

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015**

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Chairman Mauceri called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m. in Room 14 at the Town Hall in the presence of members Mr. Prisco, Mr. Foti, Mr. Yull, and Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto. Mr. O'Leary was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Mauceri called to order open session at 6.00 p.m.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATION: NORTH READING DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

Mr. Terrizzi, president of North Reading Dollars for Scholars (NRDS) and students from North Reading High School were present. Mr. Terrizzi informed the Board that NRDS has been giving out scholarships for 52 years. He also informed the Board he will be retiring after doing this for 23 years. There is a fundraiser for NRDS at the Horseshoe on May 4, 2015.

IN THE ABSENCE OF MR. O'LEARY, I MOVE TO NAME MR. YULL ACTING CLERK.

MOTION BY:	MR. FOTI
SECONDED BY:	MR. PRISCO
VOTE:	4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MR. O'LEARY ABSENT)

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 8-12, 2015 AS NORTH READING DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS WEEK.

MOTION BY:	MR. YULL
SECONDED BY:	MR. FOTI
VOTED:	4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MR. O'LEARY ABSENT)

Mr. Yull reads Proclamation.

**MINUTES:**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **FEBRUARY 23, 2015** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION BY:	MR. YULL
SECONDED BY:	MR. FOTI
VOTED:	4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MR. O'LEARY ABSENT)

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **FEBRUARY 23, 2015** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION BY:	MR. YULL
SECONDED BY:	MR. FOTI
VOTED:	4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MR. O'LEARY ABSENT)

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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **FEBRUARY 28, 2015** BUDGET HEARING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION BY: MR. YULL  
SECONDED BY: MR. FOTI  
VOTED: 4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MR. O'LEARY ABSENT)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nancy Wolfe, Chairperson for the Fourth of July Committee informed the Board that there would be no Fourth of July event in 2015. They will start fundraising now for 2016. They would like to challenge organizations and committees in Town to help fundraise. They need about Twenty Thousand Dollars. They will register with the state to be a 501C organization. She encouraged the residents who would like to help to call her at 978-764-1179.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARING: TEDESCHI'S**

Chris Pendleton, owner of Tedeschi Food Mart was in attendance. Chief Murphy read the report.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO SUSPEND FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE DAYS ON APRIL 16, 17, AND 18, 2015 THE WINE AND MALT BEVERAGES LICENSE OF TEDESCHI FOOD MART , 202 NORTH STREET AND THAT THE LICENSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE NORTH READING POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 15, 2015 AND PICKED UP AT THE POLICE STATION ON APRIL 19, 2015.

MOTION BY: MR. YULL.  
SECONDED BY: MR. PRISCO  
VOTED: 4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MR. O'LEARY ABSENT)

After the hearing, the Board agreed that they could drop the license off before the sale of alcohol is allowed on April 16, 2015.

Because the Show Cause Hearing took less time than expected, the agenda items will be taken out of order until 6:45.

**LICENSE RENEWALS: STATUS UPDATE**

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that John McCarthy of North Reading Transportation complied with the Civil Fingerprinting Bylaw last week. All Licensees are now in compliance.

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**LEGAL BILLS**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE LEGAL BILLS FOR JANUARY, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$9,795.16** AS FOLLOWS:

KOPELMAN AND PAIGE, P.C. (GENERAL)	\$6,375.16
KOPEMAN AND PAIGE, P.C. (LABOR)	<u>\$3,420.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,795.16

MOTION BY: MR. YULL  
SECONDED BY: MR. FOTI  
VOTED: 4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MR. O'LEARY ABSENT)

**KINDER MORGAN/TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE**

Mr. Gilleberto presented maps on the projector to indicate town owned land, non-town owned land and private properties that would be impacted by the pipeline.

6:36 – Mr. O'Leary arrives.

Mr. Gilleberto informs the Board there is a draft letter in Dropbox addressing the request of Kinder Morgan to survey town owned land. The maps showing the pipeline route and the land affected along with the names of personal property owners whose property will be impacted will be posted on the town website. This discussion will continue later in the meeting.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARING: EASTGATE LIQUORS**

Daniel Walls and Paul Robinson were in attendance to represent Eastgate Liquors. Chief Murphy read the report.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO SUSPEND FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE DAYS ON APRIL 16, 17, AND 18, 2015 THE ALL ALCOHOL PACKAGE STORE LICENSE OF EASTGATE LIQUORS, 12 MAIN STREET AND THAT THE LICENSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE NORTH READING POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 15, 2015 AND PICKED UP AT THE POLICE STATION ON APRIL 19, 2015.

MOTION BY: MR. YULL  
SECONDED BY: MR. PRISCO  
VOTED: 4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MR. O'LEARY ABSENT)

**DISCUSS TOWN OWNED LAND**

Michael Brogan of 35 Cedar Street addressed the Board regarding his interest in purchasing the town owned 10 thousand square foot lot which abuts his property. Mr. O'Leary suggested he write a letter to the Board to purchase the property without restrictions and the Board will deliberate and put a minimum price on the property then advertise.

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**FY2016 BUDGET HEARINGS**

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

Maryann MacKay presented the Treasure/Collected Budget. She discussed the 3 increases in postage, professional services and dues and memberships. She addressed the Financial Committees inquires as to how things were broken up.

