

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. via in-person and remote participation. Participating members were, Mr. Stuto, Ms. Manupelli, Mr. Wallner, Mr. O'Leary and Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto. A full recording of this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheNorcam1>

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Routine.

First order of business.

BOARD MEMEBER REPORTS

Mr. O'Leary- Board of Health met with the recycling and had a very productive meeting. Dan Greenberg, John Rogers and Robert Bracy agreed to endorse and to move forward to present the Article at the Annual Town Meeting. Congratulations to them for working together on this. The Board of Health has been busy planning clinics including the upcoming vision Clinic on 9/28. On Saturday, October 21st from 11am to 3pm at North Reading High School. It is for all ages. There will be raffles, Food Pantry drop off from free entry to win a mountain bike and concessions. There will be vaccines like RSV, Flu and Covid available. Lastly, Hillview is waiting on bids.

Mr. Wallner – Forrest Committee had their first meeting with the consultant with representatives from the School Committee, Conservation and some town people. The main goal is to figure out the mapping of who owns what lands. Due to the heavy rains the needed to postpone some site work. Regarding Taxation Aid, the Select Board received many letters from seniors on a fixed income regarding taxes. Lastly at Town Day the Commission on Disabilities had a table.

Mr. Stuto- The second Wastewater Planning Committee meeting was well attended. He said what needed to happen did. They have fresh questions for the engineers. They stayed to try to answer all the Chat questions. They plan to set up a meeting with stakeholders in Edgewood and Martins Landing. The DPW and Finance Committee are busy getting ready for October Town Meeting but they will be reaching out to them soon.

Select Board discussed some ideas on the Senior Taxes and the letter received.

Ms. Manupelli- said the Town Day was the most well attended Town Day. There were performances by Country Signing Annie Brobst & NOTEorious. The Historical and Antiquarian Society has tables and they pay \$125. There were other spaces open and maybe consider opening up free spaces for non-political group to have a spot in the future. Facilities Master Plan will make a short report at the October Town Meeting.

Chair Gonzalez- said she attended the Community Impact Team meeting where they discussed the opioid funding from the lawsuit. They invited the Housing Authority director to the meeting for an hour which was long overdue. She thinks it was a good thing to do as it's a state run development but it's very much part of the community. The people who live there go to the senior center. they interact at a lot of different things in town. It was an excellent recommendation by former Chief Murphy. She reminded everybody to go on to the Community Impact Team website because there is always things going on. Guiding good choices is starting October 4th every Wednesday in October the CIT was in the audience. She then wanted to survey her colleagues of the matter they are not required to have Zoom as part of the meeting. They wouldn't have to have this set up and they would still have Norcam they just wouldn't have the zoom, She then went through each Select Board member for their thoughts.

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Ms. Manupelli said it is great for community members to join meeting and they should keep the technology.

Mr. Stuto agreed and added maybe add a section to type in your questions.

Mr. Wallner also agree but said to perfect the technology.

Mr. O'Leary additionally said the accessibility is good and to also invest in technology.

Chair Gonzalez said yes as well.

Mr. O'Leary asked if the Town Engineer can make the new flood maps available for viewing on the website. Also he expressed his condolences for Mr. Lyman Fancy whom was a former Plumbing Inspector and was born and raised in the Town of North Reading. He said one would walk away with a smile when you left him.

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

Next order of business. Review North Shore Regional 911 Center Agreement

Passed over.

Next order of business. Street Acceptance: Eaton Circle

In attendance were, DPW Director Joseph Parisi, Community Planning Danielle McKnight, & Community Planning Commission Warren Pierce. It was recommended to proceed with the street acceptance at October Town Meeting and it is a cut and dry acceptance.

Ms. Manupelli asked if all have been approved and is in compliance.

Danielle McKnight replied they have consulted with engineering and did a final inspection. After a few minor repairs and fixes the Town Engineer approves.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE LAYOUT OF EATON CIRCLE AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN EATON CIRCLE, NORTH READING, MASSACHUSETTS" BY WILLIAMS & SPARAGES, LLC, JOHN J. ROURKE, III, SURVEYOR, DATED JULY 25, 2023 BY SIGNING SAID PLAN AND REPORTING TO THE TOWN.

