

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017**

Chairman Prisco called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. in Room B-15 at North Reading High School in the presence of members Mrs. Manupelli, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Mauceri, Mr. O'Leary, and Town Administrator Michael Gilleberto.

CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Prisco called to order open session at 6:29 p.m.

VOTE TO REQUEST GOVERNOR'S BILL – VALIDATING AND CONFIRMING THE ACTIONS OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2017 TOWN MEETING

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNOR FILE SPECIAL LEGISLATION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOME RULE AMENDMENT TO RATIFY, VALIDATE AND CONFIRM THE ACTION OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2017 FALL TOWN MEETING AND ALL ACTION TAKEN IN RELATION THERETO, AS IF THE WARRANT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS, AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD REQUESTING THAT SUCH LEGISLATION BE FILED AND FORWARDING PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTION AS MAY BE NEEDED TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS VOTE.

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

RATIFY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – NORTH READING FIREFIGHTERS #1857

Mr. Prisco stated that there was no need to discuss this agenda item as the Union did not ratify the agreement.

VOTE TO APPROVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT – 100 LOWELL ROAD

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that although he does not have a signed copy of the easement agreement, he has been informed that Lincoln Properties and the Mortgage holders have signed off on it.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 100 LOWELL ROAD AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY SILMILAR FORM TO THE DOCUMENT APPROVED TONIGHT.

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

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**VOTE TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH
ANDOVER FOR POTABLE WATER**

Mr. Gilleberto informed that Board that he has been informed by the Andover Town Manager that the Andover Board of Selectmen agreed to the IMA extension with a 5-0 unanimous vote. There were formatting issues in the draft pending with Andover, which have been corrected in the draft before the Board tonight.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE EXTENSION OF THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 26, 2015 WITH THE TOWN OF ANDOVER FOR POTABLE WATER.

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

REVIEW OCTOBER TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2 – PRIOR YEAR BILLS

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE RECOMMEND ARTICLE 2, PRIOR YEAR BILLS.

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

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

Mr. Gilleberto informed that Board that this will be a Two Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$200,000) transfer from Free Cash.

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

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

ARTICLE 4 – APPROPRIATE MONEY TO STABILIZATION FUND

Mr. Gilleberto informed that Board that a transfer is not being proposed at this time and that the Town has not transferred funds into the stabilization fund every year.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE PASS OVER ARTICLE 4, APPROPRIATE MONEY TO STABILIZATION FUND.

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

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE RECOMMEND ARTICLE 5, TRANSFER FUNDS TO OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY TRUST FUND.

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

ARTICLE 6– AMEND FY 2018 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Gilleberto informed that Board that Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$4,700) will be transferred from the salary pool to DPW – Buildings for modification to the wages for the Assistant Building Superintendent.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 6, AMEND FY 2018 OPERATING BUDGET.

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

**ARTICLE 9 – APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR J.T. BETTY/LOWELL
ROAD PROPERTY**

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that no further appropriation is needed at this time. Mr. Prisco informed the Board that the closing date for the property is scheduled for November 29, 2017.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE PASSEOVER ARTICLE 9, APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR J.T. BETTY/LOWELL ROAD PROPERTY.

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

**ARTICLE 10 – APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR STUDY AND DESIGN – WATER/WASTEWATER
CONNECTION**

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that the Study would cost between Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000). Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) is being recommended, to be split \$175,500 from water retained earnings and \$149,500 from General Fund borrowing.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE RECOMMEND ARTICLE 10, APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR STUDY AND DESIGN – WATER/WASTEWATER CONNECTION.

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

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ARTICLE 12 – FUND CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP STATION, READING AND NORTH READING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR MWRA INTERCONNECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WATER FROM THE MWRA.

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that the Town has carried this cost estimate since 2014; it's the final act to repay the buy-in. It is a "Clarifying Vote".

ARTICLE 16 – AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS.

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board after hearing feedback from the September 18th BoS meeting and the apparent desire to have a formal vehicle to continue the practice of improving roads that are not accepted, it has been recommend the Board pass over this article and have more discussions and a better understanding before the June Town Meeting.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE PASSEVER ARTICLE 16, AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS – BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS.

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

ARTICLE 17 – APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL LEGAL EXPENSES

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) will be appropriated from Free Cash. This article has already been recommended by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. SCHULTZ MOVE TO RECESS AND RECONVENE ON THE TOWN MEETING FLOOR.

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

RECESS: 6:49 p.m.

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

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TOWN MEETING

Mr. Prisco reconvened the Board in Town Meeting at 7:15 PM.

The Board members made motions and reported recommendations during Town Meeting.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MRS. MANUPELLI MOVE TO ADJOURN.

SECONDED: MR. O'LEARY

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

ADJOURN: 10:15 PM

DATE

ANDREW SCHULTZ, CLERK