

**JOINT PRE-BUDGET MEETING** between the Town Council, the School Committee and the Budget Board held Thursday, December 30, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, 100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville

**PRESENT:**

**Town Council:** Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson

**School Committee:** Debra Stockwell-Cavanaugh, Mary Margaret Karmozyn, Dorothy A. Cardon, Joan Cote, Paul J. Couture, Peter F. Lambert and Raymond J. Trinque

**Budget Board:** Mark S. Brizard, Herbert Cournoyer, Arthur R. Hurley, Pauline Sionni, Nathan St. Pierre and Matthew Trimble

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilor Kevin D. Heitke was excused because he was out of town. Councilor Heitke monitored and participated electronically via Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Software and Service.

Council President Nancy F. Binns called the meeting to order, welcomed participants, and noted that discussion would be limited to invited members until the presentations were complete.

## **1. Relative to pre-budget consideration and discussion**

**Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, made a PowerPoint budget presentation. A copy of the presentation is on file with the record of the meeting. Included in the presentation was an estimate of projected revenues for FY2012, in compliance with RIGL §16-2-21.**

**Discussion followed the presentation. Topics of discussion included: 2010 reduction in state aid, school department unfunded liability, review of the one-year and three-year revenue projections, cost of police details at school department programs, and the impact of changes in the TransCanada/Ocean State Power Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program.**

**Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, and Ms. Lois Short, Director of Assessment, Curriculum and Professional Development, made a PowerPoint budget presentation. A copy of the presentation is on file with the record of the meeting. Included in the presentation was a statement in compliance with RIGL §16-2-21.**

**Discussion followed the presentation. Topics of discussion included: school assessment programs (NECAP versus national); state-mandated cap on tax increases; and the school department's anticipated request for a budget increase.**

**School committee member Mary Margaret Karmozyn was excused at 9:03 P.M.**

**The pre-budget discussion concluded.**

**There was a recess from 9:03 P.M.to 9:15 P.M.**

**The School Committee and Budget Board did not participate in Item #2.**

**2. Relative to preliminary discussion of the Town Council's method of establishing two-year goals and objectives and legislative agenda**

**Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, provided an overview of the reasoning behind establishing goals and objectives and a legislative agenda. Mr. Wood described the process.**

**There was discussion of using the existing goals and objectives document as a starting point.**

**Councilor David J. Place inquired about a resolution of the Johnston Town Council that had been received and filed by the Burrillville Town Council during 2010.**

**Council President Nancy F Binns suggested that the Town Council**

**should not only adopt goals and objectives but should also prioritize items. Councilor David J. Place inquired whether the administration had ranked current goals and objectives. The matter was discussed.**

**Councilor Stephen N. Rawson asked whether the administration had solicited input from department heads, boards and commissions, noting the Recreation Commission's interest in acquiring land for men's softball.**

**VOTED to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heike, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.**

**The meeting was recorded.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**