MOTION BY: MR. WALLNER

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	MRS. GONZALEZ	AYE
	MR. WALLNER	AYE
	MR. O'LEARY	AYE
	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

Documents were signed and returned to Select Board secretary at 8:18 p.m.

Next order of business. October 2, 2023 Fall Annual Town Meeting

Chair Gonzalez read the Hearing notice with the Select Board agreeing she not read all 22 articles.

Mr. Gilleberto took the article 1 by 1 but started with Article 21 as they just voted on it and explained the subdivision.

Chair Gonzalez asked for any zoom member to raise their hand if they wished to speak at the Hearing.

Mr. Gilleberto returned to reviewing Article 1-22. It was recommend to pass over Article 3 and reevaluate the amount to be transferred at Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND PASSING OVER ARTICLE 3.

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)

ARTICLE 4

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 4 TRANSFER FUNDS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STABILIZATION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00.

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 5 – APPROPRIATE MONEY TO SOLID WASTE STABILIZATION FUND

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 5 - APPROPRIATE MONEY 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 7

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 7 AS PRESENTED.

(AMEND FY 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

- \$179,000.00 FROM FREE CASH FOR DEBT SERVICE
- \$69,450.00 INCREASE TO RECREATION ENTERPRISE FUNDED BY RECREATION REVENUE
- \$240,766.00 FROM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE STABILIZATION TO REFLECT RATE PLAN
- \$__ INCREASE TO HILLVIEW EXPENSES)

MOTION BY:	MR. O'LEARY
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Discussion:

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Ms. Manupelli is hesitant to recommend without figures from Hillview. Chair Gonzalez agreed to wait for the October Town Meeting. Mr. O'Leary added it is an increased expense to the enterprise fund.

Ms. Manupelli asked Marty Tilton about his department adding an employee for landscaping. Who is the company?

Marty Tilton said the rec center needs work done for upkeep.

Ms. Manupelli also inquired about the snack shack lack of use and upkeep.

Marty Tilton said that it is not profitable for groups to use and they choose not to.

Ms. Manupelli entertain an idea to hire a vendor to open the shack and make money for the town and keep it in shape.

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)

ARTICLE 8

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 8 – RESCIND AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW.

MOTION BY: MR. O'LEARY
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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ARTICLE 9

Regarding Article 9 Amend FY2024 Capital Budget that includes Hood School Boiler, KidSpot & Burroughs Rd. Mr. Kelliher was attending via Zoom. There is a typo on the state grant as it should be \$150K in grants not \$100K.

Mr. O'Leary asked what the funding source would be.

Mr. Gilleberto replied from Free Cash and he confirmed with Laurianne Galvin.

Ms. Manupelli attended the CIPC meeting on the Hood boiler. The presentation incorporated some rebates that there was a long discussion about this boiler with the anticipation that there would be a receipt of a rebate of the funds. She said to Mr. Kelleher that the whole premise of that moving up in the queue was the availability of a rebate. She wanted to hear specifics on that because other projects got less of a rating because there was this reimbursement available. She won't vote to recommend this unless she has a definitive explanation why there needs to be a supplement now. They just had a presentation about Enterprise and they heard about this at the last meeting. There is an Enterprise fund that Parks and Rec has available to be able to do these types of Maintenance projects. At the last meeting they had a lot of back and forth about this but this was a project that was moved up for approval. They heard that the decision to take equipment out was because it was going to be a \$50K grant that they were going to lose but there was really no clear plan to replace it. That's just not a good way to proceed. She would not be in favor. There was a lot of chatter and it got taken to social media as to why is the Select Board is not replacing the equipment. The equipment should have stayed there until there was a plan in motion so people could use it and if it was unsafe the people that had taken it to social media to talk about the board should be talking to the people on social media. They should have said they had to remove it as it wasn't safe for kids to use and also said they were really sorry they didn't have a plan in place to replace it and now we have to find more money to replace. The Select Board is bound by open meeting law and they can't take it to the street. They want the correct information and the accurate information and people that are doing these plans, renovations and engaging with the vendors they should really address it. She wants more information about what's the plan is what are Parks and Recreation are putting in there. She heard about accessible equipment do they even know what that is or who's going to put it in. A while back she read about someone selling the stuff that was removed. She could be misinformed. As far as Burroughs Rd. she does not even see that as a wish list item. She sees that as an emergency that she would vote for at that this moment. That is too important and critical infrastructure that's an entirely a safety issue. The decisions about roads are not made to harm people they're actually made to keep people safe. A road gets closed because you can't drive on it because of sinkholes and someone's going to get hurt. That's why roads get closed. That's why plates are put over holes in the road so nobody gets hurt. She again would say yes to that right now because they know that's only going to grow into a tremendous problem if we don't address it.

