Chairman Mauceri called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in Room 14 at the Town Hall in the presence of members Mr. Prisco, Mr. Yull, Mr. O’Leary, Mrs. Manupelli, and Town Administrator Michael Gilleberto.

**CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Mauceri called to order the open session at 7:35 p.m.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION FOR SANDY CARRIKER – SERVICE TO NORTH READING FOOD PANTRY**

Chairman Mauceri thanked all community volunteers and then spoke of Sandy’s role as Co-chairwoman of Christian Community Services. Board members expressed their well wishes to Mrs. Carriker. Chairman Mauceri presented Sandy with a plaque recognizing her leadership and service with the Food Pantry. Mr. Carriker along with members of the Christian Community Services and the Food Pantry Board were in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jane Krieger, 22 Cherry Street addressed the Board regarding substandard conditions of Maple Road. (See attached handout).

**PUBLIC HEARING – SONNYRIA, INC., DBA NEW ENGLAND BEVERAGE – TRANSFER OF LICENSE, PLEDGE OF LICENSE**

7:46 – Public Hearing Opens.

Chairman Mauceri reads the Public Hearing Notice dated September 10, 2015.

License Applicant, Saurabh (Sonny) Patel, 5 Everett Street, Taunton, was in attendance to address any concerns or questions the Board may have. Marci Antonucci, 12 Hillview Road, (former owner of New England Beverage) addressed the Board on Mr. Patel’s behalf. Mr. Yull informs Mr. Patel of the Boards intolerance of selling liquor to minors, Mr. Prisco tells him a license is a privilege, not an entitlement.

8:04 – Public Hearing Closes.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRANFER OF LICENSE, AND PLEDGE OF LICENSE OF SONNYRIA, INC., DBA NEW ENGLAND BEVERAGE, 160 MAIN STREET.

MOTION BY: MRS. MANUPELLI

SECONDED BY: MR.O’LEARY

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

**INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS – OCTOBER TOWN MEETING**

Articles 22 and 23 are taken out of order.

**ARTICLE 22 – STREET ACCEPTANCE: SWAN POND ROAD**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE LAYOUT OF **SWAN POND ROAD** AS SHOWN ON A PLAN DRAWN BY LEBLANC SURVEY ASSOCIATES, INC. DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2014, BY SIGNING SAID PLAN AND REPORTING TO THE TOWN.

MOTION BY: MRS. MANUPELLI

SECONDED BY: MR.O’LEARY

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

**ARTICLE 23 – STREET ACCEPTANCE: RAHNDEN TERRACE**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE LAYOUT OF **RAHNDEN TERRACE** AS SHOWN ON A PLAN DRAWN BY DANA F. PERKINS, INC., DATED JULY 30, 2015, BY SIGNING SAID PLAN AND REPORTING TO THE TOWN.

MOTION BY: MRS. MANUPELLI

SECONDED BY: MR.O’LEARY

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

**INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS: OCTOBER TOWN MEETING**

(See attached Power Point presentation)

Mr. Gilleberto provided the Board with relevant information on each article. Below is a summary of some topics touched upon.

**ARTICLE 3 – TRANSFER FUNDS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STABILIZATION FUND**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 3 –TRANSFER FUNDS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STABILIZATION FUND.

MOTION BY: MR. O’LEARY

SECONDED BY: MR. PRISCO

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

**ARTICLE 4** – Mr. Gilleberto recommended passing over at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 5** – Mr. Gilleberto recommended passing over at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 6 – APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL LEGAL EXPENSES**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND **ARTICLE** 6 – APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL LEGAL EXPENSES.

MOTION BY: MR. O’LEARY

SECONDED BY: MR. PRISCO

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

**ARTICLE 7** – No action taken - will recommend at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 8 -**Town Assessor Debbie Carbone was in attendance to address questions of the Board

**ARTICLES 9 & 10 -** Mr. Gilleberto will add retained earnings for water in the power point presentation to for Town Meeting

**ARTICLE 11** –No action taken. Will recommend at Town Meeting. Mr. Gilleberto informed the public that through this program, MSBA will reimburse the Town 46-48% of the costs for repair of the Little School roof. Mr. Prisco would like to see the word “estimate” inserted in front of the dollar amount on this power point slide.

**ARTICLE 12** - Finance Committee Abby Hurlbut inquired about the waste storage at DPW garage. Mr. Prisco would like to replace the words “window units” with “air conditioning units”. Mr. Prisco inquired about undone projects for which money was allocated for last year. Mr. Gilleberto responded that there is no time frame for spending the money that was allocated.

**ARTICLE 13** – No action taken. Will recommend at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 14** – Mr. Prisco inquired about selling only a portion of the parcel to the homeowner. Mr. O’Leary informed the public of the cost to the Town for these parcels and the additional legal costs to transfer, record, etc., the parcels. Valerie Taylor of 13 Magnolia Road addressed the Board regarding the costs of the parcels. Mr. Mauceri explained that it needs to go through the Legislative process first then the Board will be in a position to discuss the cost. Jane Krieger, 22 Cherry Street, also addressed the Board regarding 13 Magnolia Road.

**ARTICLE 15** – Rita Mullin, 29 Abbott Road addressed the Board regarding potential Senior Housing.

**ARTICLE 16** – Town Clerk Barbara Stats address the Board regarding this Article.

**ARTICLE 17** – Town Clerk Barbara Stats addressed the Board regarding her opinion of the need for this Article. Through her research with surrounding towns, she found that there are procedures in place, not By-laws. The majority of the Board expressed 10 days is not necessary. Meg Robertson, 374 Park Street addressed the Board and expressed her agreement with a 10 day review time. Town Moderator John Murphy expressed to the Board he supports the By-law, but at the least would like to see procedures in place.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 17 - AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – CHAPTER 172 – TOWN MEETING: VISUAL PRESENTATIONS.

MOTION BY: MR. O’LEARY

SECONDED BY: MRS. MANUPELLI

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

**ARTICLE 18** – The Board Members still have questions about this Article. Further discussion with DPW Director Dick Carnevale was recommended before the Board can make a decision.

**ARTICLE 19** – Mr. Prisco feels the fine for violations is too low, business owners will not be motivated. Mr. Yull will not support this Article as written. Mr. Prisco will vote no unless the fines are increased. Meg Robertson, 374 Park Street expressed her concerns as a member of ADA. She would like to see sidewalks viewed equally as important as roads. Mrs. Manupelli inquired about the authority for others besides Police to enforce snow removal. Mr. Gilleberto will look into this. Town Counsel will be contacted regarding liability issues with the Town removing snow. The Board will wait to hear from Town Counsel before deciding on their action with this Article.

**ARTICLE 20** – Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that Town Counsel and Representative Jones recommended repealing this By-law. Mr. Prisco and Mrs. Manupelli would like to keep this By-law on the books. Chief Murphy addressed the Board indicating that by keeping it on the books, there would be an expectation of the Community to enforce, although the Supreme Judicial Court deemed it illegal.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 20 - AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – CHAPTER 145 – SEX OFFENDERS.

MOTION BY: MR. YULL

SECONDED BY: MRS. MANUPELLI

VOTED: 3-2 (MR.O’LEARY AND MR. MAUCERI OPPOSED)

The Board made the following assignments for presentation at Town Meeting:

**Mr. Mauceri:**

ARTICLE 7– AMEND FY 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 19 - AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – CHAPTER 158-9 – SNOW REMOVAL ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

ARTICLE 21 – AMEND CODE – ZONING BY-LAWS – SECTION 200-30 – ZONING MAP

**Mr. Prisco:**

ARTICLE 3 – TRANSFER FUNDS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STABILIZATION FUND

ARTICLE 4 – APPROPRIATE MONEY TO STABILIZATION FUND

ARTICLE 5 – TRANSFER FUNDS TO OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY TRUST FUND

