The Crafty Meeple
Geektastic Sundries, LLC
Wolf and Bunny Creations
Mountain Rogues & Farm

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending BCI checks. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending BCI checks. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

24. Discussion and possible action taken regarding Eddies 529 transfer to Johnny Boy's. This transfer was not complete as of December 1, 2023. Question as to if the applicant needs to start a new license application.

Chairman Benson: Did you want to bring us up to date as to what is going on?

Attorney Nick Hemond: Sure. So, I actually happen to be here when your approved the transfer, but I wasn't handling it at the time. So, they have applied for permits to do a renovation of the space. They applied for those permits some time ago.

Mr. John Lane: I've been with an engineer who are going back and forth with the building department. It's taking forever, so I haven't been able to start my, uh, my construction; never mind be finished and get a health inspection or anything.

Attorney Hemond: So that's really the issue. They haven't begun operation because they haven't been able to commence construction. But they've been working diligently on their end to be able to get the building department what they need from the engineers in order for them to begin the buildout. Once they're able to do it, it's probably four months or so until they will be able to open from that point there. I just got brought up on this in the last 48 hours. I don't mean to like suggest that the building department isn't doing everything they should be doing. I have no way of knowing that. I just know that they have had a real challenge in sort of moving the ball down the field with the engineer, on that front. You know, I've had this come up in a couple of, a couple of different times where, you know, usually it's because you transfer in October. Then, boom, you're right into renewal season. I know every board or commission kind of has their own way of dealing with that. Certainly there's no intent to bank the license. They're not just sitting on their hands with an unrealistic business. They're an established restaurant. They have four places and they're trying to open another one in East Greenwich; kind of having the same issue, but on a shorter time frame. They transferred it in November, right as renewal was going on. In some other communities when we've had issues come up like this, we've completed the paperwork component of the renewal, and then had the board, or asked the board to simply suspend their operation until they had their inspections. Now, they've not complied with the paperwork, because their thinking was well we can't get it all and we can't open anyways, so why do it. I don't agree that that's what they should do. I think they should get all of the paperwork in, get the letter of good standing; which obviously won't be hard to do. They haven't done any business in 2023. To get all of the paperwork in to you. Um, and then that's what I've seen other places do. Again, like I said, everybody handles it kind of differently. But our request would be something along those lines. Give us the time we need to be able to; we're happy to come back and update you so it's not just yeah we'll see those guys in four or five months or whatever. Just so you know that we're trying to make some progress. And now that I know that's their issue, I do a lot of land use, I can help them move their, move their building components along so that we can make some progress. They've not waived on their commitment to the project. They intend to open. They'd rather not have to go through the whole licensing process all over again if they don't have to. So whatever we would have to do to show this is not the case of a licensee that can't pay their taxes, or is behind in sales tax, not able to finance their project. That's not where they're at. Whatever we need to show you for your consideration we're certainly able to do.

Chairman Benson: Wyatt, do you have anything.

Solicitor Brochu: What were the conditions when the license was issued, or the transfer was approved?

Chairman Benson: I think you were buying it, right, at that time?

Mr. Lane: I bought the property, yes.

Chairman Benson: Um, and obviously you didn't expect this long of a hold up with everything.

Mr. Lane: Right.

Chairman Benson: I mean I know it's going back a way. Um.

Mr. Lane: The transfer was approved pending all of our inspections and everything else. So I tried to get the CO immediately so that we could get this completed, but they came in and they said you're good, but if you're going to do anything we need you to do it; you can't just get a CO and do whatever you want to do. So I tried to do it by the book, and I said all right we'll wait and do the plans. Then they came in and they asked basically, to fully retrofit the place, it already has a ramp; it was slightly off. So we're building on a brand new handicapped ramp. We had the handicapped woman from the State come in and go through everything, just to make sure that we're fully compliant, even if we were grandfathered in, or whatever, we wanted to get everything fully compliant. That has taken us longer. Even with the engineer going back and forth with the building department, not myself. It's just taking a while to figure out the footers and all that stuff.

Attorney Hemond: I think part of the issue too is that many of the things they're being asked to do, the good citizen just says oh sure, right away. The, I was going to say something I shouldn't say. The less quick to please lawyer would have said well no I don't have to do those things. It's the same use, we didn't change the use, so but for the transfer you would have approved the continued operation of the building as it was. They didn't want to be combative and they just said yes we'll do this, yes we'll do that. It sounds to me as though there were just several months of okay well go and do this, and then they would do it and come back, well now do this, and then they would go and do it and they would come back and it sounds like it just needs to be ushered along.

Solicitor Brochu: Is this under any enforcement action out of building?

Attorney Hemond: No.

