

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING ATM
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023**

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. NORTH READING MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL Principal's Conference Room, ROOM B-15, 189 PARK STREET via in-person and remote participation. Participating members were Ms. Manupelli, Mr. Stuto, Mr. O'Leary, and Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto. Mr. Wallner attended via zoom.

#1. Executive Session

#2 & #3

Routine.

First order of business. Proclamation: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer+ Pride Month

There was Select Board discussion to amend the motion to include the (+) Plus in the Proclamation.

Ms. Manupelli read the proclamation. She also wanted to reflect on how important as a Select Board that they recognize the marginalized LGBTQ+ community and was glad they were being proactive.

Mr. O'Leary echoed the same and wanted to make sure we got the information to the transcript.

Mr. Wallner agreed and will let all that attend the Pride parade on June 25 at 12:00 know about this proclamation.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO PROCLAIM THAT JUNE 2023 BE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER + PRIDE MONTH, AND TO READ THE PROCLAMATION AS AMENDED.

MOTION BY:	MR. WALLNER
SECONDED BY:	MR. STUTO

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

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**Next order of business. Side Letter – North Reading Firefighters, Local #1857, IAFF
Vote to Ratify and Sign.**

Passed Over until June 21, 2023.

**Next order of business. Spring Annual (June) Town Meeting, Discuss Warrant Articles
Vote Remaining Warrant Article Recommendations**

ARTICLE 1 – FY2023 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO MODIFY TO RECOMMEND PASSING OVER ARTICLE 1 AS
PRINTED IN THE WARRANT.

MOTION BY: MRS. MANUPELLI
SECONDED BY: MR. STUTO

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

DPW Director Joseph Parisi and John Murphy, Town Moderator entered at 6:21 P.M.

ARTICLE 2 – FY2023 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Gilleberto said that the funds remained the same in Article #2 \$150K from free cash.

Ms. Manupelli asked if this would be explained in the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Gilleberto said there is a 19 slide PowerPoint prepared.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 2 – FY2023 CAPITAL BUDGET
AMENDMENT.

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SECONDED BY:	MRS. MANUPELLI

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 8 – FY2023 TRANSFER FUNDS TO SOLID WASTE STABILIZATION FUND

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND PASSING OVER ARTICLE 8 – FY2023 TRANSFER FUNDS TO SOLID WASTE STABILIZATION FUND.

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 (UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 9 – FY2023 TRANSFER FUNDS TO WATER STABILIZATION FUND

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND PASSING OVER ARTICLE 9 - FY2023 TRANSFER FUNDS TO WATER STABILIZATION FUND

MOTION BY:	MR. WALLNER
SECONDED BY:	MR. STUTO

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

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	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE
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VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 12– FY2023 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LEGAL EXPENSES – 20 ELM STREET

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO– RECOMMEND PASSING OVER ARTICLE 12 – FY2023
APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LEGAL EXPENSES – 20 ELM STREET.

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	RECUSED

VOTE: 4-1 RECUSED

ARTICLE 24 - RESCIND AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 24 - RESCIND AUTHORIZATION TO
BORROW.

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 (UNANIMOUS)

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ARTICLE 34 - INCREASE REVOLVING FUND LIMIT – ELDER SERVICES

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 34 - INCREASE REVOLVING FUND LIMIT – ELDER SERVICES

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 (UNANIMOUS)

Mr. Stuto began a brief discussion to see if it was the pleasure of the Select Board to move the next meeting to June 26th. The Select Board decided to keep the meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Chair Gonzalez wanted to get clarification on Article #25 regarding the permanent light at Park St. (Rte. 62) & Central St.

Mr. O'Leary reminded that it was passed by the Select Board 3-2 and they, with assistance of Town Counsel divided the motion. The purpose was so they could pass on the majority of the motion for Article #25 except for the \$350K for the permanent light. They are to vote for that separately.

Ms. Manupelli asked if they passed the first part of the warrant article motion would that eliminate the rest of the motion.

Attorney Darren Klein said no.

Mr. O'Leary reiterated what he had said.

Mr. Stuto asked what the need for the motion to be separated.

Mr. O'Leary said they needed 2/3rd vote and they don't want to risk the whole budget.

Attorney Darren Klein said the Town Meeting would appropriate the money but they do not have to use it.

Ms. Gonzalez asked for where is the past minute they requested to separate the vote. Mr. Gilleberto read from the April 24, 2023 meeting.

Attorney Darren Klein read the proposed motion for Article 25

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"I move to appropriate by borrowing three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) to complete the project of a Capital nature entitled "Intersection: Park and Central – Add Full Traffic Signal" as specified in Article 25 as printed in the warrant, including all incidental and related costs; and furthermore, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said specified sum and issue bonds and notes therefor; and further that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount."

Per Ms. Manupelli request Attorney Darren Klein reread the Motion.

Discussion ensued on how to best explain this Article the Annual Town Meeting motions.

Chair Gonzalez polled the Select Board to see if they were comfortable on the explanation.

MR. STUTO	YES
MRS. GONZALEZ	YES
MR. WALLNER	YES
MR. O'LEARY	YES
MRS. MANUPELLI	YES

Mr. Gilleberto said it is up to the Select Board to make this clear to the public.

Mr. O'Leary wished Mr. Wallner a speedy recovery and all reverberated this sentiment.

#7. RECESS TO TOWN MEETING FLOOR

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECESS TO TOWN MEETING FLOOR AT 6:51 P.M.

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 (UNANIMOUS)

There was one vote made to recommend in favor of the amendment to increase the Senior tax work off program amount to \$1500.00 per 100 hours worked.

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#9 ADJOURN

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

MOTION BY:	MR. O'LEARY
SECONDED BY:	MRS. MANUPELLI

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

ADJOURN: 11:20 p.m.

DATE



RICHARD WALLNER, CLERK