

## **FCC issues list Oct/Nov/Dec 2023**

### **OCTOBER 2023**

October 3, council president Christopher Beauchamp talking about city council issues. Issues included the establishment of the dignity bus to house homeless people. The debate on selling water to the town of North Smithfield. should the All Saints property be used for a public safety complex?

October 4, mayor lisa baldelli-hunt appears to talk to the city issues.

She updates on the Cass Park athletic complex. Update on the Woonsocket education center on Main Street, update on the spending of pandemic federal funding to the city of Woonsocket. Status of contract with the firefighters union.

October 11, Laura McNamara, Director of community engagement for the Blackstone Valley tourism Council. How the tourism Council identifies attractions in the area that would bring people to visit and spend money here with local businesses.

October 17, Thomas Kogut, associate administrator of the Rhode Island division of Public utilities and carriers. Among the topics discussed rates for electricity and gas in Rhode Island, the regulation of cable television and the regulation of water rates and other public utilities.

October 24, Gabe Armo, candidate for Congress in the first congressional district. (Democrat). Among the issues discussed were protecting Social Security cuts by Republicans. also protecting reproductive freedom and getting federal funds for Rhode Island projects.

October 31, Gerry Leonard, republican candidate for Congress in the first congressional district. He proposes ensuring a strong military to protect the country, control of artificial intelligence and technology and protection of the first and second amendment to the constitution. we also spoke on the security of Ukraine with American military financial support.

### **NOVEMBER 2023 (Mayor of Woonsocket resigns)**

November 21, SCOTT MCGEE member of one socket city council.

Discusses the sudden resignation of the mayor and where the city is headed with this development. Building up a animal shelter remains one of his top priorities.

November 22, new mayor of the city of Woonsocket Christopher Beauchamp and public works

Director Stephen D'Agostino.

Among the topics discussed homeless encampments, wastewater treatment plant improvements, Cass Park restoration area project, the Synagro sewage treatment plant monitoring.

November 23, Timothy Draper, senior vice president of Navigant credit Union speaking on the issue of Internet fraud. Among the issues discussed with credit card fraud, telephone scams, Internet phishing scams and protecting financial identity fraud. passwords were also discussed and how to use them effectively.

November 28, newly elected council president John Ward. Among the issues discussed were why the council uses executive sessions. continued investigation into the land transaction that caused the former mayors resignation. The need for a Public safety complex to be built using American rescue recovery funds. Should the city keep the current Director of planning since he was involved in the secret land deal that caused the former mayor's resignation. Should the city sell land to the mayoral Academy for establishment of a charter school in the city.

#### DECEMBER 2023

December 1, former city Council member James Cournoyer speaking on the developments of the mayor resigning. Cournoyer raises the questions who else was responsible at City Hall for the secret buying of land on Mendon Road which caused the resignation of the mayor once it was revealed.

December 5, councilmember Brian Thompson discussing Woonsocket city issues. Should the city sell property to the mayoral Academy, I plan to reduce the salary of the city planner due to his involvement in the land scandal, allocating extra money to the one socket senior center for its programs.

December 6, Woonsocket human services Director Michael Houle speaking on issues of services provided to the community. Houle spoke about services to the homeless community, services to the elderly community for repairs to their property, services of providing shelter in the community including the dignity bus. He also spoke on federal grants from the city for home improvements to those who cannot afford them at their property.

December 7, United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island, Zachary Cunhna. How this office works with state and local law-enforcement agencies and investigating crimes of a federal nature. how do United States attorneys plays a role in suing big drug companies for overcharging prescription medicine. How the US attorney participates in preventing Internet fraud of a federal nature. How do US attorney participates in fighting gang violence in the district. explanation of the



US attorneys safe neighborhoods program and how it relates to individual cities and towns in Rhode Island.

December 12, interview with Woonsocket council president John Ward. Among the issues discussed was transition of city government with a new mayor in office. Discussion of the homeless encampment issues in Woonsocket. discussion of the future status of the planning Director and his role in the recent land transactions scandal. Should he be fired or disciplined. Making sure that the cities American rescue funds are budgeted for spending before December 31, 2024.

December 13, interview with Woonsocket mayor Christopher Beauchamp. The mayor is total support of keeping the current planning Director in his place due to the extremely necessary role he plays in the ongoing projects that he is developing. A discussion of the new mayors adjustment to his office since it was an unplanned situation due to the resignation of the former mayor. A discussion of the YMCA's decision to close and therefore not have use of its swimming pool. A plan is being formulated to make sure that the pool continues to be available to local residents. The mayor plans on moving forward with projects from the former administration including the development of Cass Park Athletic facility and establishing a new city Public safety complex.

December 19, interview with councilmember David Soucy  
The council will continue to work with the new mayor for continuity of city government. He will continue to work on issues like homelessness and finding apartments with reasonable rents.

December 20 interview with Woonsocket public works Director Stephen D'Agostino. He will continue to work on the Cass Avenue athletic complex, the wastewater treatment plant updates and the Synagro sludge burning plant issue. In addition to making sure that the city is prepared for the coming winter weather. he will continue to oversee the building of a new public Works facility.

December 26, interview with councilmember Bryan Thompson.  
He discussed his resolution to cut the pay of the planning Director as a recognition of his role in the scandal situation. He also expressed his concern of how charter schools are taking students away from public schools and what that means to the taxpayers in Woonsocket in the future.

December 26 interview with council candidate Daniel Gendron  
He indicated that with his experience from being the former council president he could make a smooth transition if elected in March to carry on the business of city government. He's also got experience and how to put together a budget in this would be very helpful if voters elected him during the special election on March 5, 2024.

December 26 interview with council candidate Christopher Mellon.

Credentials include being a Marine Corps veteran, working in the Obama White House on Internet security and just wanting to be a part of Woonsocket government with no political strings attached.

December 27, governor of the state of Rhode Island Daniel McKee interview. The governor updated the situation on the Washington bridge closure in on route interstate 95. We talked about checking all the bridges throughout the state to make sure that they are safe for vehicle travel. He also said the soccer stadium complex is coming along in Pawtucket as well as the so-called Superman building in Providence still scheduled for rehabilitation. He also discussed the problem of the lack of inventory of housing in Rhode Island and how the department of housing is going to address it in 2024. He also talked about Internet fraud and how it is being monitored and how the state police, Attorney General's office and the department of consumer affairs is taking a constant interest in protecting Rhode Islanders from Internet and telephone fraud. The Governor also updated residents on the Route 146, Sales Hill Rd., Reconstruction project which is a vital link between Massachusetts and Rhode Island and of vital interest to thousands of motorists daily.