Solicitor Brochu: No.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Is there anything in writing or in email form from the building department or any of the city inspectors that you dealt with that - -

Mr. Lane [Interposing]: It's all there in the permit. The notes go back and forth. The last note was today. The engineer resubmitted something different on the footers. It took a while because they wanted to bring in the ADA person from the State, and they weren't available for a while, and they wanted them to come in and actually look at the site. I don't know why, it's been the same thing. In any case, we did it and so now they've just been going back and forth. We're putting in an accordion door, like another glass door to go outside, so we're doing another handicapped ramp. So we'll have two handicapped accessible entrances.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Just nothing from the City? I'm looking for any sort of a paper trail, some sort of email correspondence.

Attorney Hemond: So I think it's all basically through their, in most places they have a Viewpoint system
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Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: Like a portal? Which, of course, we don't have access to, unfortunately.

Attorney Hemond: We can probably print the rundown of the different activities and messages.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I'm just curious to see if they is anything to show from the City telling your client hold off on going through with the transfer and using the building as if you're going to do a renovation.

Attorney Hemond: When they told him....So he's saying I was just going to get the license.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Correct.

Attorney Hemond: And then close and do what I had to do. You're looking to see if there is something from the City in writing saying well you can't do that, right?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Well I'm just curious because that's what he just reported to us as to why the delay occurred; because our question that we're trying to figure out right now is whether or not a liquor license can just sit for a period of time, whether or not it needs to be a new application all together, since the conditions weren't met, maybe not through his own fault. But that's what we're trying to figure out.

Attorney Hemond: Yeah, I think certainly, you know, I don't think that if they were operating and there was a problem with their renewal, that you could let it go for an extended period of time. Uh, I think that the licensing authority in every municipality has; there's nothing to say that you can't do justice where justice requires, right. They're your licenses. They're a privilege held by the other of the licensees. I don't think you could let him operate ad infinitum with a license that he couldn't renew. Sales tax, insurance; those are usually the problems that hold them up. But, you know, I do think certainly in practice, I've seen commissions and boards and councils, as long as the paperwork component was there, say okay we're going to renew the license, but we're going to suspend your ability to use it until inspection, until you provide this, until you provide that. I was involved in quite a bit of that in 2020 and 2021, where with the pandemic, and all of these things that were causing problems. It delayed people in their build out projects. You have one year, to pick up, issue the license after it was granted. You don't have the power to extend that. So, in those circumstances I had appeared and said if you can issue the license, and then suspend it pending the final inspection, the final approval, the final zoning. I don't think there's a statutory restriction that says you can't do that. You have your own counsel, obviously, to do that.

Chairman Benson: Part of the problem though is that we never issued a license. We issued a transfer pending stuff, so technically there hasn't been a license yet.

Solicitor Brochu: Right.

Chairman Benson: Wyatt, I think from talking to Mike in our conversation, we can do basically what we feel is --

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: You can, but I would be interested to see what's going on with building. It seems like a kind of odd fact pattern, but you approved the transfer. The license technically didn't transfer because the conditions weren't met. Again, I don't, I'm trying to go from recollection here.

Attorney Hemond: It hasn't issued because he never got the final inspections.

Solicitor Brochu: So he never got the final; so that license expired. Could we retroactively renew? Possibly. I think we need to hear from the other city departments though, as to what's going on. I mean I'm not disputing anything you're saying, I just think we need to hear from - -

Attorney Hemond [Interposing]: And like I said, we're not trying to bury any city department - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: No, we understand.

Attorney Hemond: Warwick is a good place to do business.

Chairman Benson: We can't renew anything though. I would think our only choice would be, because we can't renew that license, because it's the former owner's license. So, he would have to renew it.

Solicitor Brochu: That's why I was asking if they were still operating or not, under the old license.

Mr. Lane: No, we're not.

Solicitor Brochu: No, if the transferor - -

Attorney Hemond [Interposing]: Do you have a cap on licenses?

Mr. Lane: Nobody's operating there.

Chairman Benson: No, we don't.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: You mean in terms of - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: The number, no we don't.

Attorney Hemond: So, we're going through the same problem in East Greenwich, which has their cap that they're at. So, North Providence, East Greenwich, Cranston, sometimes Cranston; you get to the limit and then you've got to wait for someone in line.

Colonel Connor: Yeah, no, we've never had that. Now it begs a question; if the transfer is dead, and the transfer would have been pending building, fire, health, city and state tax. If you apply for a new license, what's the difference? You would approve the new license at the next meeting after the application

process, and you would be approved pending all of those same things that you're working on. Is it a cost issue, and I don't know this answer. Is it a cost difference to transfer as opposed to a new liquor license?

Recording Secretary Ferolito: I'm pretty sure it is, yeah.

Colonel Connor: I'm not sure of the difference.

Recording Secretary Ferolito: I'm not sure of what the difference is, but I'm pretty sure it's different.

Colonel Connor: It sounds like your months away from opening.

Attorney Hemond: The only benefit of a transfer, obviously, is that if you have neighbors who object, the neighbors can't block a transfer like they can do with a new license with the remonstrance.

