

REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville to be held Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Burrillville Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council President Donald A. Fox and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Dennis M. Anderson, Jeremy P. Bailey, Justin P. Batalon, David Houle and Raymond J. Trinqu

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville**
4. **Consent Agenda to be considered and acted on:**

Note: All items on the consent agenda shall be acted on as one item and equivalent to taking the proposed action on each item individually.

- 24-042 Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2024; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.
- 24-043 Receive and file the notice to abutters from BETA Group Inc. regarding their intent to conduct a site investigation at 120 Mapleville Main Street and 120 New Street.
- 24-044 Receive and file the notice from National Opioid Settlements that payments have been made to Burrillville from CVS, Walmart and Walgreens.
- 24-045 Refer to the Screening Subcommittee the following applications:
  - Paul MacDonald for reappointment to the Personnel Board;
  - Ronald Lapierre, Paul Menard and Roberta Lacey for reappointment to the Conservation Commission;
  - Lisa Rabideau and Jason Rhodes for appointment to the Burrillville 250 Commission.
- 24-046 Approve the following as recommended by the Screening Subcommittee:
  - Appointment of Michael E. Gingell as a member of the Burrillville 250 Commission;
  - Reappointment of Bruce Ferreira as a member of the Planning Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2027;
  - Reappointment of Stephen Foy as a member of the Planning Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2027;

- Reappointment of Joshua Razez as a member of the Planning Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2027;
- Reappointment of James Langlois as a member of the Redevelopment Agency to serve a five-year term to expire March 31, 2029;
- Reappointment of Mary Leach as an alternate member of the Redevelopment Agency to serve a two-year term to expire March 31, 2026;
- Reappointment of George Lough III as a member of the Redevelopment Agency to serve a five-year term to expire March 31, 2029;
- Reappointment of Erika Doherty as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Review to serve a one-year term to expire March 31, 2025;
- Reappointment of Mark Farrar as a member of the Zoning Board of Review to serve a five-year term to expire March 31, 2029;
- Reappointment of Tracy Keegan as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Review to serve a one-year term to expire March 31, 2025.

**5. Special Business to be considered and acted on: None**

24-047 Application from St. Patrick Church for special event victualing and entertainment licenses, and a class F liquor license, to apply at 45 Harrisville Main Street (Map 143, Lot 042), for their Spring Dinner Dance on April 6, 2024.

**6. Petitions to be considered and acted on: None**

**7. Unfinished Business to be considered and acted on: None**

**8. Public Hearings: None**

**9. New Business to be considered and acted on:**

24-048 Consider and act on approving the fiscal year ending 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; or take any other action thereon.

24-049 Consider and act on receiving and filing the fiscal year ending 2023 single audit report; or take any other action thereon.

24-050 Consider and act on correspondence from Paul Roselli, Chair of the Burrillville Land Trust, requesting the Town Council consider asking the Rhode Island General Assembly to rescind new land use laws enacted on January 1, 2024; or take any other action thereon.

24-051 Consider and act on correspondence from Nicole Stockwell, Deputy Town Planner, regarding submitting an application for a grant to DEM for a Vactor truck; or take any other action thereon.

- 24-052 Consider and act on correspondence from Nicole Stockwell, Deputy Town Planner, regarding submitting an application for a grant to DEM for the Spring Lake Road culvert project; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-053 Consider and act on a recommendation from Leslie McGovern, Finance Director, regarding bonds for the Necessity of School Construction Projects; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-054 Consider and act on a request from Leslie McGovern, Finance Director, regarding funds for the Route 102 Water Loop and Sewer Expansion project; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-055 Consider and act on a request from Burrillville Aging Stronger for funding for a Retired Veterans & First Responders Luncheon Event; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-056 Consider and act on a request from resident Jacek Wilinkiewicz to speak to the Town Council regarding various complaints or issues with the police department; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-057 Consider and act on a request from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, to refer the review of the sick leave policy for department heads and non-union administrative staff to the Ordinance Subcommittee; or take any other action thereon.

**Legislation:**

- 24-058 Consider and act on a request from Vicki T. Martin, Town Clerk, to adopt a resolution in support of legislation to amend the public notice requirements for Burrillville; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-059 Consider and act on adopting a resolution in opposition to legislation that makes several amendments to the Access to Public Records Act; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-060 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Hopkinton in opposition to House Bill 2024 – H 7062 related to accessory dwelling units; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-061 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Middletown increasing the allowance for reimbursement for new library construction; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-062 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Middletown in support of fully funding state aid to libraries to the full twenty-five (25) percent; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-063 Consider and act on legislation pending before the Rhode Island General Assembly; or take any other action thereon.

**10. Town Clerk/Communication to be considered and acted on:** None

**11. Reports A – X to be received:**

- A) Affordable Housing Board: No Report
- B) Animal Control Officer: Report of January 2024
- C) Board of Canvassers: Minutes of October 10, 2023 & January 23, 2024

- D) Budget Board: No Report
- E) Building Official: Report of January 2024
- F) Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors: No Report
- G) Burrillville Extended Care: No Report
- H) Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition: No Report
- I) Conservation Commission: No Report
- J) Finance Department: Reports of October, November & December 2023
- K) Housing Authority: No Report
- L) Jesse M. Smith Library Board of Trustees: Minutes of December 13, 2023
- M) Ordinance Subcommittee: No Report
- N) Personnel Board: No Report
- O) Planning Board: Minutes of January 8, 2024
- P) Planning Department: Report of January 2024
- Q) Police Department: Report of January 2024
- R) Recreation Commission: Minutes of December 11, 2023
- S) Redevelopment Agency: Minutes of November 28, 2023
- T) School Committee: Minutes of January 9, 2024
- U) Screening Subcommittee: Minutes of January 16, 2024
- V) Senior Housing Exploratory Committee: No Report
- W) Sewer Commission: Minutes of January 9, 2024
- X) Zoning Board: No Report

**12. Additional new business to be considered and acted on:**

24-064 Request for executive session:

- A. Request for executive session from Councilor Jeremy P. Bailey pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meetings Law §42-46-5(a)(2) for discussion, consideration and possible action relative to litigation regarding Covid 19 pandemic mandates and directives from the State of Rhode Island; or take any other action thereon.
- B. Return to open session.
- C. Consider and act on sealing the minutes of executive session, making note of any votes taken.
- D. Consider and act on disclosing any votes taken in executive session, as appropriate.

**13. Adjournment**

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*All supporting documents (except for executive session items) are on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and are available to the public upon request. 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).*