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Burrillville Town Council Resolution Opposing H5475 and S0481, Acts Relating To Cities and Towns – Subdivision of Land

- WHEREAS,** House Bill 5475, an Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Subdivision of Land, and companion Senate Bill 0481 have been introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly; and
- WHEREAS,** these bills propose to reduce the state-mandated time periods for review of major land development and subdivision application, to reduce the time periods for recording land use decisions and to impose a penalty on municipality equivalent to 50% of the application fee if the time period is not met; and
- WHEREAS,** the practical effects of this legislation for our Town and others will be to put unreasonable time pressures on the Town Planner and the Planning Board as applied to the largest and most complex types of developments and subdivision; and
- WHEREAS,** these major applications represent the projects with the most site impacts, infrastructure and technical issues, involving testimony from various experts such as engineers and lawyers, and requiring Planning Board members to absorb design and technical details; and
- WHEREAS,** these plans often require review by the Town's own professional experts, often making it necessary for the Planning Board to receive additional information and/or revised plans before a final vote can be made; and
- WHEREAS,** shortening time periods for review, may force the Planning Board to vote with restrictive conditions or even a vote to deny, and will not serve the interests of applicants and developers; and
- WHEREAS,** these proposed changes are significant and were proposed without any initial input from the municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville respectfully requests that all State Senators, Representatives and the Governor oppose House Bill 5475 and companion Senate Bill 0481.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to Senator Fogarty and Representatives Keable and Newberry, Governor Gina M. Raimondo, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, and all the Rhode Island City and Town Councils in consideration of their support to defeat this amendment to the General Laws.

Adopted as a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville this 10th day of May 2017


John F. Pacheco III, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:


Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk