

**MINUTES (DRAFT)** of the Public Safety Commission meeting for the Town of Burrillville held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 6:00 p. m. in the Burrillville Town Hall, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, Rhode Island 02830.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas Partridge, Pascoag Utility District; Chief Mark St. Pierre, Harrisville Fire District; Deputy Chief Bernadino Colon (alternate), Pascoag Fire District; Lt. Lareto Guglietta, Burrillville Police Department; Joseph Raymond, Building/Zoning Official; Jason Rhodes, Emergency Management Director.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chief Joseph Bertholic, Oakland-Mapleville Fire District; Chief Robert Bishop, Wallum Lake Fire Department; Chief John DeFusco, Pascoag Fire District; Chief Augustine Eddy, Nasonville Fire District; Michael C. Wood, Town Manager; Thomas Kravitz, Town Planner; Richard Bernardo, Director of Public Works.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deputy Chief Michael Gingell, alternate, Harrisville Fire District

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting of Public Safety Commission called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Thomas Partridge, Chairperson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Lt. Lareto Guglietta and seconded by Chief Mark St. Pierre to approve minutes from Burrillville Public Safety Commission meeting of July 22, 2008 and dispense with reading of said minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**INVOICES/BILLS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED ON:** None.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:** None.

**CONSULTANT / STAFF REPORTS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED ON:**

1. Agenda items #1 & 2: Discussion regarding potential overrun of one hour time limit of meetings held at council chambers and potential locations for future meetings. Motion made by Lt. Guglietta and seconded by Chief St. Pierre to establish a rotating list venues for future Public Safety Commission meetings at the Burrillville Police Department, the Jesse Smith Library and local fire departments in order to prevent overrun into the succeeding meeting at the council chambers. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
2. Lt. Guglietta addressed newly imposed traffic measures on Centennial Street, including a painted-on "island" at the intersection of Grove Street and the posting of a 15 MPH sign at the sharp corner north of Grove Lane.
3. Discussion regarding 800 mHz radios was held.
4. Discussion regarding radar signs on utility poles was held.
5. Discussion regarding the Code Red system was held.

## NEW BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED ON

1. Thomas Partridge opened discussion related to Agenda item #1, local trash hauling service. Chairperson Partridge noted that he has noticed that some of the trash collection vehicles have “leaking compactor seals,” which allows liquid discharge from the vehicles to be spilled to local roadways when the trash load is compacted, causing a foul odor and potential pollution to be emitted.
  - a. Several members of the commission in attendance agreed with his assessment.
  - b. The Secretary noted that Richard Bernardo, Director of the Department of Public Works, had sent an e-mail related to this issue, stating that,  
*“DPW found one (1) truck with leaking seals. The truck was taken off the road and was repaired by Coastal Recycling before the Recycle Coordinator allowed it in Burrillville. This was an isolated problem that was addressed by the Recycle Coordinator. If anyone finds any other issues please contact DPW so the Recycle Coordinator may address them.”*
  - c. Lt. Guglietta stated that he would make note of this situation to the Truck Squad officer of the Burrillville Police Department
  - d. Motion made by Thomas Partridge and seconded by Chief St. Pierre to send a letter to the Town Manager related to this discussion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
2. Secretary Rhodes opened discussion related to Agenda item #2, house numbers for emergency response agencies.
  - a. The Secretary proposed investigating the possibility of requiring reflective house numbers on all buildings within the Town of Burrillville, in order to assist emergency crews make rapid identification in times of need. He proposed that such house numbers be made to be posted at the time of transfer or sale of a building, with inspection to occur concurrently with the smoke and carbon monoxide detection inspection performed by local fire departments.
  - b. Discussion was held regarding height requirements, due to snow accumulation.
  - c. Discussion was held related to the size of the alphanumeric characters.
  - d. It was decided to investigate the matter further, such as examining the current Town of Burrillville ordinances and ordinances of other local communities.
  - e. No votes were taken regarding this matter.
3. Chairperson Partridge made note of primary electrical lines utilized by National Grid and their ability to “recharge” up to three times if compromised. He further made note of the potential danger to first responders if a break were to occur.
  - a. Discussion was held if such a system is also employed by the Pascoag Utility District. It was unknown if this was the case.
  - b. No votes were taken regarding this matter.

4. Secretary Rhodes made note that an emergency shelter drill, as part of a statewide exercise being conducted by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, will occur on September 13, 2008. The Burrillville Middle School will be utilized as the emergency shelter and the Emergency Operations Center will also be opened.
  - a. Deputy Chief Gingell inquired about the status of generators at the schools.
  - b. No votes were taken regarding this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Lt. Guglietta and seconded by Deputy Chief Colon to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Submitted by:**

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**Jason M. Rhodes, Secretary**

**Date:** September 3, 2008

**Date filed with the Town Clerk:** September 3, 2008