

MEETING of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the Town Council held Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 4:10 P.M. in the Town Building, Harrisville.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman William A. Andrews, Chair; Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Councilor William A. Andrews indicated that the agenda including several items that have been under discussion, included for the purpose of bringing Councilor Margaret L. Dudley, the newest member of the subcommittee, up to date on the work of the subcommittee.

1. VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Ordinance Subcommittee held on October 20, 2004 and November 17, 2004; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

2. Establishment of criteria for determining gross household income for eligibility to receive a tax credit based on income in accordance

with the ordinances of the Town of Burrillville; to be considered and acted on.

Note: It was noted that the agenda incorrectly listed item 2; and that the intention had been to discuss establishment of criteria for determining eligibility to receive disability tax credits for non-Social Security applicants. Walter J. Kane, Town Solicitor, suggested that the item could be added on an emergency basis, could be discussed, but that no votes could be taken on an item added in this manner.

VOTED to amend the agenda as an emergency item and add an item to discuss establishment of criteria for determining eligibility to receive disability tax credits for non-Social Security applicants.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

An alternative proposal was reviewed and discussed. Councilor Margaret L. Dudley voiced concerns about determining eligibility and suggested that public law 04-066, which provides that “for persons ineligible for social security, eligibility shall be determined through a process to be established by ordinance”, should be repealed. Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, stated for the record his belief that limiting the tax credit those “determined by the social security

administration to be totally disabled” would be a discriminatory action. Walter J. Kane, Town Solicitor, indicated that the proposed ordinance could be legally defended.

MOTION by Councilor Ronald E. Faford to bring the proposal to the Town Council with changes and let the Town Council vote.

The process of adopting ordinances was discussed.

The motion was withdrawn.

3. Amendments to the ordinances of the Town of Burrillville by adding Chapter 3, Low and Moderate Income Housing.

The proposed ordinance was reviewed and discussed.

VOTED to bring amendments to the ordinances of the Town of Burrillville by adding Chapter 3, Low and Moderate Income Housing to the full Town Council on January 19, 2005.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

4. Tax credits for retail/small commercial business.

5. Discussions and considerations of Chapter 25, Taxation, §25-42

entitled Exemption or stabilization on qualifying manufacturing or commercial property.

6. Discussions and considerations of Chapter 16 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article II entitled Noise.

7. Discussions and considerations related to licensing policies and procedures.

8. Discussions and considerations related to developing hiring policies, in accordance with the 2004 amendments to the Town Charter.

9. Review and discuss parking on Sayles Avenue, Pascoag.

10. Review and discuss road acceptance at Maplehill Mobile Home Park.

11. Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings.

Items 4 through 11 were reviewed and discussed. No votes were taken.

12. Other business: None

13. VOTED to adjourn at 5:24 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Councilors William A. Andrews, Margaret L. Dudley and Ronald E. Faford.

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

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk