

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017**

Chairman Mauceri called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. in Room 14 at the Town Hall in the presence of members Mr. Prisco, Mr. Yull, Mr. O'Leary, and Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto. Mrs. Manupelli was absent.

CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

Chairman Mauceri called to order the open session at 7:37 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.

MINUTES

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **NOVEMBER 7, 2016** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **DECEMBER 5, 2016** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

The remaining Minutes on the agenda will need to be taken up later in the meeting.

MEET WITH NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATION SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Superintendent, David DiBarri and North Reading representative Judy Dymont addressed the Board regarding the Vocational School construction project. They hope to be approved by the MSBA next year to receive 72% reimbursement for new construction costs. Twelve communities will be contributing to the new school project. North Reading's share would be about 3% of the cost of the project with 72% reimbursement over 30 years. Chairman Mauceri inquired who the architect would be. Mr. DiBarri responded that Dorr and Whittier did the feasibility study and determined a new school, rather than renovations, would be the best financial option. Mr. Prisco stated that although he is a big fan of Northeast Vocational School, he is concerned about their involvement with Dorr and Whittier. He would like them to reconsider their architect. Mr. DiBarri responded that if they are approved by the MSBA, they will be given a choice of between 10 and 12 architects to choose from. Mr. O'Leary stated a 3% investment over 30 years is a good investment and he looks forward to working with them. Mr. DiBarri thanked the Town Administrator for attending a meeting the previous week. They will keep the Town notified of any upcoming meetings.

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PROCLAMATION: NORTH READING NIGHT OFF

CIT member Rita Mullin was in attendance. She informed the Board that all leagues, schools, and Town government will be contacted and asked to cancel activities to allow for families to spend time together. Local restaurants are working with CIT to offer specials to help with this effort. Ms. Mullin asked that the Town Administrator support this effort by contacting Boards and Committees requesting that they not schedule meetings on the evening of March 14th.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PROCLAIM TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017 TO BE NORTH READING NIGHT OFF AND TO READ THE PROCLAMATION.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Mr. Yull informed the audience of a fraudulent text he received asking him to reveal personal banking information. He stated that if a link address ends in "Gmail" it is not from a bank.

VOTE TO CALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Gilleberto informed the audience that a Special Town Meeting is needed as a zoning bylaw amendment will have to be approved to proceed with the 104 Lowell Road project. A vote will also take place regarding the bathroom/concession facility at the Arthur Kenney Field. Mr. Prisco informed that Board that he did an informal survey on social media and concluded that a Monday, rather than a Saturday would be best to assure attendance by at least 150 people, which is needed for a quorum. Mr. Yull stated that a Saturday at 9:00 a.m. would be best to allow for seniors to be involved. He further stated that it would be a big mistake to omit seniors with two very important issues that will affect their purse.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR MARCH 13, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL.

MOTION BY: MR. YULL
SECONDED BY: MR.O'LEARY
VOTED: 3-1 (MR. YULL OPPOSED) (MRS. MANUPELLI ABSENT)

LEGAL BILLS FOR NOVEMBER

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE LEGAL BILLS FOR NOVEMBER, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$11,142.88** AS FOLLOWS:

KOPELMAN AND PAIGE, P.C. (GENERAL)	\$ 6,887.88
KOPEMAN AND PAIGE, P.C. (LABOR)	\$ 4,255.00
TOTAL	\$11,142.88

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MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA DISCUSSION

Attorney Jon Eichman addressed the Board regarding the recreational marijuana laws and regulation options the Town may be interested in pursuing to prohibit sales in town entirely. He informed the Board that prohibiting a recreational marijuana establishment in Town would require a vote at Town Meeting. He suggested putting an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant regulating recreational marijuana. He informed the Board that it will be another six months before state regulations are in place and adopting a bylaw will give municipalities local control regarding the sale and cultivation of recreational marijuana.

Mr. Yull expressed his opinion regarding Seniors being left out of another important matter that will be taken up at the Special Town Meeting because of their inability to get there on a Monday night.

Mr. O'Leary stated that simple language could make up a ballot question asking the residents to vote for or against recreational marijuana sales. Mr. Yull and Mr. Prisco indicated they are in support of putting an article in the Special Town Meeting Warrant regulating recreational marijuana sales.

Rita Mullin of Abbott Road addressed the Board regarding her concern about getting high school students at the Special Town Meeting who could be pro-recreational marijuana sales.

Discussion was had regarding the Board's right to continue to deny future medical marijuana dispensary applicants. Attorney Eichman stated the Board could deny every request that comes before them, however the law is there to provide convenient locations for patients. Chairman Mauceri stated that if a vendor with an appropriate proposal that made sense came before the Board, they could issue a letter of non-opposition; however the vendor would still have to come back to the Town to get a permit. Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that denying a request of a non-opposition letter, and if there isn't a dispensary nearby, people could potentially make a case to grow it in their homes under the existing law, which creates another risk.

