

**WORKSHOP SESSION of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 6:07 P.M. in the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library Community Meeting Room, 100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, RI, for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**Relative to discussion and consideration of the proposed FY2011 budget alternatives/options**

**Council President Nancy F. Binns called the workshop to order and requested comments from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager.**

**Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed the budget situation, noting that his original budget proposal was \$5,500,000 less than FY2010. Mr. Wood outlined on-going changes in state aid and the state's authorizing a lower maintenance of effort for school department budgets. Mr. Wood summarized several alternative funding possibilities for the Town Council's consideration. Mr. Wood commented that, at the Town Council's request, the administration had prepared a number of budget options for the Town Council's consideration. Copies of the options are on file with the record of the**

**workshop. Mr. Wood reported that the Town Council might adopt a budget that would exceed the statutory tax cap, but that a vote of six Councilors would be required. Mr. Wood detailed the budget options. Mr. Wood asked for direction from the Town Council in order to prepare a budget resolution for a future meeting, at which time the budget would be adopted.**

**It was noted that the new funding formula, which might result in further reductions to state aid in 2012, probably would not make the town eligible to exceed the statutory tax cap. There was discussion of maintenance of effort, the elimination of the motor vehicle excise tax exemption, adopting a budget that provides financial strength and stability for the future, the fact that motor vehicle values are set by the state which must handle any appeal of the values, and staying within or exceeding the statutory tax cap.**

**Option C, as presented, was identified as including a 95% maintenance of effort and staying below the tax cap. The several Options identified as “D” would require exceeding the cap, would provide for greater than 95% maintenance of effort and would require a tax increase. These options were discussed.**

**Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the School Department proposed budget and set out the minimum financial requirements for FY2011. Potential reductions in state and federal funding were reviewed.**

**The administration was asked to prepare possible resolutions adopting an FY2011 budget using the “C” and “D” options.**

**VOTED to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr.. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**