

REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville to be held Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Burrillville Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

**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.

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| 23-083 | Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2023; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.  |
| 23-084 | Approve the reappointment of Amanda K. Gingell to the Board of Administration for a four-year term to expire April 8, 2027.  |
| 23-085 | Receive and file the correspondence from Rhode Island Traffic Commission regarding a request to approve an existing crosswalk in the vicinity of the Episcopal Conference Center (872 Reservoir Road) in Burrillville. |
| 23-086 | Receive and file the grant award letter from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Burrillville Skate Park Renovation and Expansion Project.  |
| 23-087 | Received and file the notice from the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning regarding their approval of amendments to the Burrillville Comprehensive Plan.   |
| 23-088 | Receive and file the letter of thanks from the Burrillville Land Trust for the Town Council's support of the Stop the Bleed workshop.  |
| 23-089 | Approve the request from the Armenian National Committee to fly the Armenian flag on April 24, 2023 for Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.   |
| 23-090 | Receive and file the resolution from the town of Warren requesting the Rhode Island General Assembly to approve an amendment to the enabling act creating the Bristol-Warren Regional School District.                 |

- 23-091 Receive and file the resolution from the town of Warren requesting the Rhode Island General Assembly to approve amendments to their Home Rule Charter.

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

- 23-092 Consider and act on adopting a proclamation honoring Renay McLeish.
- 23-093 Consider and act on adopting a resolution declaring April 30 through May 6, 2023 as National Small Business Week; or take any other action thereon.

**6. Petitions to be considered and acted on:**

- 23-094 Consider and act on correspondence from Chris St. Amant asking to address the Town Council regarding his proposal for a community center or roller skating rink in Burrillville; or take any other action thereon.

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

**8. Public Hearings:**

- 23-095 Proposed amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, to the following chapters:
- Chapter 10.5 – Community Development, Article II. – Affordable Housing, *Sec. 10.5-32. – Filing procedure; Sec. 10.5-35. – Decisions; and Sec. 10.5-37 – Procedure for filing appeal with state housing appeals board*
  - Chapter 30 – Zoning, Article II. - Administration and Procedures, *Sec. 30-34. - Zoning board of review*
  - Chapter 30 – Zoning, Article V. - Special Regulations, *Sec. 30-153. - Lots containing wetlands*

**Note:** Notice of the public hearing was advertised in The Woonsocket Call on three consecutive Tuesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 2023.

- A. Comments/Input/Recommendations from the Ordinance Subcommittee
- B. Comments/Input/Recommendation by Administration – Solicitor, Town Manager
- C. Proponents
- D. Opponents
- E. Closure of the public hearing
- F. Town Council Deliberation

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23-096 Proposed amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, Chapter 30 entitled Zoning, by adding provisions for cannabis establishments.

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

- 23-098 Consider and act on the adoption of a policy and application for a one-day expansion of premises; or take any other action thereon.

**Legislation:**

- 23-099 Consider and act on a request from Town Council President Donald A. Fox to adopt a resolution opposing current legislation before the Rhode Island General Assembly relative to gun control; or take any other action thereon.
- 23-100 Consider and act on a resolution from the town of Warren in support of legislation to authorize tax amnesty periods for municipalities; or take any other action thereon.
- 23-101 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: Minutes of January 5, 13 & February 2, 2023
- B) Animal Control Officer: No Report
- C) Board of Canvassers: No Report
- D) Budget Board: No Report
- E) Building Official: Report of February 2023
- F) Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors: Minutes of November 1, 2022
- G) Burrillville Extended Care: No Report
- H) Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition: No Report
- I) Conservation Commission: No Report
- J) Finance Department: Tax Collector Report of February 2023
- K) Housing Authority: No Report

- L) Jesse M. Smith Library Board of Trustees: No Report
- M) Ordinance Subcommittee: Minutes of January 3, 2023
- N) Personnel Board: No Report
- O) Planning Board: Minutes of February 6, 2023
- P) Planning Department: Report of February 2023
- Q) Police Department: Report of February 2023
- R) Recreation Commission: Minutes of January 9, 2023
- S) Redevelopment Agency: Minutes of January 24, 2023
- T) School Committee: No Report
- U) Screening Subcommittee: Minutes of December 20, 2022
- V) Senior Housing Exploratory Committee: No Report
- W) Sewer Commission: Minutes of January 10, 2023
- X) Zoning Board: Minutes of January 10, 2023

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

23-102 Request for executive session from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meetings Law:

- §42- 46-5(a)(5) for discussion, consideration and action relative to the sale or lease of real property located on Clear River Drive (Assessor’s Map 161, Lot 040); or take any other action thereon; and
- §42- 46-5(a)(5) for discussion, consideration and action relative to the sale of real property located on Charcuterie Drive (Assessor’s Map 195, Lot 014); or take any other action thereon; and
- §42- 46-5(a)(5) for discussion, consideration and action relative to the sale of real property located on Wallum Lake Road (Assessor’s Map 034, Lot 045); or take any other action thereon; and
- §42- 46-5(a)(5) for discussion, consideration and action relative to the acquisition of real property located on Tarkiln Road (Assessor’s Map 199, Lot 014); or take any other action thereon; and
- §42- 46-5(a)(2) for discussion, consideration and possible action relative to potential litigation relative to legislation that would enable noncitizens to vote in local elections; or take any other action thereon

**13. Adjournment**