

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

This meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders 20-46 and 20-93. All members of the Budget Board participated via zoom. Members of the public were invited to listen and/or participate in the meeting, as required, by the means listed on the posted agenda.

MEMBERS: Nathan St. Pierre, Chair, Judy Aubin, Vice Chair, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault, Tom Rambacher, and alternate member Michael Lamoureux.

Other Members Present: Leslie McGovern, Finance Director, Rose Doughty, Treasurer, Meghan Cyr, Executive Assistant to the Treasurer and Christine Mulligan, Deputy Treasurer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2020; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.
  - **Motion** by Karen Francisco. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin. The vote was unanimous.
2. Election of officers.
  - **Motion** by Robert Tetreault to nominate Nathan St. Pierre for the position of Chairman of the Budget Board. **Seconded** by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.
  - **Motion** by Karen Francisco to nominate Judy Aubin for the position of Vice Chairman of the Budget Board. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
  - **Motion** by Judy Aubin to nominate Karen Francisco for the position of Secretary of the Budget Board. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
3. Consider and act on Special Appropriations:

The Budget Board met with representatives from various organizations requesting special appropriations for the 2020 fiscal year. The following organizations requested funds:

Organization	Amount Requested
Burrillville Allied Veterans Council	\$ 1,200.00
Burrillville Art Festival Association	\$3,500.00
Burrillville Historical & Preservation Society	\$ 2,600.00
Burrillville Veteran's Service Officer	\$ 1,500.00
Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Assn.	\$ 2,000.00
Glocester Senior Center	\$6,000.00
Burrillville Economic Development Partnership f/k/a - Industrial Foundation of Burrillville	\$4,000.00
Northern RI Conservation District	\$500.000
Pascoag Free Public Library	\$84,500.00
Senior Services, Inc. D.B.A. Aging Well	\$ 10,000.00
Sojourner House	\$ 2,500.00

The Samaritans of Rhode Island	\$ 500.00
Tri-Town Community Action Agency	\$ 10,000.00
WellOne	\$0.00
Wildlife Rehabilitators	\$729.00

- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to request a special appropriations organizations that did not attend via zoom submit information regarding any Covid related grants being applied for or any monies expected from a pending grant. **Seconded** by Tom Rambacher, with an amendment adding potential resources for the organizations.

Tom Rambacher withdrew his amendment.

Discussion continued regarding the importance of aide coming from grants for the FY22 budget, a conclusion was reached that it is unnecessary information.

Judy Aubin withdrew her motion for additional information regarding any Covid grants. Tom Rambacher also withdrew his second on the motion.

- **Motion** by Robert Tetreault to level fund Aging Well – Senior Services at \$7,000. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to level fund the Allied Veterans at \$1,200. **Seconded** by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher to level fund the Town Service Officer at \$1,500. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to level fund the Burrillville Arts festival at \$3,000. **Seconded** by Karen Francisco, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher to level fund the Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Association at \$2,000. **Seconded** by Karen Francisco, voted in favor of the motion were Tom Rambacher and Nathan St.Pierre. Opposed was Robert Tetreault, Judy Aubin and Karen Francisco, motion failed.
- **Motion** by Karen Francisco to fund the DPNA at \$1,500.00. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to level fund the Glocester Senior Center at \$6,000.00. **Seconded** by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to fund the Historical Society at \$2,000. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to level fund the Northern Rhode Island Conservation Commission at \$500.00. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** to level fun the Samaritians at \$500.00. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.
- **Motion** to recommend \$1,500 for the Sojourner House. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to level fund Tri-County at \$7,500. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Judy Aubin for \$0 for Well One as they have requested 0. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Discussion regarding Well One and their request for \$0. Acknowledgment and respect that the organization stepped up and sent notice that they did not need any appropriations this year, will mention this in the memo to the Town Manager.

- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to fund the Wildlife Rehabilitators for \$0. There was no second, motion failed.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher to fund the Wildlife Rehabilitators at \$500, **seconded** by Robert Tetreault. There was a discussion regarding what they actually do as an organization and what the funds are used for.
- Tom Rambacher rescinded his motion, Robert Tetreault rescinded his second.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher to table the discussion on the Wildlife Rehabilitators until more information is provided. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

4. Other Business

- Elections that took place at tonight's meeting are to last for this budget season and there will be another election at the end of this budget board season.
- Next week's meeting will be two nights, Wednesday and Thursday and will be with various Town Department heads. Department heads will be limited to 15 minute windows for their presentation.
- There is still an opening on the Budget Board this year for a new alternate.

5. **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

**Motion** by Tom Rambacher. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin. The vote was unanimous.

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Karen Francisco, Secretary

Minutes Approved    Date: \_\_\_\_\_