Marty Tilton replied that the misperception was the timing of the funding. When they got the \$50K there was a time limit that they had to spend it. They would have lost it. That clearly wasn't going to take care of the project. KidSpot was unsafe and they were putting Band-Aids on it all the time. They were told that Representative Jones and Senator Tarr got them another \$150K towards KidSpot but when that happens

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they never know when it's going to be actually released by the governor. That came much later and it actually turned out to be a \$100K so then that's when the committee decided that still wasn't going to be enough. They really didn't have a number of what they had to work with on a budget so they were trying to figure what they could do with that \$50K. They decided on the removal of all the old structures. That was a false thing on social media. None of that equipment was sold. It was donated to a Children's Fund. They were using it just for a set to a Christmas story they weren't using it as a playground. They hired a design consultant. They are still getting information on what it's going to cost. They're just in the preliminary state but they know \$175K is not going to do it. They're working with a consultant now and they're just in the beginning stages of it.

Chair Gonzalez asked Marty Tilton about she did not think Enterprise Funds could be used for a playgrounds only used for recreation.

Lillian Hartman replied that Enterprise activities (like the Hillview) tend to be revenue generating activities and you use the Enterprise account to pay expenses related to those revenues. They use funds from Recreation charges fees and then pay vendors to operate programs. The Parks component from the program maintains a 100 acres and only 3 parks generate any fees. They should be able to pay for the soccer field maintenance costs from that enterprise but playgrounds are a public good that generate no revenue so when there are excess retained earnings the committee recommended to support the playground.

Ms. Manupelli said she disagrees with that but she understands what they've explained. She recognized that they typically have to supplement the funding for maintenance. She stressed they have to have a plan and how much the cost of a design consultant is.

Marty Tilton replied right now they started on paying hourly because we don't know what the budget is going to be until after they figure out what they going to have for funds available. They hired them as hourly rate instead of a contract that until then till they know what they have for available funds they are going on an hourly.

Lillian Hartman added they do have a cost estimate and they did include the full design cost in there of \$33,700 to include their initial design work and site plans overseeing the bids and then construction oversight to ensure that what's built is compliant with ADA. That's the initial budget assuming that they do get the \$250K and they move forward with a project of \$475K for the budget. the design alone is just \$33,000. Coming out of what funds they have existing \$175K committed to the project and the design is for the full scope of what KidSpot would be if they received the \$250K.

Ms. Manupelli added that's not including the cost of the survey.

Lillian Hartman anticipates a very low-cost survey and they can announce that at a later date.

Mr. Stuto wanted to hear about the rebate on the boiler replacement as well because he was at those meetings. The propriety of the town is to keep citizens safe and there is one way to do it. The biggest issue with KidSpot and on social media is the timeline. People expected after the teardown for it to be built the next day. It happens in other towns too like his previous hometown a park was delayed 9 months. He has some upcoming meetings and the problem is they are working in reverse to find money for the park. It's not an open-ended checkbook it's a zero-sum game. He also added that the first question from

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the Capital Improvement Planning Committee meeting will be if the survey comes back and they can't meet it and they appropriate it what if they gave KidSpot \$250K and not do something else.

Mr. Wallner said he can't respond to social chatter. They just need to know what the final plan is. He understands there are many variable but maybe it is too early to be on the warrant.

Marty Tilton added that after trying to do it with the money they had they discover it would not be enough for the equipment. If they put what they can afford the towns people would be "up in Arms" as it would not be comparable, inclusive and safe. It needed to be torn down for safety reason and they feel they use the \$50K best. Based on many reasons if they wanted to make this park whole again is why they have come to the Select Board asking for funds.

Mr. Wallner asked if this money would make it the best design.

Marty Tilton answered that not necessarily, it would be close.

Lillian Hartman said they asked the designed to scale out the project in 2 phases so they could do fundraising. The \$250K is bare bones. No benches, tables, landscaping or fencing is included.

Mr. O'Leary tried to get a better picture of the total price with all the extras.

Marty Tilton is waiting on a plan still and hopes the price could come down.

Mr. O'Leary added KidSpot is a gathering spot and had safety issues. What is being presented to the Select Board is making it difficult not that he is not receptive. It needs to be put back together and better than before address all age group and ADA. They need to address it now even if it changes things in the Capital Plan. The boiler is another no brainer. Needs to be replaced. Boroughs Rd is also a no brainer as it too is a safety issue. All 3 need to be brought to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and be talked about more; it needs to be done. He thinks they should make a recommendation at Town Meeting and his inclination is to support.

Chair Gonzalez agrees that making a recommendation at Town Meeting. Asked if anyone on zoom or in room 14 had questions. There were none.

Mr. Gilleberto read Article 10 and the Select Board has already recommended it regarding Elm St. Article 11 the Select Board has previously vote to designate \$700K with ARPA funds so this article will be recommended to pass over. Article 12 recommending \$75K from Free Cash. This is import infrastructure and he hope the Select Board will recommend.

ARTICLE 12 – APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR BRIDGE/CULVERT STUDY

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 12 - APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR BRIDGE/CULVERT STUDY.

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

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

Mr. Gilleberto proceeded on with Article 13 Chestnut St. Bridges closed and they are still designing and will take another year. It will need small portion of conservations lane. The Select Board has voted to recommend.

Joseph Parisi added he recently spoke with Conservation Commission and they voted unanimously for a max of 2500 sq. feet.

Mr. Gilleberto proceeded on with Article 14 Opioid Settlement. He ask the Select Board to recommend. The Select Board and Town Administrator then realized it had already been recommended. He then went over Article 15 and thanked Amy Luckiewicz and CIT Team for all their work on figuring out a lawful way to use these proceeds.

ARTICLE 15 – APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, MITIGATION, AND/OR PREVENTION

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 15 - APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, MITIGATION, AND/OR PREVENTION

MOTION BY:	MR. WALLNER
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

Mr. Gilleberto said regarding Article 16 the Select Board has already recommended.

ARTICLE 17 – APPROPRIATE MONEY TO COVER GRANT DEFICITS

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 17 - APPROPRIATE MONEY TO COVER GRANT DEFICITS.

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

Mr. Gilleberto said on Article 18 the Select Board has already recommended.

Mr. O'Leary added the chair of Hillview Commission is asking they support this article and they still maybe use the previous model of 3 years but don't want to hinder future commission.

Ms. Manupelli asked about the Town Administrator having final say and his ability to revoke a contract.

Mr. Gilleberto answered that yes he could but the commission has an open line on communication and he would know what the contact would be before agreed upon and he would have a say.

Ms. Manupelli likes the oversight the town forum allows and she notes there is no language in the warrant article about the Town Administrator having final say.

Mr. Gilleberto said he is going off the Charter and ultimate authority is the Town Administrator. There is also a provision that a contract needs to be funded annually and they only fund one yr. at a time.

ARTICLE 19 – AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF TOWN-OWNED LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (7 ST. THERESA'S STREET)

Danielle McKnight said they had the wetlands planned and plotted and she showed them on a PowerPoint map. There would be an RFP with a lot of controls in it with provisions that are deemed appropriate. The lot gives the town plenty to work with.

Chair Gonzalez asked if the thought is to put in a single home.

Danielle McKnight responded that they are thinking either a duplex or two single family homes but it would be best suited to one single family home. No more than 2 units. It would be an open RFP not necessarily Habitat for Humanity.

Chair Gonzalez asked if they considered the program Tunnel to Towers Foundation Supporting the families of American Heroes - Fallen First Responders and Wounded Veterans as an option.

Danielle McKnight said no but they could as an options as well Town Planner pursue.

Ms. Manupelli asked what is the current lot size for single family and duplex home.

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Danielle McKnight replied that for Residence A lot size is 40K sq. ft. and bylaw for affordable housing is smaller. For the single family lot is 20K minimum. The town could limit the size.

Ms. Manupelli can only see the lot as being a permanent deed restriction and wants to have the right of first refusal.

Mr. O'Leary is glad this is coming to fruition.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 19 - AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF TOWN-OWNED LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (7 ST. THERESA'S 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	AYE

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

Mr. Greenberg via zoom added he not asking for any money and he explained the bylaw of prohibiting Polystyrene containers and how dangerous it is when exposed to heat. This exposes people to toxins and carcinogenics. They met with the Board of Health and recycling committee and this bylaw needs some work and they will be better prepared for the June Town Meeting.

Mr. Wallner added other communities have done this and Reading, MA has a full slideshow that he will present and this change make a lot of sense.

Ms. Manupelli asked if something is coming out of a frialator or heat lamp also admits the toxins.

Mr. Greenberg said yes.

Chair Gonzalez added she is not a fan of mandates she thinks is should be the restaurants decision and she will not back a mandate. She thanked Mr. Greenberg for the education.

**ARTICLE 20 – AMEND CODE OF NORTH READING TO REGULATE SUSTAINABLE FOOD
WARE AND PACKAGING**

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND PASSING OVER ARTICLE 20 - AMEND CODE OF NORTH READING TO REGULATE SUSTAINABLE FOOD WARE AND PACKAGING

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

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	MRS. GONZALEZ	AYE
	MR. WALLNER	AYE
	MR. O'LEARY	AYE
	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANIMOUS)

Mr. Gilleberto went over Article 22 (retired police officer) and the Select Board already recommended.

Next order of business. Public Comment

None.

Next order of business. Meeting Minutes

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

JUNE 26, 2023
AUGUST 21, 2023

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)

Next order of business. Town Administrator Report

Mr. Gilleberto reported:

The Department of Public Works is holding a public informational meeting on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 7:30PM in regards to the signalization and reconstruction of the Haverhill Street / Chestnut Street Intersection. The hybrid meeting will be held at the Flint Memorial Library Activity Room located in the basement level of the library and via Zoom link below. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85306983921?pwd=eDZ3MnBjbjBOaDVKZUMyckJ0NVNxZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 0698 3921

Passcode: 517854

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This meeting is in advance of a final proposed design being presented to the Select Board at a future meeting.

The North Reading Water Department, as part of the maintenance of the water distribution system, will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing program on Monday September 18, this program will continue until October 25. Flushing will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, typically between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Residents and business owners are cautioned that they may experience discolored water during the hours of flushing in their area. If you do experience discolored water, we recommend running an outside water spigot for a period of time until the discoloration clears. Additional information can be found on the town's website as well as the Transcript each week. Please call the DPW at (978) 357-5260 with any questions. A full street-by-street schedule is also on the Town's website and is attached to this report.

As the public knows, the Select Board voted on August 21st that a dog licensed to 103 Main Street, Unit 12 under the name "Floyd" be euthanized. The owner has obtained counsel and has appealed the Board's order, and a hearing on the appeal is scheduled for September 28th. To protect the public from a dog that has been deemed dangerous, Police Chief Mark Zimmerman and I have worked with Town Counsel to seek an impoundment order for Floyd during the period of appeal. That order was granted by the court on Thursday, September

14th and the Town took possession of Floyd that day. Floyd is in an out-of-town kennel with access to food, water, and veterinary care and will remain there during the course of the appeal. Chief Zimmerman and I will work with Town Counsel in responding to the appeal in court.

I wish to congratulate and thank Lisa Egan, former Executive Director of the Reading - North Reading Chamber of Commerce, and welcome Marketing Coordinator Jamie Bradley who recently began work with the Chamber.

Please be advised that the consortium of communities we work with to contract for solid waste disposal has agreed to a successor agreement for disposal with Covanta. The agreement would increase the current acceptance fee from \$97.34 per ton to \$99.77 per ton on July 1, 2024, and would index the fee to the Consumer Price Index, for All Urban Consumers Boston All Items, published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics from the preceding year.

Chair Gonzalez wanted to make sure the Chestnut/Haverhill meeting info is posted on the town website and Mr. Gilleberto agreed to do so.

Ms. Manupelli asked if they can use the reverse 911 to publish meeting and hydrant flushing. It is helpful and another way to reach the public.

Chair Gonzalez think it will reach people not on social media.

Mr. Gilleberto said reverse 911 went out for hydrant and he will ok into one for the meeting.

Chair Gonzalez reminder the public to sign up for E-Alerts notifications on the town website.
<https://www.northreadingma.gov/subscribe>

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Last order of business. ADJOURN

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO ADJOURN.

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)

ADJOURN: 10:21 p.m.

DATE



RICHARD WALLNER, CLERK