

Charlestown Budget Commission Open Meeting/Regular Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2015
9:00 AM Council Chambers

Town Hall
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown, RI 02813

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Richard Sartor	Chair	Present	
Henry Heminway	Vice-chair	Present	
Linda H. Philips	Secretary	Present	
Daniel J. Slattery		Present	
Thomas B. Gentz	President, Town Council	Present	9:15 AM
Mark Stankiewicz	Town Administrator	Present	
Patricia Anderson	Treasurer	Present	
Michele Blair Voislow	TA's Admin. Ass't.	Present	

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of October 31, 2014.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Heminway, Vice-chair
SECONDER:	Linda H. Philips, Secretary
AYES:	Sartor, Heminway, Philips, Slattery

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sartor introduced Rob Krause and Art Haskins who were observing the meeting as guests.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Anderson stated the annual audit went smoothly - there were no problems. Mrs. Anderson went on to say Charlestown's present tax rate is \$9.90 and our current tax rate standings in the state are: #4 in real estate taxes, #4 in commercial property taxes, #3 in personal property taxes and #2 in motor vehicle taxes. Other details mentioned: 1.) we had a \$172,000 surplus in FY 2014; and 2.) we have \$3.9 million in unassigned fund balance which equals 14.76% of the current year's budget.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sartor asked that it be noted that he is on the board of Neighbors Helping Neighbors Rhode Island (NHNRI), an agency that is seeking funding. As such, Mr. Sartor will recuse himself from voting on funding of that agency.

- a. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Review of Departmental Budgets

General discussion. No action at this meeting.

6. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings will be held in Council Chambers on Tuesdays and Fridays and will start at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The public is welcome to any meeting of the Budget Commission. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact (711-364-1210) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

January 20, 23, 27, 30
February 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27
March 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Philips left the meeting at 9:45 AM.

a. Motion to adjourn at 9:58 AM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel J. Slattery
SECONDER:	Henry Heminway, Vice-chair
AYES:	Sartor, Heminway, Slattery
ABSENT:	Philips