

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018**

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Chairman Prisco called the meeting to order at 7:44 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 7:44 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.

**SIGN STATE PRIMARY WARRANT**

Constable John Firriello was in attendance.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO SIGN THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 STATE PRIMARY WARRANT.

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

**RECOGNIZE BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER – MICHAEL RICCI**

Board of Health Chairman, Gary Hunt addressed the audience speaking about Michael Ricci's term of the Board of Health. Mr. Ricci addressed the audience stating it was a privilege and an honor serving on the Board. Members of the BoS express their appreciation for his service and time. Mr. Prisco reads the Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Gilleberto states Mr. Bracey is unable to attend the meeting tonight. Mr. Gilleberto welcomes Mr. Ricci's replacement, Karen Martin and thanks the Board of Health and Selectmen Schultz for their efforts in finding a replacement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eric Evans, 3 Sandra Lane addressed the Board on behalf of the North Reading/Reading Chamber of Commerce regarding a citizen's petition supporting the opposition of the snow and ice removal bylaw.

Rich Wallner, 57 Lakeside Boulevard, representing the CIT addressed the Board regarding the location of the proposed Intergenerational Center. He is disappointed that IRP is the only location being considered, he stated it may belong somewhere else and the location decision should be a very open topic.

Phil Healy, 110 Lowell Road informed the audience of the 4<sup>th</sup> Cinematic Conversations being held at the Flint Memorial Library, sponsored by NORCAM. He further stated that a seminar will be held at the Distance Learning Lab for anyone interested in covering school events. He encouraged residents to check out the NORCAM Facebook page.

David Monahan, 42 Wilson Ave. addressed the Board regarding being in the 9<sup>th</sup> week of a lock out from National Grid and his second request to the Town to issue a temporary moratorium. Mr. Gilleberto updated the audience of a meeting with National Grid that was attended by him, the Fire

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Chief, the DPW Director, the Public Safety Director, and the Town Engineer. They were informed at the meeting that National Grid has a policy not to discuss labor disputes in public meetings. Chief Murphy informed the audience that after speaking with key people overseeing construction projects in Town, it was determined that a temporary moratorium would create hardship and could shut down certain projects. Mr. O'Leary stated that National Grid is an investor owned company and they have impacted families unnecessarily and shut off health care benefits. He further stated that the Board has a responsibility to let them know they are not in agreement with their practice and it is not acceptable, and they have an obligation to take action. Mr. Mauceri agrees with Mr. O'Leary, however, he is not in support of a moratorium. Mr. Schultz emphasizes with their plight, however stated the Board should not be involved in private labor disputes. Mr. O'Leary stated it is a public health issue because ill trained people are doing work. Mr. Prisco would like to find a way to advocate to move negotiations along. Mrs. Manupelli is not in favor of a moratorium and stated she is disappointed National Grid did not attend the meeting tonight. Mr. O'Leary will reach out to Mr. Monahan, and Mr. Prisco would consider placing what they come up with on the next meeting agenda.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Mr. Mauceri updated the audience on a meeting to be held on Wednesday pertaining to water/sewer. He wants to keep discussions with Andover moving along.

Mr. Schultz informed the audience of an upcoming meeting pertaining to a bike path and walkway.

**REVIEW/APPROVE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT WITH RMLD/  
NEXTERA/MINUTEMAN**

Mr. Gilleberto updated the audience of meetings held with RMLD, Minuteman, and NextEra regarding the battery storage facility at the DPW yard. An agreement was reached to receive payments for 20 years in lieu of taxes. Chief Stats informed the Board that all code requirements have been met. Debbie Carbone, Assessing Manager informed the Board that the word "kilowatts" in the agreement should be changed to "megawatts".

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT WITH MINUTEMAN ENERGY STORAGE AND TO AUTHGORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT IN A FORM SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

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

**DISCUSS CANNABIDIOL (CBD) PRODUCTS**

Drug Free Communities Grant Director Amy Luckiewicz addressed the audience regarding Cannabidiol (CBD) products available for sale at local convenience stores. She stated that the concern with these products is the THC content is not listed. Heather LaVerdiere, 280 Haverhill Street expressed her concerns about the availability of these products to kids.