Bert and Jayne Vining of the CAS Foundation addressed the Board. Mr. O'Leary indicated that he had been made aware of past unlawful activities of Ms. Vining's husband. Ms. Vining responded that he has never been an employee of the CAS Foundation. Mr. Prisco asked if they have been denied letters of non-opposition from any towns they have applied to. Mr. Vining responded that they missed Lowell by 2 points and have not been denied by anyone else, however, they have rescinded applications. Mr. Vining relayed to the Board that a location on Concord Street in North Reading is the CAS Foundation's first choice. They will commit a minimum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars to the Town within commencement. Their application with the Department of Public Health (DPH) expires February 26, 2017. They asked that the Board grant them a letter of non-opposition tonight as their application would expire because the DPH review process takes between 30-35 days. Mr. Gilleberto relayed to the Board that Town Counsel suggested having a signed agreement in place before signing a non-opposition letter. Attorney Eichman relayed that a non-opposition letter from the Board may not be able to be rescinded once it reaches DPH.

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Mr. Prisco asked the Vining's why they did not come before the Board sooner. He stated he is not ready to make a decision tonight and he would not want to vote on this issue without Mrs. Manupelli's attendance at tonight's meeting. He further stated that he first heard of them only 15 days ago and they should have been more forthright with disclosing the information about Ms. Vining's husband. Mr. Prisco said public safety is the Town's number one priority and 15 days is not enough time to make a decision.

Chairman Mauceri stated that the Board is not in a position to make a decision tonight, especially since all Board members are not present. He stated Mr. Yull, Mr. O'Leary and the Town Administrator would be a subcommittee to "hammer out an agreement" which would be presented at the January 30th Board of Selectmen Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS – REAPPOINTMENTS

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAMES FOR REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2019: (OPENINGS - 8)

- 1) PETER MAJANE, 800 EAST 7TH STREET, SOUTH BOSTON (INCUMBENT)
- 2) KAREN BUSCEMI, 3 LIBERTY LANE (INCUMBENT)
- 3) LESLIE SCHULTZ, 4 CENTRAL STREET (INCUMBENT)
- 4) FRANK FERRARO, 15 ERWIN ROAD (INCUMBENT)
- 5) SAMANTHA MILLER, 68 NORTH STEET (INCUMBENT)
- 6) SANDY GARNISS, 6 YANKEE WOODS DRIVE (INCUMBENT)

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

Chairman Mauceri relays that Mrs. Manupelli, Liaison to the Youth Services Committee, and Peter Majane, Chairman of the Youth Services Committee are in support of these appointments. Chairman Mauceri also thanked resigning, long-time member Tracy Helms for her efforts. Mr. O'Leary also acknowledged her efforts.

READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAME FOR APPOINTMENT AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT'S CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2019.

JASON R. SMALL, 16 TURNER DRIVE (NEW)

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

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAMES FOR REAPPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION (OPENINGS – 2)

1. STONE M. JASIE, 13 SYLVIA ROAD (INCUMBENT) FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019
2. PETER ANTONUCCIO, 61 HAVERHILL STREET (NEW) FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2018.

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

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAME FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM (2 OPENINGS).

PETER ZAWITOWSKI, 9 HOMESTEAD TERRACE (NEW)

MOTION BY: MR. YULL
SECONDED BY: MR. PRISCO
VOTED: 4-0 (MRS. MANUPELLI ABSENT)

Chairman Mauceri acknowledged Mr. Perkins for his service on the Water Commission. He asked that a letter be put together for Mr. Perkins and Mr. Collins for his service on the Hillview Commission. Mr. Prisco asked for a slide at June Town Meeting to acknowledge all those who have resigned from their positions on Committees.

MINUTES (CONTINUED)

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **DECEMBER 5, 2016** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **DECEMBER 19, 2016** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No Report.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

MR. PRISCO

- Informed the audience of the EDC meeting and their decision to put a restriction in the RFP for 102 Lowell Road that proposals with housing components in it will not be evaluated. The focus for 102 Lowell Road is commercial development since there is already so much housing. EDC will make a final determination on the RFP and present it to the Board for final approval. Mr. Wallner addressed the Board regarding his wish to keep the RFP open in order to get all the options on the table. Chairman Mauceri stated it is the right thing to do and commercial development can be encouraged in the wording of the RFP.

MR. O'LEARY

- Informed the audience that the Lawrence Eagle Tribune voted the Hillview Golf Course number one for 2017;
- The athletic facilities subcommittee will be going over additional renderings and hopes to have a proposal shortly;
- Sent condolences to the family of Nancy White, one of the principals of Kitty's;
- Wife Susan will be walking in the Woman's Walk in Washington.

MR. YULL

No comment.

MRS. MANUPELLI

Absent.

MR. MAUCERI

- Informed the Board that the revenue plan will be in drop box tomorrow and the Board will have some decisions to make regarding working with the budget gaps. Mr. Prisco responded he will vote against capital investments as he is upset about the water meter project. He would like to see capital items that have been voted on moving forward. Mr. Gilleberto responded that projects that were on hold are starting to move forward.
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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. YULL MOVE TO ADJOURN

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

VOTE: 4-0 (UNANAMOUS) (MRS. MANUPELLI ABSENT)

ADJOURN: 10:37 p.m.

DATE

KATHRYN MANUPELLI, CLERK