

**Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting
("Closing Statement") Under the Open Meetings Act
(General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting:

Date: **August 13, 2024** Time: **~7:30p** Location: **Virtual Zoom Town Council meeting**
Motion to close meeting made by: **Peter Nagrod**
Seconded by **Eva Patrone**
Members in favor: **Gilmore, Grisham, Nagrod, Patrone, Raimondo, Warfield**
Opposed: **none**
Abstaining: **none**
Absent: **none**

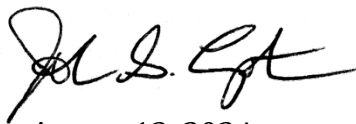
2. Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply):

This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only per purpose: (14) To discuss, before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

3. For each provision cited above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (include #)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§ 3-305(b) (14)	To discuss the contents of a proposal before a contract is awarded.	To aid in award of a stormwater management contract using the available funds, separate closed sessions will be held with bidders to protect the competitive bidding process. This Q&A session will be held with the SMI Environmental team regarding details of their proposal. A closed session with Biohabitats was held on July 30,2024.

4. This statement is made by **John G. Compton, Mayor and Presiding Officer.**



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