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**APPROVE AND SIGN AMENDED COMCAST LICENSE AGREEMENT AND SIDE LETTER**

Cable Advisory Committee Chairman, Ed Strob was in attendance. Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that signing the License Agreement is required because of an inaccuracy in the original iNet decommission agreement signed earlier this year. Due to deadlines passed, the Board is reapproving the agreement with the same conditions.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO RECIND THE BOARD'S VOTE OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018 AND APPROVE AND SIGN THE AMENDED COMCAST LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2028 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE I-NET DECOMMISSION AGREEMENT.

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

**FY2018 END OF YEAR REVIEW**

Finance Director, Liz Rourke gave a power point presentation. She stated that this review focuses on where things stand per department.

8:58 – Mr. Prisco leaves the room.

Ms. Rourke further stated that the numbers were not final and they could change by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September.

9:00 – Mr. Prisco returns.

Chief Stats informed the audience of procedural changes made in the Fire Department to help reduce overtime costs from the projections reviewed earlier this year. Chief Murphy discusses the Police Department's overtime and expenses.

**REVIEW WARRANT ARTICLES FOR OCTOBER TOWN MEETING**

Mr. Gilleberto goes through the Warrant Articles. Mr. O'Leary wants to reverse the order of Articles 20 and 21. Discussion was had regarding the citizens petition to change the name of a street and the amount of administrative changes it would take to implement the change. Mr. Prisco would like to know the financial costs to change the name of the street before there is a public hearing. He further stated the petitioner should know that any financial impact will be the petitioner's responsibility.

Discussion was had regarding a pavement management plan. DPW Director, Patrick Bower stated that he and the Town Engineer will get more up to date with technology and look at different paving materials for the spring season.

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**MINUTES**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **JULY 23, 2018** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **JULY 23, 2018** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **AUGUST 7, 2018** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

**APPROVE LEGAL BILLS**

Mr. Gilleberto informed that Board that the American Arbitration Association bill will be paid out of the TA expenses.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE LEGAL BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,934.00 AS FOLLOWS:

AMERICAN ABRITRATION ASSOCIATION	\$ 550.00
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATIONS	\$ 500.00
THOMSON WEST	<u>\$ 884.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,934.00

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

**ARTHUR KENNEY FIELD RESTROOM/CONCESSION STAND**

Mr. Gilleberto informed the Board that the seal coating has not yet been done, therefore, and therefore a vote is not being requested on requisition #9.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

See attached. Topics discussed:

- Meeting with National Grid regarding labor dispute;
- West Nile Virus testing;
- Senior Tax Work Off program participant meeting;
- Housing Production Plan approval; and
- New Town Employees.

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Mr. Gilleberto also stated that resident's water will not be disconnected if they fail to comply with the water meter replacement project. In response to Mrs. Manupelli's concern about the positive test results for West Nile virus, Mr. Gilleberto stated that seasonal mosquito spraying will continue for the rest of the summer. In response to Mr. Prisco, Mr. Gilleberto stated that the meeting with members from the Drug Free Community (DFC), held at the Police Station went very well. Mrs. Manupelli stated that North Reading is one of the communities the DFC will be obtaining a lot of information from.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Mrs. Manupelli:** No Comment

**Mr. Schultz:** No Comment

**Mr. Mauceri:**

- Informed the audience that he is working on getting a cost breakdown on the sewer aspect of the water agreement with Andover.

**Mr. O'Leary:**

- Stated his water meter replacement went very smooth, it was simple; and
- He is happy to see Kitty's open again; 135 employees back to work.

**Mr. Prisco:**

- Asked the residents to be more aware while driving with kids going back to school; and
- Next meeting is September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Gilleberto mentioned the new drop off route for the Batchelder School.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. O'LEARY 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: 10:11 p.m.

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STEPHEN J. O'LEARY, CLERK