

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council 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. Trinque.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Council President Donald A. Fox led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. Public Comment:

Resident Mary Ryan spoke about public comments. Mrs. Ryan described her social media post regarding the Council's action to consider limits to public comment. After a heated exchange, Mrs. Ryan was removed from the meeting, but later returned.

3. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville:

Councilor Raymond J. Trinque announced the passing of Mrs. A. Lucille Brown. Mrs. Brown was a bookkeeper in the Town Treasurer's office for over 30 years. She was the wife of Carlton Brown who was Treasurer for the Town. Together they gave over 60 years of service to the Town.

Councilor Stephen N. Rawson commented that Mr. & Mrs. Brown lived in the neighborhood where he grew up. They were friends of his family and were well thought of in the community.

4. Consent Agenda:

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

- 24-042 VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2024; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.
- 24-043 VOTED to 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.

NOTE: Item 24-044 was removed from Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

- 24-045 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the following applications:

- Paul MacDonald for reappointment to the Personnel Board;

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- 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 VOTED to 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 Razee 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.

Motion by Councilor Justin P. Batalon. The motion carried unanimously.

24-044 VOTED to receive and file the notice from National Opioid Settlements that payments have been made to Burrillville from CVS, Walmart and Walgreens.

Motion by Councilor Dennis M. Anderson. The motion carried; six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor were Council President Donald A. Fox, and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Dennis M. Anderson, Jeremy P. Bailey, Justin P. Batalon and David Houle. Voting in opposition was Councilor Raymond J. Trinke.

5. Special Business:

- 24-047 VOTED to grant special event victualing and entertainment licenses, and a class F liquor license to St. Patrick Church to apply at 45 Harrisville Main Street (Map 143, Lot 042), for their Spring Dinner Dance on April 6, 2024, with the stipulation that all requirements are met.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinque. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Petitions: None

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. Public Hearings: None

9. New Business:

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

Discussion: Kyle Connors, from Marcum LLP, the certified independent auditors for the Town of Burrillville, presented the fiscal year ending 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. His presentation and the FY2023 CAFR are on file with the record of this meeting.

VOTED to approve the fiscal year ending 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as presented by the auditors.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinque. The motion carried unanimously.

- 24-049 VOTED to receive and file the fiscal year ending 2023 single audit report.

Motion by Councilor Justin P. Batalon. The motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Note: Mr. Roselli had asked that this item be tabled.

VOTED to table.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, explained that this item, and the next one, have similar circumstances. In order to apply for the grant you have to have a funding source identified beforehand.

VOTED to adopt a resolution authorizing Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, or Nicole Stockwell, Deputy Town Planner, to submit an application to 2024 RIDEM Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund-Non Point Source & Stormwater Pollution Control Grant for the Vactor 2100i truck with a funding request of \$255,000 and 50% match obligation of \$255,000. Matching funds to be allocated from the unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund (#0100).

Note: Pursuant to Sec. 3.14(J) of the Burrillville Town Charter, the appropriation of money from the unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund shall require the affirmative vote of six (6) members of the Town Council.

Motion by Councilor Dennis M. Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution is as follows:

**Burrillville Town Council
Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Management has announced that it is accepting applications for **2024 RIDEM BWRF NPSSPC GRANT (Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund-Non Point Source & Stormwater Pollution Control Sub Fund)**; and

WHEREAS, the town seeks to purchase a 2024 Vactor 2100i (or similar) truck to replace its failing 2006 model; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Burrillville that application be made to purchase a new 2024 Vactor 2100i (or similar) truck for essential maintenance and repair of drainage systems in the Town of Burrillville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby authorize the following grant application:

2024 RIDEM Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund-Non Point Source & Stormwater Pollution Control Grant (RIDEM BWRF-NPSSPC): for the purchase of a **2024 Vactor Truck 2100i (or similar)** with requested amount of \$255,000; hereby authorizing matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$255,000 (50% grant match) from the the unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund (#0100); with matching funds subject to the grant being awarded to the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, or Nicole Stockwell, Deputy Planner, is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), and to provide any additional

information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with RIDEM and to otherwise act as the representative of the Town of Burrillville in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

Note: Pursuant to Sec. 3.14(J) of the Burrillville Town Charter, the appropriation of money from the unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund shall require the affirmative vote of six (6) members of the Town Council.

- 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.

VOTED to adopt a resolution authorizing Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, or Nicole Stockwell, Deputy Town Planner, to submit an application to 2024 RIDEM Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund-Flood Prevention & Mitigation Grant for the Spring Lake Road Culvert Project with a funding request of \$225,000 and 50% match obligation of \$225,000. Matching funds to be allocated from the fiscal year 2025 Capital Improvement Program.

Motion by Councilor Justin P. Batalon. The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution is as follows:

**Burrillville Town Council
Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Management has announced that it is accepting applications for **2024 RIDEM BWRF FPM GRANT (Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund - Flood Prevention and Mitigation Sub-Fund);** and

WHEREAS, the town seeks to demolish and replace the Spring Lake Road culvert; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Burrillville that an application be made to fund the demolition and replacement of the Spring Lake Road culvert to meet current culvert and drainage standards in the Town of Burrillville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby authorize the following grant application:

Burrillville's application for the **2024 RIDEM Bay and Watershed Restoration Fund-Flood Prevention & Mitigation Grant**: For the **demolition and replacement of the Spring Lake culvert** in the amount of \$450,000; hereby authorizing matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 (50% grant match) from the fiscal year 2025 Capital Improvement Program, line item # 0100784-559540; with matching funds subject to the grant being awarded to the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, or Nicole Stockwell, Deputy Planner, is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), and to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with RIDEM and to otherwise act as the representative of the Town of Burrillville in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

- 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.

VOTED to authorize an amount not to exceed Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,400,000) of bond funding for the Necessity of School Construction projects without requiring voter approval.

Motion by Councilor Dennis M. Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTED to adopt a resolution to authorize the Finance Director and Town Council President to issue, on behalf of the Town, an amount not to exceed Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,400,000) bond for the Necessity of School Construction Project.

Motion by Councilor Justin P. Batalon. The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE, RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE APPROVING THE FINANCING
OF THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION,
REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND
SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT
EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, AND
APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
AND NOTES THEREFOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,400,000

RESOLVED, That:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-12-2 and Section 3.14(L) of the Burrillville Town Charter (the "Charter"), an amount not to exceed \$6,400,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the Town, and all attendant expenses including, but not limited to, engineering and architectural costs (the "Project").

SECTION 2. The Director of Finance and the President of the Town Council be and hereby are authorized to issue on behalf of the Town, an amount not exceeding Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,400,000) bonds of the Town, at one time, or from time to time in

order to meet the foregoing appropriation.

SECTION 3. The said officers from time to time may issue and refund not exceeding \$6,400,000 interest bearing or discounted notes in anticipation of the issue of said bonds or in anticipation of the receipt of federal or state aid for the purpose specified in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 4. The manner of sale, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, interest rates, medium of payment, and other terms, conditions and details of the bonds or notes may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the bonds or notes.

SECTION 5. The said officers from time to time may apply for, contract for and expend any federal or state advances or other grants or assistance which may be available for the purposes specified in Section 1 hereof. The Town may enter into financing agreements with the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation ("RIHEBC") in accordance with chapters 16-7 and 45-38.1 of the general laws, and with respect to notes or bonds issued in connection with the financing agreements, if any, may elect to have the provisions of chapter 16-7 and 45-38.1 apply to the issuance of the bonds and notes, to the extent the provisions of chapter 16-7 and 45-38.1 are inconsistent with the provisions of chapter 45-12 of the general laws or the Charter. The Town may enter into financing agreements with the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (the "RIIB") in accordance with chapters 46-12.2 and 46-12.8 of the general laws, and with respect to notes or bonds issued in connection with the financing agreements, if any, may elect to have the provisions of chapter 46-12.2 and 46-12.8 apply to the issuance of the bonds and notes, to the extent the provisions of chapter 46-12.2 and 46-12.8 are inconsistent with the provisions of chapter 45-12 of the general laws or the Charter.

