

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022**

Chair Manupelli called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. via in person and remote participation. Participating members were Ms. Gonzalez, Mr. Wallner, Mr. Stuto, Mr. O'Leary and Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto.

Members recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

First order of business. Trash update

Chair Manupelli wanted to take things out of order in order to have the Trash update addressed first.

Mr. Gilleberto first stated that Joseph Parisi, Amy DiChiara & Jessey Guarente have been fielding many calls. Republic is located out of Tyngsboro and have missed pickups due to lack of equipment/personnel. They have failed to deliver. We have the DPW trucks out picking up trash in their trucks. We have been in contact with Town Council to discuss the contract and how correct their performance. There are also talks about alternative providers but that does not come without a cost implication. Most towns go to an automatize program. We will keep the community updated.

Chair Manupelli added she appreciated the DPW and asked residents to please be patient. There may be new fee's coming if we need to change vendors but we are a resilient community. She thanked the administration and all for their work on this.

Mr. O'Leary added that the resources being used is unfortunate.

Mr. Stuto said that a new solution will cost. He does not see how Republic can fix this.

Mr. Wallner wanted to make sure there was a daily news update on the website.

Mr. Gilleberto added that they are looking into alternatives for trash, recycling or both. We have no choice. Our ability to control what is happening is extremely limited. We are sorry. Republic will not say sorry but we are.

Next order of business. Sign November 8, 2022 State Election Warrant

Town Clerk, Sue Duplin presented a PowerPoint on the next election on November 8.

Mr. O'Leary reminded that voters are required to show ID.

Chair Manupelli commented on all the fantastic information provided and thanked Ms. Duplin.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO SIGN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 STATE ELECTION WARRANT.

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MOTION BY:	MR. WALLNER
SECONDED BY:	MR. O'LEARY

VOTED BY:	MR. STUTO	AYE
	MRS. GONZALEZ	AYE
	MR. WALLNER	AYE
	MR. O'LEARY	AYE
	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE

VOTE: 5-0

Next order of business. Public Comment

Mr. Gilleberto read a comment made by Maureen Doherty in the Zoom chat that under the previous agenda item the red book issued by the State Secretary did not include any details on question 4. The booklet printing deadline was prior to the deadline for signatures to be turned in by the sponsors of that question certified by the Secretary of State.

Next order of business. Wastewater Project Update/Discussion

Mr. Gilleberto set up the background of what was to be presented regarding the Wastewater project.

Joseph Parisi presented a PowerPoint.

There was some discussion on the betterments, grants, opt out and other resources available to the Town of North Reading.

Further discussions continued.

Mr. Gilleberto added that there are some options under Special Legislation.

Matt with Write Pierce made some comments on the rate GLS has available to Town of North Reading.

Chair Manupelli added that the town sets the rate.

Mark Clark added his explanation on how this would affect the water portion in Town of North Reading.

Mr. Kelliher stated that the costs have increased include the tax, tax betterment, sewer payment & Hookup (on the homeowner)

Chair Manupelli added that they need to factor in those numbers to the slides. The other costs need to be included.

Next order of business. Joint Petition RMLD/Verizon Plan #1958 – Install New Pole on

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Haverhill St.

Mr. Gilleberto put photos up on the main screen for reference for the following discussion.

Dan Trant, RMLD, Sr. Distribution Engineer presented the tentative plan to install a new Utility Pole #114-1 Haverhill St. to support guy wires to pole at #114 Haverhill St. There was a presentation on how they would like to proceed.

Discussion ensued. The Select Board decided to send RMLD & Verizon back to the drawing table as they concluded it was absurd to add a pole to tether wires to correct this situation. Motion was passed over.

Next order of business. North Shore Water Resiliency Task Force/Vote to Join/Sign Agreement

Mark Clark explained the task force and how it alleviated low flows in drought times. He also said he would be the Rep for the Town of North Reading. Financially 100K is state funded and going back 25 years it has never been a financial burden. It is important to have a voice on this task force.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO VOTE TO JOIN AND SIGN THE NORTH SHORE WATER RESILIENCY TASK FORCE.

MOTION BY: MR. WALLNER

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY

VOTED BY:	MR. STUTO	AYE
	MRS. GONZALEZ	AYE
	MR. WALLNER	AYE
	MR. O'LEARY	AYE
	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE

VOTE: 5-0

Next order of business. Appointment-Economic Development Committee

Mr. Gilleberto said it is actually a liaison appointment by the Chair answered that she will sign the appointment slip.

Next order of business. Discuss Establishing Transportation Committee

Lillian Hartman and Mr. Wallner presented an overview of the Transportation Committee which was put in the Select Board packet. After the presentation they informed that will have a Motion to establish prepared for the next meeting.

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Next order of business. **Legal Bills**

FURMAN GREGORY DEPTULA

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO APPROVE INVOICE #11426 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,739 TO FURMAN GREGORY DEPTULA FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT LITIGATION.

MOTION BY: MR. WALLNER
SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY

VOTED BY:	MR. STUTO	AYE
	MRS. GONZALEZ	AYE
	MR. WALLNER	AYE
	MR. O'LEARY	AYE
	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE

Next order of business. **Minutes**

Mr. Gilleberto informed that there is a new folder in the shared file called "Draft Meeting Minutes" and to please review over the next 2 weeks.

Next order of business. **Town Administrator Report**

NONE.

Next order of business. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. O'Leary began by expressing his condolences to the family and friends of Eleanor Gene as she was a past Assistant to the Town Clerk. She served well and was a fantastically helpful individual. He also added that residents should get out and vote early and there are many opportunities.

Mr. Wallner reported that the Martin's Pond Committee and Wilmington discovered the Culvert on the Wilmington line has a blockage and they are working on it. He congratulated the DPW and the moth and Spawn committee for their work. They are still working on the plan for the possibility of dredging the pond. The recycling committee has been working on getting the word out about the November 1 changes are coming. Lastly, the Commission on Disability is doing great and are a great group. Their motto is "Choose to Include"

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Ms. Gonzalez said there is a medicine disposal drive at the Senior Center on Saturday, October 29th 9:00-1:00. They take pet meds as well. The EDC will meet at the Hillview on November 9th at 5:30 and will focus on the Sewer project. The Veterans Event Committee will be having the Veteran Day Dinner at the Tewksbury Country Club again from 5:00 –9:00pm.

Mr. Stuto said there is an abutters “on the route” meeting on Tuesday October 18th in the PAC or the DLL at 7:00 pm. and 8:00 am on October 25.

Chair Manupelli thanked Mr. Gilleberto, Mr. O’Leary, and Mr. Stuto for the huge investment of their time on Wastewater. She additionally thanked Joseph Parisi and Mark Clark for their time as well.

Mr. Stuto added it is important for the committees to see the Select Board at the meetings.

Mr. Wallner added that the CPC will meet on November 1 on the accessory dwelling.

Next order of business. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stuto see Board Member Report
Ms. Gonzalez see Board Member Report
Mr. O’Leary see Board Member Report
Mr. Wallner see Board Member Report
Chair Manupelli see Board Member Report

Last order of business. ADJOURN

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	MRS. GONZALEZ	AYE
	MR. WALLNER	AYE
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	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE

VOTE: 5-0

ADJOURN: 10:25 P.M.

DATE

RICHARD WALLNER, CLERK