

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2011
AT THE BURRILLVILLE TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., Jeff Partington, Chairman, presiding.

Members Present: Jeff Partington, Marc Tremblay, Leo Felice, Dov Pick, Christopher Desjardins and Jeff Presbrey.

Members Absent: Bruce Ferreira and Michael Lupis.

Others Present: Thomas Kravitz, Planning & Economic Development Director, and Christine Langlois, Deputy Planner.

II. ATTENDANCE REVIEW:

The Chairman acknowledged that Mr. Ferreira was away on vacation and Mr. Lupis could not attend due to his work schedule. Both were excused.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

The **minutes of the Planning Board meeting of March 7, 2011** were read. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Presbrey, seconded by Mr. Desjardins and carried unanimously by the Board.*

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Memo from the Town Planner to the Sewer Commission
- RIDEM Notice of Wetlands Alteration Filing – Bowdish Lake Campground

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Community Development Block Grant PY'11 Application – First Public Hearing; *Certification of Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan:* The Board reviewed a list of requests being considered for inclusion in the Town's Community Development Block Grant application for PY'11. Mr. Kravitz noted that there were representatives from the Mohegan Water Association and WellOne present in support of their requests. For the benefit of Mr. Pick, the newest board member, he offered a brief description of the Community Development Block Grant application process.

Mr. Partington stated that he wondered why the Burrillville Housing Rehabilitation Loan program held a higher priority than the Burrillville Housing Authority's Roof Replacement request. Mr. Kravitz explained that the Burrillville Housing Authority was able to secure funding from several different sources whereas the Burrillville Housing Rehabilitation Loan program received funds only from the Community Development Block Grant program. The Loan program is able to assist individual residents with much needed repairs to their homes. Currently there is a waiting list (eight) due to the fact that there is not enough funds to meet the demand, and also that the USDA Home Repair/Home Ownership funding, previously offered to Town residents, was recently eliminated.

Upon further review of the list of projects, Mr. Partington made the suggestion to move WellOne's request for funding to #3 in the priority order and move Burrillville Housing Authority's request to #4.

As there were no further questions from the Board, Mr. Partington opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. George Meleleu, of 350 Maureen Circle, told the Board that the Mohegan Water Association was initially formed in 1959 but can be traced back to the late 1930's. He stated that for the past 3½ to 4 years the Association has been working with the RI Department of Health, state representatives, the Town Council and Mr. Kravitz to ensure that the good, clean, healthy quality of their water is continued for the families who are still connected to the water system as long as the Association is able to maintain it. As the resources of the Association continue to be taxed, the request for assistance through the Town's CDBG application is very important in maintaining the supply of quality water in accordance with the RIDOH as well as the EPA standards. He noted that the quality of the water has never been questioned, adding that test results are well below any minimal range. He did note that the system is old and there are updates that need to be done in order to maintain the water quality.

Mr. Earl McWilliams, of 1090 Douglas Pike, informed the Board that over the past 50 years, the previous generation of association residents maintained this small water system, with no cost to the Town of Burrillville. Now the association must upgrade the old system to acceptable state standards which will cost the Association far more than they can afford. He requested the Board's consideration for funding under this year's grant application.

Katie Franklin, Director of Public Affairs for representing WellOne, thanked the Board for their continued support.

As there were no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Tremblay that the request from the Mohegan Water Association to Repair/Explore Community Wells is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Chapter III Community Services & Facilities, Goal III.4 - Water Supply & Distribution; the Burrillville Housing Rehabilitation Loan & Grant program is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Chapter V - Housing & Affordable Housing Strategy, Implementation Action V.2.a.3; the Burrillville Housing Authority Roof Replacement is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Chapter V - Housing & Affordable Housing Strategy, Summary Table 11, Housing Goal V.1; the WellOne Health Care Center Purchase of Medical Examination Tables is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Chapter III - Community Services & Facilities, Goal III.1; the Community Housing Land Trust Affordable Housing Implementation Technical Assistance Program and Real Estate Loan Program is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Chapter III - Community Services & Facilities, Goal III.1; and the Tri-Town Community Action Agency additional case worker staff position request is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Chapter III.1 - Community Services & Facilities Goal

III.1; and to change the priority order of WellOne Health Care Center's request to Priority #3 and change the Burrillville Housing Authority's Roof Replacement request to Priority #4. The motion received a second from Mr. Pick and carried unanimously by the Board.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Report from Administrative Officer:

Mr. Kravitz noted that during the month of March a Certificate of Completion were issued for **Lisa M. Analetto and James & Rosemary Tremblay, Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville** (Plan of Survey & Easement). There were no plans rejected as incomplete. The following plan was endorsed: **Lisa M. Analetto and James & Rosemary Tremblay, Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville** (Plan of Survey & Easement).

Planning Board Discussions:

Election of Officer: Vice-Chairman: Mr. Partington regrettably informed the Board that Mr. Libby was not seeking reappointment due to increased work and family commitments. The Board noted that he will truly be missed. As Mr. Libby had held the position of Vice-President, Mr. Partington asked for nominations for this position. *Mr. Tremblay nominated Mr. Felice for the position of Vice-Chairman. The nomination received a second from Mr. Presbrey and carried unanimously by the Board.*

Mr. Presbrey then questioned whether the Town's Conservation Commission had received a copy of the RIDEM Wetlands Alteration Permit application for the Bowdish Lake Campground previously mentioned under correspondence received. He voiced concerns with the expansion of the existing campground on Bowdish Lake and wanted to know if the Town would be providing comments to RIDEM on this application. Mr. Tremblay noted that it appears to be a correction to a violation. He said that, being a liaison to the Conservation Commission, he would check with the chairman to see if they received notice; that the Conservation Commission should be the government body that responds to this notice.

Mr. Tremblay questioned the intent of the memo from the School Department regarding the establishment of a subcommittee relative to the Pascoag Village development. Mr. Kravitz told the Board that whenever a subdivision is submitted, the school department is included in regards to staff input; however, a response is never forthcoming. When the Planning Department forwarded the School Impact Study prepared by the Pascoag Village developer, to the School Department, the superintendent's response was that the school department may have to consider "realignment of school boundaries". The School Committee has since requested the formation of a subcommittee to study this development and its effects. He noted that he would like to utilize this committee for other developments as well.

Mr. Presbrey questioned the process for the Hill Top Acres submission once the review was completed by the consulting engineer. Mr. Kravitz informed the Board that he had just received the review this afternoon and would be providing it to the Board next month. He would also be forwarding it to the developer as well as his engineer. He added that because the Board had requested an independent review, it was the Board's

right to ask the developer for any additional items that were pointed out within the report. The developer would have to comply with their request.

Having nothing further for discussion, *a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tremblay at 7:45 p.m. The motion received a second from Mr. Pick and carried unanimously.*

Recorded by: _____
M. Christine Langlois, Deputy Planner