

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018**

Chairman Prisco called the meeting to order at 8:12 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 8:12 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."

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Mr. O'Leary:

- Acknowledged the passing of former State Senator Bob Buell, sent condolences to his family, and gave a background of the history he had with him;
- Congratulated Chris Deming on the birth of his daughter Meredith;
- Asked the TA the status of a response from National Grid regarding the resolution sent from the BoS. Mr. Gilleberto responded that the resolution was sent Friday and he is hoping to set up a meeting date after Town Meeting.

Mr. Mauceri:

- Informed the residents that water and sewer meetings are ongoing and another one is scheduled for Thursday to get the FEIR submitted. Rob Williamson, of Wright Pearce stated that a parcel would have to be secured to submit an FEIR.

Mr. Schultz:

- Read an email from Richard Giordano expressing his happiness with the Ring and Ride. Mr. Prisco responded that after Town Meeting Ring and Ride will be reevaluated to hopefully be able include areas that are not currently on the list.

Mrs. Manupelli:

- Informs the residents that summaries regarding the ballot questions can be found on the Secretary of State Office website.

SIGN STATE ELECTION WARRANT

Constable John Firriello was in attendance.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO SIGN THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 STATE ELECTION WARRANT.

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

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APPROVE AND SIGN VERIZON CABLE FRANCHISE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Cable Advisory Commission (CAC) Chairman, Ed Strob gave a power point presentation highlighting some key points of the agreement.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NORTH READING AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

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

Mr. O'Leary commented that the CAC has done a great job with Comcast and Verizon negotiations.

**8:31 - OCTOBER 15, 2018 TOWN MEETING WARRANT INFORMATION HEARING /
DISCUSS WARRANT ARTICLES – VOTE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. O'Leary reads Public Hearing Notice. Mr. Gilleberto gives a power point presentation.

ARTICLE 7 - AMEND FY 2019 OPERATING BUDGET

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 7 – AMEND FY 2019 OPERATING BUDGET.

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

**ARTICLE 10 - APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SURVEY, ENGINEERING DESIGN
AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF SWAN POND ROAD**

Mr. Gilleberto states there is no working estimate on the cost of this project as there are outstanding issues that have not been completed, most notably approval of the Town to enter the properties by all of the abutters. He further stated this article may need to be passed over at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 13 – APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN OF
WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS**

Rob Williamson of Wright Pearce stated the funds would be used to determine the needs for upgrades and improvements to Andover's system in order to deliver flow from North Reading to GLSA through Andover.

**ARTICLE 18– FUND FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE
PATHWAY**

Mr. Schultz states the feasibility study would determine the overall costs to the Town to construct a bike path. He further stated the State would cover the all construction costs once the design is approved, there would be no waiting to be reimbursed.

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Don Kelliher, 3 Sandspur Lane inquired about design costs. Mr. Schultz responded design costs could be between Two Hundred to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, however grants might be available, but easements costs would not be part of grant money. Mr. Kelliher stated he would be opposed to put that much money into something that would only benefit a small portion of the Town. Mr. Kelliher also asked Mr. Schultz to inform Town Meeting of all the costs, not just Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars. Mr. Gilleberto was requested to look into what easement costs may be. Eric Evans, 3 Sandra Land inquired if it would tie into other bike paths and if there was any private funding to cover costs. Mr. Schultz responded tying into other bike paths would be the goal and there is no private funding.

ARTICLE 20 – AMEND CODE – GENERAL BYLAWS - CHAPTER 158-9 – SNOW REMOVAL ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Chuck Carucci, 3 Chestnut Street and business owner at 290 Main Street addressed the Board stating he wanted the Selectmen to take this article off to help small businesses. He further stated removing snow could be a liability and that the Town could do a better job than business owners maintaining sidewalks; he would like a sidewalk feasibility study done.

- Mr. Prisco and Mr. Bower stated the Town does not have the resources to remove the snow.
- Mr. Prisco stated “this is in the hands of the voters at Town Meeting whether or not to hold the businesses accountable to remove the snow in front of their business”.
- Mr. Schultz stated “give the Town time to get manpower in place, have Article 21 effective next winter, because the Town does not have the manpower this year”.

Pat Lee, 22 Aspen Road would like assistance to come up with a safe answer to remove the snow and stated the business community cannot provide that. He further stated the Town can reevaluate which sidewalks are priorities, and he wants to come up with a compromise to work with the Town to have safe sidewalks.

- Mr. Prisco states for the record he does not agree with Mr. Schultz recommendation because the Town does not have the manpower or resources to do it. He further stated it is in the hands of the voters to repeal or keep the by-law.
- Mr. Mauceri stated the problem is with the sidewalks because they are not consistent. He further stated money should be spent coming up with a solution for sidewalks and would like to discuss this further at the strategic planning meeting.
- Mr. Schultz states no one is advocating that the sidewalks not be plowed; Mr. Prisco responds that he is. Mr. Schultz states the question is: do the voters want the Town to plow the sidewalks or the businesses to plow?

Eric Evans, 3 Sandra Lane stated the business community is trying to find a middle ground and inquired what the master plan is for sidewalks.

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Susan O'Neal, business owner at 246 Main Street, stated it is unfair to ask businesses to plow and assume the responsibility.

- Mr. O'Leary states under the bylaw the Town has an obligation to enforce.
- Mr. Schultz states give DPW time to staff up; they have equipment, not manpower.
- Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Prisco don't want to make false promises and mislead the businesses.
- Mrs. Manupelli suggested the DPW find someone to assign solely to the sidewalk snow removal task, set up an enterprise fund for sidewalk snow removal, and put it out to bid to determine what the cost would be. Mr. Bowers responded finding contractors is difficult.

Mark Hall, 12 Upton Ave. addressed the Board acknowledging the danger of sidewalk snow removal.

Mr. Lee will be making the motion at Town Meeting for the Citizens Petition. Mrs. Manupelli suggested getting a visual of the sidewalks to include in their presentation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 22 - CITIZENS PETITION: CHANGE BONPEL DRIVE TO BRIAN'S WAY

Mr. Gilleberto informs the audience that costs for this article would be minimal to the Town; the impact would be on the property owners on Bonpel Drive. Robert Pelegrino, 3 Bonpel Drive explains the reason for the name change. Mr. Prisco stated his concern about other people wanting to change the names of their streets. Town Assessor, Debbie Carbone presented a list to Mr. Prisco of the issues that come with changing the name of a street. Mr. Prisco reads the list. Mrs. Manupelli is in favor of changing the name of the road. Mr. Schultz wants the non-family neighbor to be made aware of the issues and to let the Board know that they are aware and okay with the changes that will happen.

10:25 – Hearing closes.

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 REGULAR AND SEPTEMBER 17, REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

Mrs. Manupelli stated a correction needs to be made in the September 17, 2018 Regular Session minutes

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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **SEPTEMBER 17, 2018** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS AMENDED.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE **SEPTEMBER 17, 2018** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

DISCUSS MEETING SCHEDULE

October 15 (Town Meeting)
November 5, 8 (Strategic Planning), 19
December 3, 17
January 7, 28
February 11, 25
March 2 (Saturday budget meeting), 4, 18

10:38 - Recess

10:41 – Reconvene

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

See attached. Topics discussed:

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Manupelli: No comment

Mr. Schultz: No comment

Mr. Mauceri:

- Expressed his sympathy to Mary Prenney for the accident she had;
- Stated how dedicated Liz Rourke is being at the meeting tonight after surgery 2 weeks ago;
- He inquired if there was a substitute at the Senior Center in Mary Prenney's absence. Mr. Gilleberto responded that existing staffing at the center is bridging the gap.

Mr. O'Leary:

- Informed the audience Mary Prenney is on the mend and will be laid up for a while but keeps in contact with the staff at the Senior Center, he wished her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Prisco:

- Asked Mr. Gilleberto about letters he has from the Flint Library Trustees. Mr. Gilleberto informed Mr. Prisco the purpose of the letters and stated no action is required at this time.

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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. O'LEARY MOVE TO ADJOURN.

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

VOTE: 5-0 (UNANAMOUS)

ADJOURN: 10:49 p.m.

DATE

STEPHEN J. O'LEARY, CLERK