ARTICLE 9 – FUND WATER PERMITTING

ARTICLE 10 – FUND MWRA WATER CONNECTION ENGINEERING STUDY

ARTICLE 13 – APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR J.T. BERRY/LOWELL ROAD PROPERTY

ARTICLE 20 – AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – CHAPTER 145 – SEX OFFENDERS

**Mrs. Manupelli:**

ARTICLE 1 - HEAR AND ACT ON REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 2 – PRIOR YEAR BILLS

ARTICLE 12 – FUND REPAIRS TO TOWN BUILDINGS

ARTICLE 18 - AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – CHAPTER 41-2 – FUNERALS AND INTERMENT

**Mr. O’Leary:**

ARTICLE 6 – APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL LEGAL EXPENSES

ARTICLE 11 – APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LITTLE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT/REPAIR

ARTICLE 14 – SALE OF PARK LAND – MAGNOLIA ROAD (MAP 33, PARCEL 71)

ARTICLE 15 – GRANT EASEMENT – CARPENTER DRIVE

**Mr. Yull:**

ARTICLE 8 – FUND FY2017 REVALUATION

ARTICLE 16 – AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS: EDITORIAL REVISIONS

ARTICLE 17 - AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – CHAPTER 172 – TOWN MEETING: VISUAL PRESENTATIONS

ARTICLE 22 – STREET ACCEPTANCE: SWAN POND ROAD

ARTICLE 23 – STREET ACCEPTANCE: RAHNDEN TERRACE

**MINUTES**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **JULY 13, 2015** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION BY: MRS. MANUPELLI

SECONDED BY: MR.YULL

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **SEPTEMBER 8, 2015** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION BY: MRS. MANUPELLI

SECONDED BY: MR.YULL

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **SEPTEMBER 8, 2015** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION BY: MRS. MANUPELLI

SECONDED BY: MR.O’LEARY

VOTED: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

(See attached)

Topics Discussed:

* Free Cash;
* Senior Rebate Program – Job Books;
* Compliance Engine – a fire prevention program;
* Larry Tremblay’s retirement;
* Police Department Drug Take Back Day;
* Ryers and Police Department “Doing the Right Thing” program;
* Road re-surfacing update.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

**MR. O’LEARY**

* Congratulated Larry Tremblay on his retirement and wished him well.
* Middle School Open House – September 30th at 6:00 p.m.
* Recognized the passing of Ralph Costanza, a WWII Veteran.

**MR. YULL**

* Congratulated Larry Tremblay on his retirement.
* Acknowledged Mr. Costanza’a passing and sent sympathies to the family.
* Discussed the Transcripts Letter to the Editor regarding water rates and billing cycles. He would like to research what other communities do. Mr. Gilleberto responded by adding that this occurs with towns that bill quarterly. Mr. Clark will submit a letter to the Editor to clarify.
* Informed the Public of the FERC Hearing on October 16th. Mrs. Manupelli would like to put the hearing notice on the Town Website.

**MRS. MANUPELLI**

No Comment

**MR. PRISCO**

* Reminded the public of the October 4th Commissioners Cup Golf Tournament.
* One bidder responded to the RFP for the JT Berry Property and came within budget.

**MR. MAUCERI**

* Discussed MWRA and Reading. Mr. Gilleberto is preparing an updated on where we are with water.
* Discussed upcoming meeting dates.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. YULL MOVE TO ADJOURN.

SECONDED: MR. O’LEARY

VOTED: MR. O’LEARY AYE

 MR.YULL AYE

 MR. PRISCO AYE

 MRS. MANUPELLI AYE

 MR. MAUCERI AYE

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

ADJOURN: 11:01 p.m.

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DATE KATHRYN MANUPELLI, CLERK