SECTION 6. Pending the issuance of the bonds under Section 2 hereof or pending or in lieu of the issue of notes under Section 3 hereof, the Director of Finance may expend funds from the general treasury of the Town for the purposes specified in Section 1 hereof. Any advances made under this section shall be repaid without interest from the proceeds of the bonds or notes issued hereunder or from the proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

SECTION 7. The Director of Finance and the President of the Town Council are also authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the Town, to: (i) execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all other documents, certificates or instruments necessary to effectuate such borrowing; (ii) amend, modify or supplement the bonds or notes any and all other documents, certificates or instruments at any time and from time to time, in such manner and for such purposes as such officers shall deem necessary, desirable or advisable; (iii) do and perform all such other acts and things deemed by such officers to be necessary, desirable or advisable with respect to any matters contemplated by this resolution in order to effectuate said borrowing and the intent hereof.

SECTION 8. The Director of Finance together with the President of the Town Council be, and hereby are, authorized to deliver the bonds or notes to the purchaser or purchasers and, if the bonds or notes are to be issued on a tax-exempt basis, said officers be, and hereby are, authorized and instructed to take all actions, on behalf of the Town, necessary to ensure that interest on the bonds or notes will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and to refrain from all actions which would cause interest on the bonds or

notes to become subject to federal income taxes.

SECTION 9. This resolution is an affirmative action of the Town Council of the Town toward the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State. This resolution constitutes the Town's declaration of official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.150(2), to reimburse the Town for certain capital expenditures for the Project paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this resolution but prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$6,400,000 and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid or (b) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

VOTED to Adopt a resolution memorializing the Rhode Island General Assembly to enact legislation to authorize the Town to issue bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,400,000) for the Necessity of School Construction Project.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinque. The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE, RHODE ISLAND

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville endorses and supports the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the town, and all attendant expenses including, but not limited to, engineering (the "Project");

WHEREAS, in order to undertake and complete the Project, there would be a need to issue bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,400,000. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Town of Burrillville hereby memorializes the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing the Town to issue bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,400,000) for the above purposes. AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that in order to ensure that the Town is eligible for school housing aid to reimburse the Town for principal of, and interest on the bonds, the Town Solicitor and Director

of Finance working with Bond Counsel for the Town of Burrillville, are directed to develop legislation in substantially the form attached hereto for submission in a timely manner to the Rhode Island General Assembly. AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that this resolution is an affirmative action of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville toward the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State. This resolution constitutes the Town's declaration of official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150(2), to reimburse the Town for certain capital expenditures for the Project paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this resolution but prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$6,400,000 and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (b) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid. AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

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.

Discussion: Leslie McGovern, Finance Director, made a recommendation regarding Rt. 102 Water Loop and Sewer Expansion project funding as follows:

- Establishment of Fund 1426 – Route 102 Water Loop and Sewer Expansion for the purpose of segregating the cost and funding for the Water Loop and Sewer Expansion Project.
- All costs and appropriated funding for the Proposed Water Loop and Sewer Expansion project be transferred and or recorded in the Route 102 Water Loop and Sewer Expansion Fund (Fund 1426) to ensure accurate tracking.
- Transfer any future Town Council approved funding related to the Route 102 Water Loop and Sewer Expansion Fund (1426).
- Any excess money not used related to the Proposed Water Loop and Sewer Expansion project be returned to Major Capital Fund (Fund 3820) not to exceed the appropriated amount of \$100,000, and then to the ARPA Fund (Fund 0458).

VOTED to approve as recommended by the Finance Director.

Motion by Councilor Dennis M. Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

VOTED to approve up to \$8,162 for a lunch and learn event by Burrillville Aging Stronger for retired veterans and first responders to be taken from the unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund (#0100).

Note: Pursuant to Sec. 3.14(J) of the Burrillville Town Charter, the appropriation of money from the unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund shall require the affirmative vote of six (6) members of the Town Council.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinque. The motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Discussion: William C. Dimitri, Town Solicitor, read a statement explaining that Mr. Wilinkiewicz had asked to be placed on the Town Council agenda to comment on alleged issues between him and a town employee, as well as allegations he has made toward the Burrillville police department and specified employees thereof. Pursuant to Town Charter, it has been determined that Mr. Wilinkiewicz has a right to be placed on the agenda and to be heard. Because of past and current litigation, Mr. Dimitri advised the Town Council and Town employees not to respond to Mr. Wilinkiewicz's comments. A copy of Mr. Dimitri's statement is on file with the record of this meeting.

Resident Jacek Wilinkiewicz read a prepared statement outlining his complaints. Mr. Wilinkiewicz did not provide a copy of his statement.

