

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016**

Chairman Prisco called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. in Room 14 at the Town Hall in the presence of members Mrs. Manupelli, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Mauceri, Mr. O'Leary, and Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto.

CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

Chairman Prisco called to order the open session at 8:07 p.m.

The Chairman States: "In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the Board states for the record that this meeting is being recorded by NORCAM and may be recorded by other local media."

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY2018 TAX CLASSIFICATION

8:07 – Public Hearing Opens. Mr. Schultz reads the Public Hearing Notice. Mr. O'Leary recuses himself from discussion as he has a family member who owns both commercial and residential properties. Mr. Schultz disclosed that he owns commercial property; however he will not be recusing himself. Finance Director Liz Rourke and Town Assessor Debbie Carbone were in attendance. Debbie Carbone presented a power point presentation (see attached) and addressed questions from the Board.

8:18 – Mr. O'Leary leaves the Room

8:23 – Mr. O'Leary returns.

Discussion was had regarding the Income and Expense Reports mailed to businesses in Town. Mr. Schultz stated that the forms are time consuming to fill out and asked if they could be simplified. Ms. Carbone will look into it.

Discussion was had regarding Scenario 1 = 10% Exemption. Mr. Prisco stated that this scenario could be very beneficial to Senior's. Mr. Schultz stated that commercial and non-senior residents split the tax rate to help seniors in Reading. Mr. O'Leary referred to a program in Reading where age, income and assessed value of property gives tax relief to Seniors. Mr. Mauceri will look further into this program to help low income Seniors.

Mr. Gilleberto informs the Board that there is a comment from the Chamber of Commerce in Dropbox.

9:03 – Hearing closes.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO ESTABLISH A TAX CLASSIFICATION FACTOR OF 1.0 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI
VOTED: 5-0

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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE NOT TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI
VOTED: 5-0

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE NOT TO ESTABLISH A COMMERCIAL EXEMPTION.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI
VOTED: 5-0

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND THE FY2018 PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT \$49,006,144.19 WHICH IS \$925.81 LESS THAN THE LEVY LIMIT.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY
VOTED: 5-0

Mr. O'Leary stated that "We don't tax to the max".

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS THAT THE FY2017 TAX RATE BE SET AT \$16.34 PER \$1,000.00 OF VALUATION.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MRS. MANUPELLI
VOTED: 5-0

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE NOT TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN SPACE EXEMPTION.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI
VOTED: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Art Grossman, 29 Freedom Drive spoke regarding the Coffee House he started in North Reading to raise money for the Library through the Friends of the Library. Different bands perform at the Library Activity Room, there is no admission. Money is raised through the sale of refreshments and donations. It is held one Saturday a month; the next one is December 16th.

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9:15 - THOMSON CLUB, INC/TCC GRILL - EXTENSION OF SEASONAL LICENSE

Chairman Prisco reads the Public Notice. Mr. Tim Houton, Representing Thomson Club, and Manager Joe McCarthy were in attendance.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO EXTEND THE SEASONAL CLUB LICENSE FOR THOMSON CLUB, INC. D/B/A TCC GRILL, 2 MID IRON DRIVE FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MRS. MANUPELLI
VOTED: 5-0

MINUTES

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **NOVEMBER 6, 2017** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MRS. MANUPELLI
VOTED: 5-0

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **NOVEMBER 6, 2017** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MRS. MANUPELLI
VOTED: 5-0

APPROVE/SIGN SECOND AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AND SALE – 104 LOWELL RD.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM PRESENTED, THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH PULTE HOMES OF NEW ENGLAND FOR THE SALE OF 104 LOWELL ROAD, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD THE FINAL FORM OF SAID AMENDMENT AS PREPARED BY TOWN COUNSEL.

MOTION BY: MR. SCHULTZ
SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY
VOTED: 5-0

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

See Attached. Topics Discussed: Fall curbside yard waste collection and updated version of the DPW mailbox policy. Mr. Gilleberto also read a memo regarding Fire Chief William Warnock's retirement in January.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

MR. O'LEARY

- Congratulated Chief Warnock and stated he is a 3rd generation firefighter;
- Thanked Representative Jones, Linda Jones and Senator Tarr for the great Thanksgiving dinner;
- Wished everyone safe travels during Thanksgiving; and
- Wished the Hornets good luck in the football game.

MR. MAUCERI

- Congratulated Chief Warnock and thanked him for his years of service and loyalty to the community;
- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving; and
- Looking forward to signing the Pulte Homes contract and thanked Mr. Prisco for all his efforts.

MR. SCHULTZ

- Thanked Chief Warnock for his long service to the Town; and
- Congratulated everyone in the running program and wished them all the best in the Turkey Trot.

MRS. MANUPELLI

- Will be doing the Turkey "Walk";
- Congratulated Chief Warnock and wishes him good luck;
- Thanked Susan Wagner for the Veteran's Day services, it was a great service, well done, well attended; and
- Expressed how much she enjoyed the Thanksgiving Dinner and thanked Representative Brad Jones and Mrs. Jones.

MR. PRISCO

- Asked residents to clean leaves from drains in the street;
- Feedback is great about the Ring and Ride program;
- Wished everyone luck in the Turkey Trot;
- Wished the Hornets the best of luck in the football game;
- Thanked Representative Jones for the Thanksgiving Dinner and it was great to see the Seniors;
- Wished Chief Warnock the best;
- Wished Board members a happy Thanksgiving.

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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. SCHULTZ MOVE TO ADJOURN

SECONDED:	MRS. MANUPELLI	
VOTED:	MR. O'LEARY	AYE
	MR. SCHULTZ	AYE
	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE
	MR. MAUCERI	AYE
	MR. PRISCO	AYE

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

ADJOURN: 9:34 p.m.

DATE

ANDREW SCHULTZ, CLERK