

REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville to be held Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Burrillville Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main Street for and within the Town of Burrillville, RI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Donald A. Fox and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Dennis M. Anderson, Justin P. Batalon, Anne M. Brown, David Houle and Kevin McDaniel

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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| 25-071 | Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2025; and dispense with the reading of said minutes. |
| 25-072 | Receive and file the certificate of approval from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources to the Burrillville Sewer Commission for the headworks and Oakland pump station improvements. |
| 25-073 | Receive and file the environmental review from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a project by the Burrillville Housing Authority that is exempt or categorically excluded. |
| 25-074 | Receive and file the applications to Burrillville Sewer Commission, and to Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for stormwater construction permit and water quality certification and freshwater wetlands permit for the senior housing project on Steere Farm Road. |
| 25-075 | Declare surplus items from the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library as recommended by Justin Allen, Information Systems Manager. |
| 25-076 | Approve the request from the Armenian National Committee to fly the Armenian flag on April 24, 2025 for Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. |
| 25-077 | Refer to the Screening Subcommittee the application for reappointment from Gerald Lapierre to the Burrillville Redevelopment Agency. |

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

- 25-078 Consider and act on an application for a special event entertainment license to apply on property owned by the Town of Burrillville (Burrillville Assessor's Maps 160/183, 160/009, 143/030), and a class F1 liquor license to apply on property owned by the Town of Burrillville (Burrillville Assessor's Maps 160/183) from Veronica Huguenin d/b/a Burrillville Harvest Festival for the Burrillville Harvest Festival on September 13 & 14, 2025; or take any other action thereon.

6. Petitions to be considered and acted on: None

7. Public Hearings:

- 25-079 Proposed amendment to the Burrillville Comprehensive Plan, Chapter XI *"Future Land Use Map"* to change several parcels from Farming/Residential (F-5) to Single Family Residential (R-7).

Note: The public hearing was duly advertised in the Woonsocket Call on February 26 and March 5 & 12, 2025.

- A. Comments/Input/Recommendation from Administration – Town Manager, Town Solicitor, Town Planner
- B. Proponents
- C. Opponents
- D. MOTION to close the public hearing
- E. Town Council deliberation
- F. Consider and act on adopting amendments to the Burrillville Comprehensive Plan, Chapter XI *"Future Land Use Map"* to change several parcels from Farming/Residential (F-5) to Single Family Residential (R-7).
- G. MOTION to adjourn the public hearing.

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- 25-080 Relative to obtaining citizens' requests and views on proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities.

- A. Comments/Input/Recommendations from the Administration
- B. Public Input
- C. MOTION to close the public hearing
- D. Town Council deliberation
- E. Action relative to funding requests, setting priorities and adoption of the proposed resolution relative to the CDBG grant application.

F. Adjournment of public hearing

8. New Business to be considered and acted on:

- 25-081 Consider and act on approving the fiscal year ending 2024 Annual Financial Statements; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-082 Consider and act on receiving and filing the fiscal year ending 2024 single audit report; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-083 Consider and act on recommendations from Leslie McGovern, Finance Director, regarding funding for the Harrisville Dam project; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-084 Consider and act on adopting a resolution establishing the Burrillville 250 Commission revolving fund; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-085 Consider and act on a recommendation regarding a spay neuter program fund for the purpose of segregating the canine surcharge fees for low-cost spay/neuter programs in accordance with RI General Law 4-24-9; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-086 Consider and act on a request from Councilor David Houle to consider limiting parking on Rock Avenue; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-087 Consider and act on adopting a resolution requesting the repeal of Chapters 276 and 299 of the Public Laws of 2017; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-088 Consider and act on a request from Town Council President Donald A. Fox to refer to the administration the complaint about several potential safety issues on South Main Street; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-089 Consider and act on correspondence from the American Civil Liberties Union of Rhode Island regarding local enforcement of Federal immigration laws; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-090 Consider and act on the application for reappointment from Adam Schatz to the Conservation Commission; or take any other action thereon.

Legislation

- 25-091 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Westerly regarding support of House Bill 2025 – H 5457, which would make changes regarding payment under the Access to Public Records Act; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-092 Consider and act on adopting a resolution in opposition to Rhode Island 2025 gun control legislation; or take any other action thereon.
- 25-093 Consider and act on legislation pending before the Rhode Island General Assembly; or take any other action thereon.

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

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

25-094 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 collective bargaining, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 27; or take any other action thereon.
 - §42-46-5(a)(2) for discussion, consideration and possible action relative to collective bargaining between the Burrillville School Committee and R.I. Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO on behalf of Burrillville School Employees, Local 2231; or take any other action thereon.
 - §42-46-5(a)(5) for discussion, consideration and action relative to property located at 0 Chapel Street (Burrillville Assessor's map 158, lot 018); or take any other action thereon.
- Donald A. Fox, Town Council President, pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meetings Law §42-46-5(a)(1) for discussion, consideration and possible action relative to the job performance of Michael C. Wood, Town Manager; 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.

11. Adjournment