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For items 21-040 through 21-043
Amended 2/22/2021
Amended to remove item 21-036 under New Business
and add item 21-044 under Additional New Business

REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville to be held Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Wallace F. Lees Public Safety Complex, 1477 Victory Highway, Oakland, RI.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders 20-46 and 21-10. Members of the Burrillville Town Council will be participating in person or remotely via Zoom. Members of the public can listen and/or participate in the meeting, as required, by the means listed below:

Meeting ID: 867 4606 7303 **Password:** 992517

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86746067303?pwd=dzY0d0pxN2dmOG1iN2VaMEVmSUZvdz09>

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PRESENT: Council President Donald A. Fox and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Dennis M. Anderson, Jeremy P. Bailey, Justin P. Batalon, Amanda K. Gingell and Raymond J. Trinque

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2.** That the question of accepting the minutes of the regular meeting held February 10, 2021; and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes be now taken up.
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville**
- 5. Special Business to be considered and acted on:** None
- 6. Unfinished Business to be considered and acted on:**
 - 21-002 Consider and act on a request from the Burrillville Sewer Commission for the Town Council to support projects and pass a resolution giving permission to borrow a sum not to exceed five million dollars for the financing of the projects; or take any other action thereon.
 - 21-034 Consider and act on a request from the City of Cranston and the Town of North Providence for support of their resolutions requesting the Governor and the RI General Assembly adjust public health guidelines and executive orders that are harming Rhode Island's small business community.
- 7. Petitions:** None

8. Public Hearings:

- 21-035 Proposed amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, amending Sec. 25-48 Tax levy and stabilization, by adding properties to tax stabilization areas in Harrisville Village and Pascoag Village District A.

Note: Notice of the public hearing was advertised in The Woonsocket Call on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

- A. Comments/Input/Recommendations from the Ordinance Subcommittee
- B. Comments/Input/Recommendation by Administration – Solicitor, Town Manager
- C. Proponents
- D. Opponents
- E. Closure of the public hearing
- F. Town Council Deliberation
- G. Consider and act on adopting amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, amending Sec. 25-48 Tax levy and stabilization, by adding properties to tax stabilization areas in Harrisville Village and Pascoag Village District A.
- H. Motion to adjourn the public hearing

9. New Business to be considered and acted on:

- ~~21-036 Consider and act on correspondence from Town Council President Donald A. Fox requesting a discussion of current recreational land use of properties owned and/or managed by the Burrillville Land Trust and the Burrillville Conservation Commission; or any other action taken thereon.~~
- 21-037 Correspondence from Richard Dionne, Chair of the Burrillville Conservation Commission regarding the resignation of Mike Scurka from the Conservation Commission.
- 21-038 Correspondence from Councilor Dennis M. Anderson, Chair of the Screening Subcommittee regarding the Subcommittee’s recommendations, as follows:
- A. Richard Polacek as a member of the Board of Administration to complete an unexpired four-year term to expire July 24, 2023;
 - B. Leslie Bowen as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024;
 - C. Gregory Devlin as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024;
 - D. Jose Pedro as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024;

- E. Paul A. MacDonald as a member of the Personnel Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024;
- F. Tony Wood as an alternate member of the Personnel Board to serve a one-year term to expire January 31, 2022;
- G. Christopher Desjardins as a member of the Planning Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024;
- H. Bruce Ferreira as a member of the Planning Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024;
- I. Stephen E. Foy as a member of the Planning Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2024;
- J. George J. Lough, III as an alternate member of the Redevelopment Agency to serve a two-year term to expire March 31, 2023;
- K. Mark D. Farrar as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Review to serve a one-year term to expire March 31, 2022;
- L. Giovanna Patriarca as member of the Zoning Board of Review to serve a five-year term to expire March 31, 2026.

Legislation:

- 21-039 Consider and act on requests for support of municipal resolutions, as follows:
 - A. Resolution of the Town of Charlestown supporting Beverage container Deposit and Recycling Act of 2021;
 - B. Resolution of the Town of Charlestown supporting and act relating to miniature alcoholic beverage container deposit recycling;
 - C. Resolution of the City of Central Falls urging the General Assembly to pass the misdemeanor reclassification for the protection of immigrant families;
 - D. Resolution of the City of Central Falls urging the General Assembly to pass the Civics Literacy Act.

10. Town Clerk/Communication to be considered and acted on:

- 21-040 Correspondence from Martin D. Wencek, Program Supervisor, Freshwater Wetlands Program, Office of Water Resources, RI DEM regarding wetlands application 20-0143 in reference to the property located approximately 50 feet west of Bethany Lane, approximately 1440 feet southwest of the intersection of Bethany Lane and Reservoir Road (Map 264, Lot 005-22).

- 21-041 Consider and act on a motion to receive and file the notice from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding receipt of application from One Drop Hydro, LLC for their proposed Manville Dam Project; or take any other action thereon.
- 21-042 Notice of a public hearing from the Town of North Smithfield Zoning Board of Review regarding an application for a special use permit for commercial ground mounted solar voltaic systems planned on a property located at North Smithfield AP 10, lots 218 and 24.
- 21-043 Consider and act on a motion to receive and file the Rhode Island Shelter Coordination Plan from the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency; or take any other action thereon.

11. Reports A – U to be received:

- A) Animal Control Officer: Report of December 2020 and January 2021
- B) Board of Canvassers: Meeting of December 15, 2020 and January 11 and 26, 2021
- C) Budget Board: No report
- D) Building Official: Report of December 2020
- E) Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors: No report.
- F) Burrillville Extended Care: Report of January and February 2021
- G) Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition: Meeting of January 6, 2021
- H) Conservation Commission: No report
- I) Finance Department: Treasurer and Tax Collector: Report of December 2020 and January 2021
- J) Housing Authority: No report
- K) Jesse M. Smith Library Board of Trustees: Meeting of December 10, 2020 and January 14, 2021
- L) Ordinance Subcommittee: No report.
- M) Personnel Board: Meeting of December 8, 2020 and January 12, 2021
- N) Planning Board: Meeting of January 4 and January 9, 2021
- O) Planning Department: No report
- P) Police Department: Report of December 2020 and January 2021
- Q) Recreation Commission: No report
- R) Redevelopment Agency: Meeting of November 24, 2020
- S) School Committee: Meeting of December 8, 2020
- T) Screening Subcommittee: Meeting of January 19, 2021
- U) Sewer Commission: Reports of October, November and December 2020, January 2021

12. Additional new business:

- 21-044 Consider and act on a motion to adopt a resolution requesting the State to place on hold any immediate plans to alter Zambarano Hospital operations and to meet with the Town directly to explore options and alternatives to retain full services at Zambarano; or take any other action thereon.

13. Adjournment

The Town of Burrillville will provide accommodations needed to ensure equal participation. Please contact the Burrillville Town Clerk at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting it. A request for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401) 568-4300 (voice) or "via RI Relay 1-800-745-5555" (TTY).