

**SPECIAL MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, 100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, RI.**

**PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson**

**Members Absent: Councilor David J. Place**

**Others Present: Recycling Committee Members Donald Blanchard, Christine Mulligan, Robyn Volpini, Consultant and Franklin Solid Waste Coordinator Chris White, Burrillville Rubbish & Recycling Coordinator Andrea Hall and Burrillville Director of Public Works and Engineering Services Jeffrey McCormick**

## **1. Presentation of Rubbish & Recycling Committee Recommendations**

**Robyn Volpini, Chair of the Rubbish and Recycling Committee, introduced and thanked participants and reviewed the findings of the Committee.**

**Andrea Hall, Recycling Coordinator, made a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Hall explained the development Committee's recommendation to adopt a weekly, fully automated rubbish and recycling collection**

**program. The advantages over alternative proposals was reviewed and discussed.**

**Meeting participants discussed:**

- **Rubbish & Recycling committee's diligent work**
- **Concerns about cost**
- **Outcome if the program fails**
- **Efficiency and anticipated success of the program**
- **Expected acceptance by the public**
- **Cost of rubbish and recycling collection**
- **Cost and funding of the carts (toters)**
- **Rhode Island Resource Recovery's anticipated 2012 single stream recycling program**
- **Potential to include small business in the collection program for a fee**
- **Bidding process**
- **Possibility of regionalization**
- **Experience in other communities of the fully automated system**

**Jeffrey McCormick referenced the eight point recommendation for the Rubbish & Recycling Program, a copy of which is on file with the record of the minutes.**

**2. Discussion, consideration and action related to rubbish and recycling policies, procedures and programs.**

**VOTED to accept the recommendation of the Rubbish and Recycling Committee with respect to the fully automated, single stream rubbish and recycling program; to go out to bid on the single stream program as dictated in item one; and to proceed with the procurement of the toters in item two; and to work out the details of items three through eight.**

**Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. 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, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was not present.**

**Council President Nancy F. Binns thanked all members of the Rubbish and Recycling Committee for an outstanding job in researching the program and submitting a recommendation.**

**3. VOTED to adjourn at 8:22 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. 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, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was not present.**

**The meeting was recorded.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**