

MEETING of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the Town Council held Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI 02830.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1) VOTED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on July 29, 2010, and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

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

2) VOTED to open consideration and action on an ordinance relating to historical and archaeological burial sites and cemeteries.

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

Discussion: Donald Waterman of the Historic Society was present for

the discussion. Problems associated with desecration of historical cemeteries were discussed.

Questions were raised relative to:

- (1) Whether an ordinance can require restoration of a desecrated cemetery**
- (2) Whether access to an historic cemetery on private property can be mandated**
- (3) What the enforcement mechanism is in State law**
- (4) Including penalties for violation of the section**
- (5) Whether the historic society could file a complaint under the ordinance**

VOTED to table until the Solicitor has an opportunity to research the questions.

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

3) VOTED to open discussion and consideration of the PUC procedural schedule on motor vehicle storage fees; and consider and act on potential ordinance amendments relative to motor vehicle storage fees.

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

Discussion: Concerns that the PUC decision might impact the proposed tow-zone ordinance were reviewed. Timothy F. Kane, Town Solicitor, discussed the differences between towing and impounding.

VOTED to table at the call of the Chair.

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

4) Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings: None

5) VOTED to adjourn at 4:36 P.M.

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

The meeting was recorded.