

**REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Charter Review Commission held December 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT Robin Schutt, Dennis Anderson, Kelly C. Hunt, James Alix, Donison Allen, David Houle, Arthur R. Hurley, James A. Langlois and Elizabeth Lees**

**1. Minutes: VOTED to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting and dispense with the reading of said minutes.**

**Motion by Arthur R. Hurley. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Public Comment: None**

**3. Invoices**

**VOTED to approve invoice #02 from Kerri Lockaby in the amount of \$292.00**

**Motion by Arthur R. Hurley. The motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Business to be considered and acted on:**

**Consider and act upon item #6, C §3.14 submission from Margaret Dudley, relative to Town Council Duties.**

**VOTED to open.**

**Motion by James Alix. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Discussion: The proposal would expand Town Council authority to include the requirement that the Town Council ratify or annul any salary or benefit changes for all employees of the School and Sewer Departments. Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, spoke in opposition to Ms. Dudley's proposal.**

**There was discussion of Sec. 11.10 (c) which provides for consultation with the Town Council before establishing wages. Dr. Pallotta stated that Town Councilors participate in School Department collective bargaining negotiations.**

**On behalf of the School Committee, Mark Brizard, School Committee Chairman, spoke in opposition to Ms. Dudley's proposal. There was discussion.**

**Margaret Dudley stated that the Town Council is required by Charter to ratify School Department Collective Bargaining Agreements. Ms. Dudley explained her submission. No votes were taken.**

**VOTED to close.**

**Motion by David Houle. The motion passed unanimously.**

**VOTED to receive and file the packet from Dr. Pallotta.**

**Motion by James Alix. The motion passed unanimously.**

**VOTED to accept and file the Sewer Commission letter.**

**Motion by James Alix. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Consider and act upon item #25, C §10 & §11 submission from Mary Ryan, relative to budget process and various other sections.**

**VOTED to open.**

**Motion by James Langlois. The motion passed unanimously.**

**No details of Ms. Ryan's issues had been presented for the Charter Review Commission to consider. Ms. Ryan was not present.**

**VOTED to close.**

**Motion by David Houle. The motion passed unanimously.**

**VOTED that we disregard this submission and make absolutely no change to sections 10 and 11 based on this (submission) that isn't highlighted somewhere else in our tracking list.**

**Motion by Dennis Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Communications: None**

**6. General Discussion of the Project**

**James Alix requested that the tracking chart include Mr. Mainville's recommended changes to §8.09(E) striking the word "check" from payment methods.**

**7. Discussion of future agenda items**

**Despite the fact that the School Committee withdrew their request related to a super majority vote required for allocation of undesignated funds, the Chair asked that the matter be included on a future agenda.**

**8. VOTED to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.**

**Motion by Arthur R. Hurley. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting was recorded.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**