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Amended to add agenda item #23-358 under Additional New Business

REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville to be held Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Wallace F. Lees Public Safety Complex, 1477 Victory Highway, Oakland, RI, 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. Trinquere

**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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| 23-343 | Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2023, and the special meeting of November 20, 2023; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.                                                                                                |
| 23-344 | Accept the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 budget calendar and schedule public hearings as listed therein.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 23-345 | Receive and file the correspondence from Donald and Suzanne Dumas thanking the Town for the work performed by Department of Public Works to fix erosion on their property due to run off from the road.                                                     |
| 23-346 | Receive and file the letter from Rhode Island Housing regarding the awarding of the Rhode Island Housing Predevelopment Grant for the proposed Pleasant Street affordable housing project.                                                                  |
| 23-347 | Receive and file the ARPA Predevelopment Program deed restriction and grant agreement between Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation and the Town for the property located at 0 Steere Farm Road (Burrillville Assessor's map 247, lot 011). |
| 23-348 | Appoint William Guertin to be the town tree warden for 2024, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Environmental Management.                                                                                                         |
| 23-349 | Refer the following applications to the Screening Subcommittee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Russell Couture for reappointment to the Board of Assessment Review</li></ul>                                                                       |

- Tony Wood for reappointment to the Personnel Board
- Marissa Ruff and Kathan Lambert for reappointment to the Juvenile Hearing Board
- Christopher Toti and Betty Mencucci for appointment to the Burrillville 250 Commission

23-350 Approve the reappointment of Sandra Carter as a member of the Housing Authority to serve a five-year term to expire October 31, 2028 as recommended by the Screening Subcommittee.

5. **Special Business to be considered and acted on:** None

6. **Petitions to be considered and acted on:** None

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

8. **Public Hearings:**

23-351 Proposed amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, as amended, *Ch. 4 Animals* and *Sec. 30 -71 Zoning district uses*, to add guidelines for the keeping, raising or housing of chickens.

**Note:** This is a continuation of the public hearing held on Monday, November 20, 2023. Notice of the public hearing was advertised in the Woonsocket Call on November 1, 8 & 15, 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
- G. Consider and act on adopting amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, as amended, *Ch. 4 Animals* and *Sec. 30 -71 Zoning district uses*, to add guidelines for the keeping, raising or housing of chickens.
- H. Motion to adjourn the public hearing

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23-352 Proposed amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, as amended, Chapter 10.5 entitled *Community development*, *Article II Affordable housing*, and Chapter 30 entitled *Zoning* in response to recent changes in State laws.

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

- 23-353 Consider and act on adopting a resolution authorizing fiscal year end appropriations and transfers; or take any other action thereon.
- 23-354 Consider and act on request from Leslie McGovern, Finance Director, to approve annual audit transfers and Capital Improvement Program carryovers; or take any other action thereon.
- 23-355 Consider and act on a request from Leslie McGovern, Finance Director, to establish the Affordable Housing Fund; or take any other action thereon.
- 23-356 Consider and act on a request from Donald A. Fox, Town Council President, that the Town Council consider showing support for Israel; 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 September 7, 2023
- B) Animal Control Officer: Reports of October & November 2023
- C) Board of Canvassers: No Report
- D) Budget Board: No Report
- E) Building Official: No Report
- F) Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors: Minutes of July 12, 2023
- G) Burrillville Extended Care: No Report
- H) Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition: No Report
- I) Conservation Commission: Minutes of September 19, 2023

- J) Finance Department: Tax Collector Report of October 2023; Treasurer’s Reports of August & September 2023
- 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 October 10, 2023
- O) Planning Board: Minutes of October 2, 2023
- P) Planning Department: Reports of October & November 2023
- Q) Police Department: Reports of October & November 2023
- R) Recreation Commission: Minutes of August 15 & September 11, 2023
- S) Redevelopment Agency: Minutes of September 26 & October 24, 2023
- T) School Committee: No Report
- U) Screening Subcommittee: Minutes of September 19 & October 19, 2023
- V) Senior Housing Exploratory Committee: No Report
- W) Sewer Commission: Minutes of October 10, 2023
- X) Zoning Board: Minutes of October 10, 2023

**12. Additional new business to be considered and acted on: None**

23-357 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)(5) for discussion, consideration, and possible action relative to the sale of real property located at 0 Snake Hill Road (Burrillville Assessor’s map 180, lot 002), 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.

23-358 Consider and act on a request from Ray Goff, Town Planner, to authorize funds for pre-design and schematic design for the Senior Housing Project; or take any other action thereon.

**13. Adjournment**