

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

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Chairman Prisco called the meeting to order at 7:41 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 7:41 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.

**MUNICIPAL OPIOID LITIGATION – REVIEW/DISCUSS/VOTE TO JOIN LITIGATION**

Mr. Gilleberto relayed to the audience the reason for the litigation. Attorney Richard Sandman of Rodman, Rodman & Sandman and Attorney Mark Reich of KP Law were in attendance. Attorney Sandman further explained that the litigation would be seeking funds for any and all resources that will help with substance abuse. Attorney Sandman confirmed that there would be no up-front costs to the Town to participate in this litigation. Attorney Sandman said if they are successful in winning the suit, the participating towns would be reimbursed on a pro-rata basis.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO RETAIN THE FIRM OF LEVIN, PAPANTONIO, THOMAS, MITCHELL, RAFFERTY & PROCTOR, PA TO PURSUE A CIVIL SUIT AGAINST THOSE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WRONGFUL DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION OPIATES AND DAMAGES CAUSED THEREBY, TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE "ENGAGEMENT TO REPRESENT", AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF SUCH SUIT.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Schultz asked the residents to leash and pick up after their dogs at Ipswich River Park. Residents not following the rules will be issued citations.

**PROCLAMATION: NORTH READING DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

Kathy Acciavatti of North Reading Dollars for Scholars addressed the Board. She stated that volunteer opportunities could be found on the website, Dollarsforscholars.com. Mr. Schultz reads the proclamation.

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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> TO BE NORTH READING DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS WEEK AND TO READ THE PROCLAMATION.

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

**UPDATE FROM PULTE HOMES – 104 LOWELL ROAD PROJECT**

Reid Blute gave a presentation (see attached) on the status of the construction at 104 Lowell Road, which will be called Martins Landing. He stated most units will cost in the low to high 300K's with the penthouse units costing more. There will be 7 styles of 1 and 2 bedroom units available for active adults age restricted to over 55.

**APPROVE LEGAL BILLS**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF A \$120,000 RETAINER FOR LEGAL SERVICES, DEPOSITION COSTS AND EXPERT SERVICES FOR FURMAN GREGORY DEPTULA AND FURTHER TO RELEASE THE AMOUNT OF \$71,867.01 FROM A PREVIOUS RETAINER PAYMENT TO PAY INVOICE #11360 DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2018.

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

**MINUTES**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **FEBRUARY 12, 2018** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **FEBRUARY 12, 2018** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

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**FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET STATUS**

Finance Director Liz Rourke gave a power point presentation. She stated that departments were asked to put in requests beyond level services to reflect long-term departmental needs and the BoS strategic plan. Mr. Gilleberto stated there will be an increase in solid waste disposal and recycling costs, and right now it exceeds what is in the budget. Mr. Prisco stated it has been 7 years since a rate increase and is looking for community support when the Board makes a decision about disposal and recycling services. There will need to be a reconciliation process between now and early May to finalize a balanced budget. Health insurance is carried at a 7.5% increase, although the projections currently exceed that.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

(See attached) Topics Discussed:

- North Reading's Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition;
- Reimbursement for early voting expenses incurred.

**OLD NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Mauceri:**

- Inquired about Chapter 90 Funds, Mr. Gilleberto responded it's consistent with what the Town got the last 3 years.

**Mr. O'Leary:**

- Read his thoughts on the Parkland, Florida High School shooting. Voiced his support for the survivors;
- Wants elected officials to deal with issues on gun control;
- Wants to see change.

Mr. Prisco agreed with Mr. O'Leary and called for a moment of silence. He stated there is a need for a parent forum to keep people in town informed to alleviate fears. Mr. Mauceri is also in agreement with Mr. O'Leary, he stated lots of things could have prevented the shooting before it happened and that there is a breakdown in communication.

**Mr. Schultz:**

- Wants Legislators to get together in a bipartisan manner to get things done with gun control and be able to reach common ground.

**Mrs. Manupelli:**

- Agrees fully with Mr. O'Leary;
- Don't stigmatize mental illness, see something, say something, total lack of understanding to arm teachers, pay attention, talk, and listen to the kids.

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**Mr. Prisco:**

- Now is the time to get leaders and parents together for a parent forum;
- Need to continue to make investments in public safety;
- Other states are using MA gun laws as a baseline;
- Joint meeting with Andover on Wednesday regarding water;
- Secretary Ashes visit in on March 14<sup>th</sup> in Room 14;
- North Reading Night Off on March 13<sup>th</sup>;
- Leash and clean up after dogs at IRP.

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

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

ADJOURN: 9:16 p.m.

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DATE

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ANDREW SCHULTZ, CLERK