**TOWN CLERK**

Barbara Stats presented the Town Clerks Budget. There are two sections of her budget, elections, and budget. The decrease in her elections budget is due to one less election this year. Some of the increase in her budget is due to personnel costs. Discussion was had regarding the salary pool and merit increases. Mr. Prisco inquired about the budget for merit raises. Mr. Gilleberto responded there that are no allocated funding for town wide merit increases in FY2016 in his recommendations.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Rescheduled until the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting.

**ASSESSORS**

Debbie Carbone presented the Assessors Budget. It has increased slightly and she went over each line item. Discussion was had regarding condominiums and assessing common areas. Mr. Prisco expressed his dissatisfaction regarding business not returning their income and expense reports.

**VETERANS**

Susan Magner presented the Veterans Budget. She discussed veteran's benefits and the Twenty Thousand Dollar decrease in her budget. The Financial Committee inquired about how many veterans they gain over the course of the month. Ms. Magner informed the Board the state reimburses 75 percent of all benefits. Any money in the budget not spent goes into the general fund. She expressed her interest in recognizing the 15 year anniversary for 911. She would need additional funding to acknowledge the anniversary by doing something at Ipswich River Park. Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that there is an increase in her cell phone allowance.

**LIBRARY**

Sharon Kelleher presented the Library Budget. Members of the Library Trustees were present. The increase in her budget is to allow the Library to meet the state requirements to be part of the consortium. To meet the state requirements, additional opening hours of the Library would be required.

Marci Bailey addressed the Board regarding North Reading Night Off on March 12, 2015. Andreas, Ginger Gourmet, China Cuisine, The Horseshoe, Joe Fish, Mikes Roast Beet, Great American Tavern, and Kitty's are participating by giving discounts to encourage families to get out and dine together.

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**FINANCE**

Elizabeth Rourke presented the Finance Budget. The major increase is moving consultant fees to hiring an accounting analysis. Mr. Foti suggested the analyst be MCPPO Certified, however the salary range is too low to afford that qualification.

**KINDER MORGAN/TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE**

Discussion continues from earlier in the meeting. Mr. Gilleberto further discussed the town owned properties that Kinder Morgan wants permission to survey. Surveying could take place without permission from the Town if ordered by a state regulatory agency. The letter of response, drafted by Mr. Gilleberto was approved by Town Counsel. There was discussion regarding asking Kinder Morgan for additional information. Andrew Flynn, a public affairs consultant for Kinder Morgan was present. Mr. Mauceri asked that another meeting with FERC be arranged. Mr. Flynn will pass that request on. Mr. O'Leary asked about contracts that have been signed by New England and overseas suppliers. Have they entered into agreements with power companies and have they been given permission to survey? Has Kinder Morgan entered into agreements to go onto properties? He has not seen anything to substantiate the need for New England. Kinder Morgan's performance record is of great concern. What efforts have Kinder Morgan taken to assure safety? Has Kinder Morgan paid communities based on assessments for access through communities? Mr. O'Leary asked that Mr. Flynn look into these concerns and get back to the Board with some answers.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LETTER TO KINDER MORGAN AS PROPOSED AND AMENDED

MOTION BY: MR. YULL  
SECONDED BY: MR. FOTI  
VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

See Attached.

The sidewalk snow and ice removal Bylaw was discussed. Mr. Prisco would like the DPW and the Police Department to come up with a realistic plan about what sidewalks should be required to be plowed. The Board would like to amend the Bylaw to give the Board the flexibility to react.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE NOTIFY THE BUSINESS OWNERS TO HAVE THE SNOW REMOVED FROM THE SIDEWALKS BY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>. AFTER THAT DATE, FINES WILL BE IMPOSED.

MOTION BY: MR. FOTI  
SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY  
VOTED: 4-1 (MR. YULL OPPOSED)

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Also discussed: Snow expenses; town meeting deadline; youth substance grant; Police Chief Advisory; and Governors budget.

**OLD NEW BUSINESS**

**MR. O'LEARY**

Commented on his satisfaction with the Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool.

**MR. YULL**

Also commented on his satisfaction with the Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool. Discussed the process of submitting an article for the warrant.

**MR. FOTI**

Congratulated Chuck Carrucci for being named Reading/North Reading Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

**MR. PRISCO**

Commented on the inconsistency of recycling pick-up. Mr. Gilleberto will bring it up with DPW Director. Inquired about the Town Website and the need for improvement. Mr. Gilleberto responded that a model is under review and the plan is to implement it this spring. He suggested using Interns in the summer.

**MR. MAUCERI**

Congratulated Mr. Carrucci. Discussed his meeting with Representative Jones and Senator Tarr regarding CIT initiatives and heroin use. Commented on "Life of a Teenager" a program sponsored by the CIT and how good it was.

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that Representative Jones indicated to him that the JT Berry Property is a priority and should be out of the House soon and over to the Senate for action.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. O'LEARY MOVE TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SECONDED:	MR. YULL	
VOTED:	MR. YULL	AYE
	MR. MAUCERI	AYE
	MR. PRISCO	AYE
	MR. O'LEARY	AYE
	MR. FOTI	AYE

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

ADJOURN: 10:50 p.m.

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STEPHEN O'LEARY, CLERK

**Documents and Exhibits:**

**FY2015 Veterans Benefits Account  
Town Administrators Report (with attachments)**