There was no action taken on this item.

- 24-057 VOTED to refer the review of the sick leave policy for department heads and non-union administrative staff to the Ordinance Subcommittee.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinque. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislation:

- 24-058 VOTED to adopt a resolution in support of legislation to amend the public notice requirements for Burrillville.

Motion by Councilor Dennis M. Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution is as follows:

**Burrillville Town Council Resolution
in support of House Bill 2024 – H 7380
Relating to State Affairs and Government – Public Notice Act**

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced to allow the towns of Burrillville and Glocester to publish notices in any newspaper in general circulation within either of our municipalities, or in another designated digital or print platform selected by our town councils; and

WHEREAS, Burrillville has published public notices in the newspaper of the closest city which has circulation with town; and

WHEREAS, while meeting the notice requirements, it has been discovered that these notices are only reaching about 150 people in Burrillville; and

WHEREAS, this legislation does not endeavor to leave publishing public notices to just a digital format, but allows for an alternative print format; and

WHEREAS, it can be demonstrated that publishing notices on our website will reach at least 850 people and that we have a periodical that is delivered to every household and business in the town, that's much more than any newspaper can boast; and

WHEREAS, the intent of publishing notices is to reach as many people within our town as possible. We do not believe this can be done by a newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville supports House Bill 2024 – H 7380.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville respectfully requests members of the House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, the entire Burrillville delegation and all of the members of the General Assembly to support House Bill 2024 – H 7380 and any Senate companion.

24-059 VOTED to adopt a resolution in opposition to legislation that makes several amendments to the Access to Public Records Act.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinque. The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution is as follows:

**Burrillville Town Council Resolution
in opposition to
Senate Bill 2024 – S 2256 and House Bill 2024 – H 7181
Relating to Public Records – Access to Public Records Act**

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the General Assembly to make amendments to the Access to Public Records Act; and

WHEREAS, the amendments would make many changes that may cause undue burden on cities and towns who already spend a lot of time fulfilling records requests; and

WHEREAS, there must be a balance between the workload and actual costs imposed on a city or town and the rights of the citizens for information that is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, workload includes, but is not limited to, the actual time devoted to providing such records versus the duties and responsibilities the taxpayers of the jurisdiction expect from the staff who are paid by taxpayers to perform their normal duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, no compliance until individual legislators and their staff are required to comply with similar production of the records, including interactions with special interest and lobbying groups; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the requirement that documents for public meetings be posted with or linked from agendas posted to the Secretary of State's website does not belong in the Access to Public Records Act, all regulations regarding public meetings should be within the Open Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville opposes Senate Bill 2024 – S 2256 and House Bill 2024 – H 7181.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville respectfully requests Burrillville legislators, the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on State Government & Elections to oppose Senate Bill 2024 – S 2256 and House Bill 2024 – H 7181.

24-060 VOTED to support a resolution from the town of Hopkinton in opposition to House Bill 2024 – H 7062 related to accessory dwelling units.

Motion by Councilor Dennis M. Anderson. The motion carried; six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor were Council President Donald A. Fox, and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Dennis M. Anderson, Justin P. Batalon, David Houle and Raymond J. Trinqué. Voting in opposition was Councilor Jeremy P. Bailey.

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.

MOTION to support.

Motion by Councilor Justin P. Batalon. There was no second. The motion failed.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor Dennis M. Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

MOTION to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor Justin P. Batalon. There was no second. The motion failed.

VOTED to support.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinque. The motion carried unanimously.

- 24-063 Consider and act on legislation pending before the Rhode Island General Assembly; or take any other action thereon.

There was no action taken on this item.

10. Town Clerk/Communication: None

11. VOTED to receive reports A – X:

- 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

Motion by Councilor Justin P. Batalon. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- 24-064 Request for executive session:

- A. VOTED to grant the 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.

Motion by Councilor Dennis M. Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. The Town Council returned to open session at 8:23 p.m.
- C. VOTED to seal the minutes of executive session, making note that one vote was taken.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinqué. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Consider and act on disclosing any votes taken in executive session, as appropriate.

VOTED to disclose one vote publicly. The vote is as follows: Voted to make the records from the public records request regarding masks as schools from 2021 available to Town Council members for any use.

13. VOTED to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Jeremy P. Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.



Vicki T. Martin, Town Clerk