

REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville to be held Wednesday, March 27, 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. Trinque

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.

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| 24-083 | Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2024; and dispense with the reading of said minutes. |
| 24-084 | Receive and file the notice from RI Department of Housing regarding the Town tentatively being selected for an award of a grant. |
| 24-085 | Declare surplus items previously used by the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library as requested by Beth Ullucci, Library Director. |
| 24-086 | Approve the following as recommended by the Screening Subcommittee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of Lisa Rabideau as a member of the Burrillville 250 Commission;• Appointment of Jason Rhodes as a member of the Burrillville 250 Commission;• Reappointment of Paul A. MacDonald as a member of the Personnel Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2027;• Reappointment of Paul L. Menard as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2027;• Reappointment of Ronald L. Lapierre as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2027;• Reappointment of Monique DeRoche as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2027;• Reappointment of Roberta Lacey as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2027. |

5. **Special Business to be considered and acted on:**

- 24-087 Consider and act on adopting a proclamation to honor the Burrillville Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- 24-088 Consider and act on adopting a proclamation declaring April 28 through May 4, 2024 as National Small Business Week; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-089 Consider and act on a resolution in support of Governor Daniel J. McKee’s Litter-Free Rhode Island campaign; or take any other action thereon.

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:

- 24-090 Presentation by the Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition Coordinator Monica Blanchette and Burrillville Addiction Assistance Program Coordinator Brandy Bates to update the Council on the status of their programs.
- 24-091 Presentation from Beth Ullucci, Library Director; Monica Blanchette, BPAC Coordinator; and the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Rhode Island to provide an update on Burrillville’s Learn365RI grant.
- 24-092 First reading of proposed amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, as amended, Chapter 4 entitled *Animals* and Chapter 11 entitled *Courts*; and consider scheduling a public hearing.
- 24-093 Consider and act on a recommendation from the Ordinance Subcommittee regarding updates to the Sick Leave Policy for Department Heads and Non Union Administrative Staff; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-094 Consider and act on proposed amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, as amended, *Sec. 8-55 Class B and C license rules* in response to the recently passed Outdoor Dining Act; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-095 Consider and act on a request from Councilor David Houle to rescind the vote taken on February 14, 2024 to refer his request for amendments to *Sec. 2-26 Conduct of town council meetings* to the Ordinance Subcommittee; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-096 Consider and act on a request to enter into an access and use agreement to provide access to Pascoag Dam; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-097 Consider and act on a request from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, to consider options for the Juneteenth holiday; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-098 Consider and act on a request to review the stipends for boards and commissions to consider an increase in compensation; or take any other action thereon.

Legislation:

- 24-099 Consider and act on a resolution from the Burrillville School Committee regarding the State's school funding formula; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-100 Consider and act on adopting a resolution in support of the Municipal Road Fund in the State's FY2025 budget; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-101 Consider and act on adopting a resolution opposing House Bill 2024 – H 7763 Relating to Public Records – Access to Public Records Act; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-102 Consider and act on resolutions from the towns of Charlestown and Hopkinton in opposition to the revival of the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-103 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Charlestown in support of House Bill 2024 – H 7688 An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government Tourism and Development; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-104 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Hopkinton in opposition to House Bill 2024 – H 7683, Senate Bill 2024 – S 2361 and Senate Bill 2024 – S 2372, legislation relating to taxation – real estate conveyance tax; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-105 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Hopkinton in opposition to House Bill 2024 – H 7681, legislation relating to towns and cities – tax valuation freeze on affordable housing; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-106 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Hopkinton in opposition to House Bill 2024 – H 7651, legislation relating to towns and cities – low income housing (8% alternative tax rate); or take any other action thereon.
- 24-107 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Hopkinton in opposition to House Bill 2024 – H 7378, legislation relating to towns and cities – homestead exemption; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-108 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Hopkinton in opposition to Senate Bill 2024 – S 2018, legislation relating to taxation – levy and assessment of local taxes; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-109 Consider and act on legislation pending before the Rhode Island General Assembly relative to housing that will impact our community; or take any other action thereon.
- 24-110 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 February 2024
- C) Board of Canvassers: Minutes of February 8 & 27, 2024
- D) Budget Board: No Report
- E) Building Official: No Report
- F) Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors: Minutes of November 7, 2023
- G) Burrillville Extended Care: Report of February 2024
- H) Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition: No Report
- I) Conservation Commission: Minutes of January 16 & February 20, 2024
- J) Finance Department: Tax Collector & Treasurer Reports of January & February 2024
- K) Housing Authority: No Report
- L) Jesse M. Smith Library Board of Trustees: No Report
- M) Ordinance Subcommittee: No Report
- N) Personnel Board: Minutes of January 9, 2024
- O) Planning Board: Minutes of February 5, 2024
- P) Planning Department: Report of February 2024
- Q) Police Department: Report of February 2024
- R) Recreation Commission: Minutes of January 8, 2024
- S) Redevelopment Agency: Minutes of January 23, 2024
- T) School Committee: Minutes of February 20, 2024
- U) Screening Subcommittee: Minutes of February 20, 2024
- V) Senior Housing Exploratory Committee: No Report
- W) Sewer Commission: No Report
- X) Zoning Board: Minutes of January 9, 2024

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

24-111 Request for executive session:

- A. Request for executive session from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meetings Law §42-46-5(a)(2) for discussion, consideration and possible action relative to RI Council 94, Local 186 Union Contract; 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

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).