

**JOINT WORKSHOP of the Burrillville Town Council, the Burrillville School Committee and Burrillville Budget Board to Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:07 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

**PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., and Norman C. Mainville**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Cynthia L. Roe was excused due to a work commitment**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Burrillville School Committee: Raymond J. Trinque, Vice Chair; Dorothy A. Cardon, Joan Cote, and Paul J. Couture**

**Town Personnel: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager and John P. Mainville, Finance Director**

**Burrillville School Department Personnel: Steven Welford, Superintendent and Robin Kimatian, Supervisor of Business Affairs**

**Burrillville Budget Board: Arthur R. Hurley, Chair; Mark S. Brizard, David A. Dickey, David C. Ketcham, L. Kevin MacDonald, Michael Molloy, and Matthew Trimble**

## **Relative to discussion and consideration of the FY2009 Budget**

**Note: The workshop was originally scheduled to meet at the Burrillville High School Media Center; due to inclement weather and the closing of the schools, the meeting was relocated to the Town Building.**

**Council President Nancy F. Binns called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. and recognized those present.**

**Arthur R. Hurley, Chair, Burrillville Budget Board, reviewed the process that the Budget Board employs in preparing their budget recommendation. He noted that their work is accomplished early in the process, before firm revenue estimates are available. Mr. Hurley emphasized the importance of the Town Council providing the Budget Board with as much information as possible; i.e. known changes anticipated.**

**Councilor Margaret L. Dudley referred to the commitment that the Council had made relative to the library.**

**Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, referred to his January 14, 2008 communication relative to the FY2009 budget, a copy of which is on file with the record of the meeting. Mr. Wood reviewed the items summarized in his communication and briefly discussed budget**

**items that would require consideration.**

**There was general discussion among those present about the special appropriations, funds from Ocean State Power, and the library budget.**

**Steven Welford, Superintendent of Schools, detailed some of the challenges that the School Department is facing in the coming year. Among the topics of general discussion were the tax cap requirements, changes in state aid, unfunded mandates, school enrollment, and the impact of socioeconomic conditions.**

**VOTED to adjourn at 8:28 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., and Norman C. Mainville. Councilor Cynthia L. Roe was excused.**

**The workshop was taped. The tape is on file with the record of the workshop.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**