Clerk Paolucci: I believe that's the only difference. I mean, the cost is the same. It's the same cost every year. I think it's just the notification, the 200 foot radius - -

Attorney Hemond [Interposing]: We'd have to re-notice the abutters, we'd have to do the mail outs. I was at the hearing, like I said, and I believe there were two neighbors, I think a husband and wife that were here that weren't really fire and brimstone, they just were - -

Colonel Connor [Interposing]: No, I think they were satisfied after the explanation.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: That brings up an interesting point; because when that transfer request was heard, and that process that happened with the abutters came in and spoke up against it, initially spoke against it and then seemed like they were in favor based on your client's answers. They were satisfied. Now, there's somewhat of a change in plans, based on what you're telling us. You're doing construction, changing the layout of the building, it may change whether or not if any of the abutters feel differently.

Mr. Lane: Someone could have sold the house I don't know about, and there could be a new neighbor.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Understood.

Chairman Benson: Are you changing the size of the building?

Mr. Lane: No. They had the patio that was out there. I'm just making a door that leads out into the parking lot.

Chairman Benson: On the side one? Like, when you're looking at the building, that thing on the left?

Mr. Lane: The south facing wall. Looking out towards the parking lot.

Chairman Benson: Where they have the big, the brick; the big stone thing. That's your patio area, correct?

Mr. Lane: Yeah, they have some stone.

Chairman Benson: Is that where you're talking about? The doors going there to go outside to that patio?

Mr. Lane: Yes.

Chairman Benson: So that's the only difference?

Mr. Lane: That's the only difference, but then they asked that I do another ramp. So, it will be the doors, deck, and then they're asking that another ramp go out; so we'll have the front handicapped ramp and the second handicapped ramp.

Attorney Hemond: So if he comes in for a new license, and suddenly there's a remonstrance, he loses the benefit of the transaction, basically, which is a risk. You've already found the business to be fit to hold a license. So, they can come in and yell and scream about fitness all they want. Not to be disrespectful to their objection, but if they came in and said you're not fit to hold a license because I don't like your blue shirt, unless they present you with different facts, you can't make a different decision on different facts. The only risk is now that if there is 50.1 percent of the people opposing it, they would have a problem, because you don't need a good reason to object. We, obviously, would rather not have to go through the whole process again, because it's not a situation where they're incapable, unable, struggling with finances, not paying their taxes; it's just the realities of trying to move a construction project forward. But, if that's the way we have to go, you know we can respect that.

Chairman Benson: The one thing we'd point out, though, you don't have to worry about if you do go for a new license; I know there's some things that you're worried about. There's no cap, so that would not, you would not be - -

Mr. Lane [Interposing]: Yeah, I would be a lot more worried if there were a cap.

Chairman Benson: You do not have to worry about anything along those lines. We know the situation. I do know some of your frustration, because we had the same problem with those people up in the Oakland Beach area. I went to the guy's place before the meeting, and he had gotten the run around from the building department for quite a while, and it took them a long time to open. He was near a marina and wanted obviously to have it for the summer, and they ended up kind of getting the run around until the summer was over.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I would make a recommendation that we table this; and as far as taking action tonight, give you an opportunity to submit a letter with any correspondence from the city, any updated report from the building department, and recommendations that may or may not have changed. Obviously, our attorney can review it and really give us a definitive answer on whether or not this license is - -

Solicitor Brochu [Interposing]: Lisa, can we get the minutes from the first meeting?

Recording Secretary Ferolito: Yes.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: We can take a look at the minutes from the last meeting and also get a legal opinion from our solicitor as to whether or not there needs to be a new application period or not. If there's not, I personally wouldn't be opposed to your initial recommendation of keep the approval in place pending, and then just suspend pending. That's reasonable, but I don't want to make that. I'm just making a recommendation for you - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: No, I was thinking along the same guidelines. Even if we did it six months at a time, so it would give enough time to do something like that. But it would be good to have that other information in front of us. That would be kind of the direction that I would be leaning in as well. We've never really had this situation before, so, it's kind of new to us.

Attorney Hemond: We've had it two days in a row. Much more pleasant experience here.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to table this item until March 12, 2024. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 6:40 p.m. the Board entered into Closed Session.

At 6:46 the Board re-entered Regular Session and sealed the minutes.

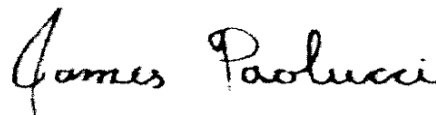
POLICE EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Board Business - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote; Possible Motion(s) to convene into Closed/Executive Session; The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (3) regarding matters of security – Applications pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 11-47-11 and City of Warwick Ordinance Article IV, Division 1, Sec. 6-72: Concealed Carry Weapon Permit. Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote from Executive Session concerning the following Applications:

- a. Applicant 1 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (**NEW - EXECUTIVE**)

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 7:10 this meeting was adjourned.



James Paolucci, Clerk