

**PUBLIC HEARING of the Town Council held Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Kevin D. Heitke was excused**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Arthur R. Hurley and Mark Brizard of the Burrillville Budget Board**

**Relative to discussing the Municipal Budget**

**NOTE: The public hearing was duly advertised in the local section of the Woonsocket Call on May 12, May 14 and May 16, 2012**

**1. Comments from the Budget Board**

**Arthur R. Hurley, Chair, Burrillville Budget Board, recognized members of the Board, the administration and staff. Mr. Hurley reviewed the process of developing the budget and reviewed concepts supported by the Budget Board.**

**2. Comments from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager**

**Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, recognized the efforts of the Budget Board. Mr. Wood provided an overview of the budget proposal, as described in his budget message, a copy of which is on file with the record of the hearing. Mr. Wood summarized the proposal, reviewing the 4.00% cap. He commented on the impact of the end of the TransCanada – Ocean State Power payment in lieu of taxes program and reviewed line item details of the proposed budget.**

**Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, outlined recommendations related to recreational services, municipal and school fields and grounds, and a two-year program for property tax stabilization from the debt reduction fund. The proposals were discussed. The impact of the rubbish and recycling contract was reviewed. Recommendations related to police department overtime were discussed.**

### **3. Public Comment:**

**Note: Persons who wish to address the Council shall state their names and addresses.**

**Robert Hulton of Pascoag commented that the administration should take revenues into account when preparing a budget. Mr. Hulton urged the Town Council to consider the impact of taxes on the average citizen when making budget decisions.**

#### **4. VOTED to close the public hearing.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. 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, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Kevin D. Heitke was excused.**

#### **5. Town Council deliberation**

**There was discussion of the budget procedure and the need for careful deliberation and decision-making during bad economic times. It was noted that the School Department Budget would be the focus of the May 31, 2012 public hearing.**

#### **6. VOTED to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. 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, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Kevin D. Heitke was excused.**

**The Hearing was recorded.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**