

MEETING of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the Town Council held Friday, January 26, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Building, Harrisville.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Business to be considered and acted upon:

1. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Ordinance Subcommittee held on September 19, 2006; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

2. Discuss and act on electing a chair and vice chair of the Ordinance Subcommittee.

VOTED to open nominations for chair of the Ordinance Subcommittee.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley was nominated by Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. There were no further nominations.

VOTED to close nominations.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

MOTION to appoint Councilor Margaret L. Dudley Chair of the Ordinance Subcommittee.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

Councilor Cynthia L. Roe was nominated as the Vice Chair of the Ordinance Subcommittee by Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor Margaret L. Dudley.

VOTED to close nominations.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

VOTED to appoint Councilor Cynthia L. Roe as Vice Chair.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley.

The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

3. Discuss and act on establishing a regular schedule of the committee.

The committee agreed to schedule regular meetings on the 4TH Friday of each month at 10:00 A.M.

4. Review/consider/act on pending issues before the Ordinance Subcommittee:

A. VOTED to open discussion of tax credits for retail/small commercial business.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed the intention of this proposed ordinance. The Town Manager and Town Solicitor would have a draft of a proposed ordinance for the February meeting.

B. Consider and act on amendments to Chapter 26, Article II Parking, Stopping and Standing.

It was noted that this item had been referred to the full Council, which had requested a workshop/public hearing to be scheduled at the call of the Council President.

C. Consider and act on amendments to Chapter 25, Taxation, relative to establishing voluntary historic districts within the Town of Burrillville.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley, Chair, reviewed the proposal. The Clerk was instructed to invite Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner & Economic Development Coordinator and Charles H. Newell, Chair of the Historic District Commission, to the February meeting.

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

It was noted that recommendations received from Col. Bernard E. Gannon, Chief of Police, relative to parking and to the litter ordinance would be included on the next agenda.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, suggested that the Subcommittee might wish to consider the issue of property owners who allow their property to be sold at tax sale, thereby avoiding their responsibility for the property. There was discussion of the possibility of linking those property owners who are delinquent in their taxes to a State-wide database for the purpose of hindering those property owners from obtaining State licenses until the taxes are current. Enabling legislation would be required.

6. Other business.

Council President Nancy F. Binns proposed considering an ordinance relative to dog waste removal; the item would be presented at the upcoming Goals & Objectives Session.

Council President Nancy F. Binns recommended that recycling bins be available in public places, particularly during festivals and other events. There was discussion that this might be handled administratively; an ordinance would not be necessary.

7. VOTED to adjourn at 10:29 A.M.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Cynthia L. Roe.

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

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk