

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

Chairwoman Manupelli called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. via remote participation. Participating members were Mrs. Gonzalez, Mr. Wallner, Mr. Stuto, Mr. O'Leary, and Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto.

CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

Chairwoman Manupelli called to order the open session at 7:02 p.m.

Members recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Manupelli requests a moment of silence for Gloria Mastro, a long time servant of the community. She gives her colleagues an opportunity to speak about Gloria. Comments as follows:

- Mr. O'Leary has known her for about 55 years, she was a dynamic and contributing member of the community. She did lots of volunteer work for community, she was non-stop 24-7 and a dear friend of his mother. She will be missed.
- Mrs. Gonzalez knew her since her kids were young from Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Theresa's. Gloria was always ready to work at VBS and at the end of the week she had a gift for all who worked there. She was so thoughtful and they stayed friends over the years. Gloria gave her a list of things that should be done when she became a Select Board member. She was a wealth of knowledge and will be missed by the community.
- Mr. Wallner knew her for 8 years from the SSAT group. She gave him lessons on how to handle things and it was always understood it was with great intentions. She was proud of working with the SSAT group. She organized the Boston Cane award. She will be missed and he appreciated her willingness to say what was on her mind.
- Mr. Stuto states it is unfortunate he did not have the opportunity to interact with her. Due to the virtual meeting forum, he is missing out of meeting interesting people.
- Mrs. Manupelli came to know her from service in Town. She was not shy about what and how to do things and always with a smile. She was pleasant and will be missed. She sent her condolences to the family.
- Mr. Gilleberto told how Gloria visited Town Hall to attend meetings. She was very dedicated to pursuing causes that were important. She was the server of cookies to the Gilleberto boys at the Putnam House. She will be missed.

MINUTES

Mrs. Manupelli states a Board member requested the minutes be passed over because of corrections that need to be made.

Daughter of Gloria Mastro, Anne Valade thanks the Board for taking the time to recognize her mother and states her mother would have been honored.

COVID – 19 UPDATE

Mr. Gilleberto gives an update on COVID cases in Town. He states the following:

- The Health Department is working with the State regarding a cluster of cases at Reading Gymnastics.
- There are no plans to alter the schools hybrid schedule at this time.

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- First Responder vaccination clinic is being held at the Town Hall beginning tomorrow; thanks the planning efforts of Chief Murphy, Chief Stats, Bob Bracey, Pam Vath, and Stephanie Connolly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REVIEW SERVER TRAINING AUDITOR'S FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

Amy Luckiewicz gave a power point presentation (see attached). Comments as follows:

- Mrs. Manupelli stated the Board's policy should be updated to reflect Ms. Luckiewicz's recommendations.
- Mrs. Manupelli thanked Ms. Luckiewicz for her work and stated she appreciates Ms. Luckiewicz's presentation and all the detail she provides the Board. She further stated Ms. Luckiewicz does not just give a presentation, she gives suggestions and she's the person in the field the Board relies on to tell the Board what may be helpful to them.
- Ms. Luckiewicz will create a template for the Licensee's to inform the Town of new hires to assure they are in compliance with the time frame for TIPS certification.
- Mrs. Manupelli shared her experience about licensing at her job; they put the burden on the Licensee to provide employee status to the Licensing Board. She further stated the Board should write something in their policy that would require the Licensee to provide information on new hires and to inform the Board when an employee is no longer employed by the establishment.
- Board Members thanked Ms. Luckiewicz.

**SCHEDULE SHOW CAUSE HEARING – ROUTE 28 LUCKY MART
VOTE TO SCHEDULE HEARING**

Mr. Gilleberto states he will forward copies of all reports associated with the violation to the Licensee.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO SCHEDULE A SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR SMOKES & SNACKS, INC., D/B/A ROUTE 28 LUCKY MART FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 8:15 P.M.

MOTION BY:	MR. STUTO	
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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CLASS II LICENSE APPLICATION – HONCA MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, LLC
VOTE TO APPROVE LICENSE

Attorney Latham, representing Honca Motor Vehicle Sales, LLC is in attendance to address any questions from the Board. Comments as follows:

- Attorney Latham states business will be conducted remotely by internet, no used cars will be on the property.
- Mr. O’Leary states he has a family member who holds a Class II license, therefore he will not be participating in discussion or voting.
- Mrs. Manupelli inquires if the applicant has held a Class II license in any other community, Attorney Latham responded no. She also inquired if he had a bond, Attorney Latham responded yes, it was provided to the Town.
- Mr. Gilleberto states a special permit is in effect and the Police Department has done a background check on the applicant and everything is in order.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CLASS II LICENSE FOR HONCA MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, LLC SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. OPERATIONS UNDER THIS LICENSE AT 33 CEDAR STREET SHALL BE LIMITED TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FUNCTIONS.
2. LICENSEE SHALL FOLLOW ALL CONDITIONS OF THE SPECIAL PERMIT ISSUED BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2020 AND FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK NOVEMBER 17, 2020.

MOTION BY:	MR. STUTO	
SECONDED BY:	MR. WALLNER	
VOTED BY:	MR. STUTO	AYE
	MRS. GONZALEZ	AYE
	MR. WALLNER	AYE
	MR. O’LEARY	RECUSED
	MRS. MANUPELLI	AYE

VOTE: 4-0 (UNANIMOUS) (MR. O’LEARY RECUSED)

8:02 - NUISANCE OR DANGEROUS DOG HEARING – 18 MAPLE ROAD

Mr. Gilleberto states the reports are in the packet, including recommendations from the Animal Control Officer. The dog owner’s attorney requested to continue the hearing to February 8th. Upon receipt of written confirmation that the dog owner will abide by interim orders of the Animal Control Officer, a continuance of the hearing would be recommended. Comments as follows:

- Mrs. Manupelli states the hearing was scheduled and 13 residents have noted their concerns, the dog owner was aware of the hearing and did not provide something in writing stating that they would comply with the orders as requested, therefore the hearing will move forward this evening.

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- Mr. O'Leary stated it is a concern that the Board has not received anything in writing from the dog owner indicating their willingness to comply with the orders.
- Mr. Gilleberto stated an email was sent from Town Counsel to the dog owner's Counsel requesting something in writing.
- Mrs. Manupelli stated it is a red flag that the dog owner is not present.
- It is the consensus of the Board to move forward with the Hearing.

8:10 – Mrs. Manupelli reads the Public Hearing notice. Chief Murphy gives the background of the complaints made and reads the report (see attached). Comments as follows:

- Attorney Cohen, representing the dog owner, joined the meeting and requested the hearing be shut down and stated it is violating his client's due process of law and it is an unlawful hearing.
- Mr. Gilleberto stated the Board did not receive a written statement from the dog owner indicating they would comply with the orders, Attorney Cohen stated the owners verbally indicated they would comply.
- Mrs. Manupelli requested Attorney Cohen work on getting something in writing from his client that could be transferred electronically.
- Daniel Coveney, 5 Winterberry Lane told of his dog getting attacked by the dogs on Juniper Road.
- Attorney Cohen states he has received a statement of compliance from his client. Mr. Gilleberto reads the statement signed by Edward Guide.
- Mrs. Manupelli states she appreciates Attorney Cohen's advocacy for his client, but the Board is responsible to advocate for the residents and dogs. She asks the Board if they want to grant the continuance of the hearing, based on receipt of the written statement from Mr. Guide and the Attorney's representation that they will comply with the orders in place.
- Mr. O'Leary states he wants the Guide's to have a fair hearing and they deserve a fair hearing as long as they are in compliance. Mr. O'Leary states the Board has a responsibility to assure compliance is being met. Chief Murphy stated Animal Control has not received complaints since the muzzle order has been placed and the Police rely on people to call and patrols will check on compliance.
- Mr. O'Leary would agree to continue the hearing.
- Mr. Wallner wants to get it done tonight, it is a huge safety issue.
- Mrs. Gonzalez informed Attorney Cohen that she took offense to his comment about North Reading. Based on statements from the residents, she would like to proceed with the hearing.
- Chief Murphy stated all documents requested by Attorney Cohen have been submitted from the Police Department and the Town Clerk's office.
- Mr. Stuto states if Attorney Cohen has all the facts, and the Board has confirmation that everything requested has been submitted, then the Board should move forward with the hearing.
- Mr. O'Leary stated Town Council does not speak for the Board, they advise the Board and the Board determines when the hearing will be.
- Mr. Sutherland, 17 Maple Road stated the dogs were not muzzled today.

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- Mrs. Stansbury, 18 Juniper Road told of the attack and stated the dogs are viscous and out to attack and need to be muzzled at all times. She further stated this is not the first attack.
- Mrs. Manupelli stated it is very clear they are not complying.
- Attorney Cohen stated if the dogs are not complying before the next hearing, the dogs should be seized at the owner's expense until the next hearing.
- Mr. O'Leary addressed Attorney Cohen stating if the owners are not complying as recently as tonight, it's problematic and he is asking the Board to take a huge risk by requesting a continuance of the Hearing.
- Attorney Cohen asks for the Hearing to be continued and is not prepared to represent his clients tonight.
- Mrs. Manupelli stated the Board is in a legal position and needs to protect the public and assure the public safety issue is being taken care of and that the residents and dogs are safe.
- Mr. Stuto wants everyone to watch and get Animal Control to do surprise inspections, and he would agree to continue the hearing.
- Mrs. Gonzalez is in agreement with continuing the hearing, however if a neighbor calls about noncompliance, the animal control can seize the animal and lock them up until the hearing. Chief Murphy is not aware of any authority the police have to seize the dogs unless it is a public safety risk. Chief Murphy further stated the Guides were working on relocating the dogs but had stopped working with the police to relocate them, that is why the owners have been brought before the Board for the hearing.
- Mr. O'Leary agrees to continue the hearing, however if there is a noncompliance complaint, he would not be adverse to reconvene for an emergency meeting and make a quick determination.
- In response to Mr. Gilleberto's question, Attorney Cohen stated he did submit a public records request and has received responses to them. He further stated he would like a mirror file to what the Board has.
- Mrs. Manupelli wants to give residents assurance that conditions will be imposed and is hopeful they will return to speak at the hearing on January 25, 2021.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO CONTINUE THE NUISANCE/DANGEROUS DOG HEARING REGARDING DOGS AT 18 MAPLE ROAD TO MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 8:30 P.M. WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO USE A THREE FOOT LEASH AND A MUZZLE WHEN OUTDOORS WITH EITHER OF THE TWO DOGS.

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

VOTE: 3-2 (MRS. MANUPELLI AND MR. WALLNER OPPOSED)

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Mrs. Manupelli asks the residents if they observe violations to alert police. She also asks Chief Murphy to make sure the Animal Control Officer is on high alert and to regularly patrol to assure compliance. If there is noncompliance, seize the dogs until the hearing on January 25, 2021. Chief Murphy gives the information for the anonymous tip line.

DONATION FROM INTERNATIONAL FAMILY CHURCH
VOTE TO ACCEPT

Mr. Gilleberto states Pastor Del Turco was previously but is not now present, this agenda item will be passed over.

DISCUSS JUNE 2021 TOWN MEETING

Mr. Gilleberto states there is information in the meeting packet about when warrant articles are due and the venue will depend on the public health emergency. He further states the Board does not have to set the Town Meeting date until as late as March 31st.

APPOINTMENTS – VETERANS EVENT COMMITTEE, CULTURAL COUNCIL

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAMES FOR APPOINTMENT AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TO THE VETERANS EVENT COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 6, 2023.

DAN MAHONEY
MICHELLE REID

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

Liaison, Mrs. Gonzalez stated there is a lot of interest in the Veterans Event Committee and Joe Venno was the Chairman and has chosen to step down, there is currently no Vice Chairman.

MR. O'LEARY:	DAN MAHONEY, MICHELLE REID
MR. STUTO:	DAN MAHONEY, MICHELLE REID
MR. WALLNER:	DAN MAHONEY, MICHELLE REID
MRS. GONZALEZ:	DAN MAHONEY, MICHELLE REID
MRS. MANUPELLI:	DAN MAHONEY, MICHELLE REID

VOTED: 5-0 - DAN MAHONEY, MICHELLE REID

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MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAME FOR APPOINTMENT AS A FULL MEMBER TO THE VETERANS EVENT COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 6, 2023.

ANDREW LEE

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

Mrs. Gonzalez states she is thrilled to appoint Andrew Lee who is a graduate of West Point. She thanks Mr. Veno for his participation and all that he has done on the committee.

MR. O'LEARY: ANDREW LEE
MR. STUTO: ANDREW LEE
MR. WALLNER: ANDREW LEE
MRS. GONZALEZ: ANDREW LEE
MRS. MANUPELLI: ANDREW LEE

VOTED: 5-0 - ANDREW LEE

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAME FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2023.

ERINNE MATTE DANIELS

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

Mr. Wallner, Liaison to the Cultural Council states there is plenty of room, 9 slots are filled and there can be up to twenty-two members.

MR. O'LEARY: ERINNE MATTE DANIELS
MR. STUTO: ERINNE MATTE DANIELS
MR. WALLNER: ERINNE MATTE DANIELS
MRS. GONZALEZ: ERINNE MATTE DANIELS
MRS. MANUPELLI: ERINNE MATTE DANIELS

VOTED: 5-0 - ERINNE MATTE DANIELS

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**APPROVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXEMPTION – MGL, CHAPTER 268A,
SECTION 20(D)**

VOTE TO APPROVE

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN

Mr. Gilleberto states this is in regard to a vendor for Parks and Recreation who helped run a program over the summer. The vendor is a Recreation Committee member (Billie Luker). Moving forward, if this vendor is going to be used, the Board will be requested to authorize in advance. He further stated this was a well-intended approach because there were not many programs offered. The costs for services is approximately Three Thousand Dollars and is owed to the vendor.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXEMPTION FOR BILLIE LUKER, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE EXEMPTION FORM, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO FACILITATE PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES.

MOTION BY:	MR. STUTO	
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)

DISCUSS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Gilleberto informs the Board of the proposed meeting dates which are: February 8th and 22nd, February 27th (Budget Hearing), March 1st, March 15th, March 29th, April 12th, April 26th, May 10th (after May 4th Election).

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APPROVE LEGAL BILLS

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO APPROVE LEGAL BILLS FOR NOVEMBER, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,475.27 AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL	\$5,366.27
LABOR	\$2,476.50
20 ELM STREET	\$2,632.50
ARBITRATOR (B. FRASER)	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,475.27

MOTION BY:	MR. STUTO	
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)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

(See attached) Topics discussed:

- Chief Murphy is President of the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC).
- DOR'S approval of the Town's FY2021 tax rate.
- The 2021 Open Burning Season begins January 15, 2021. Mr. O'Leary stated the permitting process was very easy and encourages residents to do it.
- Informs the Board the first iteration of the FY2022 revenue/expense plan reviewed at the Financial Planning Team meeting is attached to the report.

Mr. Gilleberto states the time for the Show Cause Hearing for Lucky Mart will have to be changed due to the continuance of the Dog Hearing added to the January 25th agenda.

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO RESCHEDULE THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR SMOKES & SNACKS, INC., D/B/A ROUTE 28 LUCKY MART TO MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.

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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OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stuto: No comment.

Mr. Wallner:

- Asked Mrs. Manupelli when the Facilities Master Plan Committee will be meeting again; he attends CPC meetings and will need information from the Facilities Master Plan Committee to help with warrant articles that will pertain to water and sewer. Mrs. Manupelli responded the Committee's charge was specific to buildings. A meeting will be held on Thursday to address the Fire Department Building. Mrs. Manupelli further stated due to COVID having individuals on site to do inspections has been difficult.

Mr. O'Leary:

- Inquired about mail in and early voting and further stated the State allows for Towns to continue mail in voting through March 31st. Since the Town's election is in May, he wants the Board to give guidance to the Administration and request the State continue mail in voting through June 30th to include the Town Election; it will give people the opportunity to participate safely. Mr. O'Leary further stated he hasn't heard how things went with the voting in the past elections. The budget proposal pushed out mail in voting until March 31st for municipalities. Mr. Gilleberto stated the budget proposal is for mail in voting only, not for in person early voting. Mr. Stuto responded that depending on the vaccination schedule, the courts are starting to give indications that the leash is getting shorter for Governors to do things without legislation. He thinks the Board will have to take more initiative to have mail in voting. Mrs. Manupelli suggested Mr. Gilleberto check with Town Council to see what we are permitted to do and when and how and what the cost factor would be. Mr. O'Leary would like to initiate a petition to move the date out to include the May election date, he is looking for a consensus of the Board. The Board is in agreement. Mr. Gilleberto will speak to the Town Clerk about this.
- With the transition in Washington, the Inauguration Team is calling for "American United" and is inviting communities to join in by lighting up buildings for a national moment of unity and remembrance for lives lost during the pandemic. The event will include lighting up buildings at 5:30 p.m. on January 19. Mr. O'Leary further stated it will be a nice gesture to participate in and there will be no large crowds, and the community can remember lives lost over the last year. Mr. Watson offered to ring the bell at the Third Meeting House. It is the consensus of the Board to hold the remembrance. Mr. Gilleberto suggested the customary lighting of the gazebo.
- Stated the past week has been disturbing, the attack in DC where 5 people died he thinks of the police officers, his son, Mrs. Gonzalez's daughter and now the threats at State capitols, how they were treated as opposed to other groups of people and what can we do to unwind and hold those responsible for those who incited it. Need to hold elected official responsible for action they take or don't take. Need to recognize that things are not equal and a lot of bad people have impact on good people in the Country. He hopes that the Board sends a message to the Congressional delegation to see what has gone wrong with branches of Government and how they can take corrective action to ensure things aren't stretched beyond the realm of responsibility, it needs to come from the bottom up, a bipartisan group needs to be formed, our democracy is being challenged. Need to send a message this has to be addressed and it can't happen again.

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- Mr. Wallner responded that a letter should be written and there would be no harm in suggesting democracy has been challenged and broken, and that no one is comfortable with what is going on.
- Mrs. Manupelli responded rules of decorum is being chatted about. In a bipartisan view of this we are all opposed to violence and violent acts. She loves the idea of a bipartisan committee. There should be rules of decorum. People need to bring logic back to the forefront and she is not opposed to the letter and suggests Mr. O'Leary write one for the Board to review. She further states what Mr. O'Leary is saying is on the minds of all those in public service and everyone else. What happened disrupted business and cost people their lives.
- Mr. Stuto agrees with Mr. O'Leary and agrees with Mrs. Manupelli that there is no decorum. There is no more formality. Zoom culture is the epitome of no one caring anymore. It is part of a broader culture issue across America and it is affecting all age groups; it the attitude do what makes you feel good, not what is always the right thing to do. We have seen what happens when we have stopped caring about what people think of us.
- Mrs. Gonzalez is refreshed by Mr. O'Leary's statement and is happy to see no blame is being put on one side or another. It is a problem that our country has all around, from the top down we are seeing not good behavior on both sides. The country needs to come back together and likes a bipartisan agenda. We don't want to see this in our country, we don't want people harming each other.
- Mrs. Manupelli asks Mr. O'Leary to put together a letter. Mr. O'Leary agreed.
- Mr. Wallner wants the Republican Town Committee and the Democratic Town Committee to come together to see if they want to get involved in a bipartisan way. It is a great initiative and doesn't want to miss the opportunity. It should be thought about on a local and national level
- Mr. Manupelli agrees with Mr. Stuto, it is a culture that does everything disregarding logical thought and correct action, there is a loss of decorum it. We will start to see communities taking levels of decorum more seriously with how people are treated on public boards and commissions. There will be more respect of the rules and parliamentary process. She is all for taking an action and whatever we need to do to push it forward. She was happy that the principal allowed teachers to talk to students about what is going on. They are seeing civic lessons and history daily.

Mrs. Gonzalez:

- Relayed that Maureen Doherty said the bell at the Third Meeting House is 161 years old this year.
- Got a call from a resident regarding an accident and Central and North Street. It is a bad intersection and wants it on the radar to discuss and come up with an idea to improve it.
- In light of Gloria Mastro, wants the Town Hall mailbox moved over to the island to make it a drive through, it would help the Seniors.
 - Mr. Gilleberto responded he looked at the site for the mailbox with acting DPW director and will take another look.

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- Rep. Jones has secured state funding for public safety improvements for intersection improvements. There is a possibility of a warrant article to supplement this funding to address all intersections that are public safety issues has been discussed.
- Mrs. Manupelli recommends a sign in the Town Hall front parking lot to say “No tractor trailers”.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. O’Leary:

- Still waiting for guidance from the State about dispensing vaccines.

Mr. Stuto:

- Central Street to Route 62 is not a piece of cake, people blast through there.
- There is a caveat to the bigger tax bills, property values are going up and if you plan on selling, home values are up 23%. Mr. O’Leary responded some residents are land rich and cash poor. Mr. Stuto stated if economic trends continue, there is nothing we will be able to do about rising tax bills.
- He thanked Danielle McKnight for keeping him informed about EDC. Progress is being made with final Joint appointments for EDC openings. Lisa Egan discussed how to help small business during this trying time. There will be more local outreach and encourages residents to shop local. There was a sewer presentation and general discussion about how sewer will benefit multiple projects. There are new loan programs to help small businesses are coming out. Income requirement will not be as strict.
 - Mrs. Gonzalez stated the deadline for the business loan is January 15th. Mr. Gilleberto stated there is a link on the Town Website.
- CPC – 4 concepts in the works for Carpenter Drive. There is a working group and a zoom call is planned for Wednesday. Bennevento is putting a commercial space on North Street. Dos Lobos is changing to a Brewery. Sewer discussions are gaining a lot of traction and feels in may be on October Town Meeting Warrant. Danielle McKnight is in receipt of a grant from the ADA for Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars to make things more accessible around North Reading.

Mr. Wallner:

- Did 2 summits during the summer and attracted people from Town and they have assembled and created a group called North Reading Human Rights Commission. They will be announcing themselves and in honor of MLK day will have a book club featuring Stamped, about racial issues. There is no political agenda for the group. He encourages getting involved in a nonjudgmental, non-threatening group who just want to educate people on the topics. We owe it to the community to get involved.
 - Mrs. Manupelli asked Mr. Wallner to circulate contact information for the group. Mr. Wallner responded it will be in the transcript and on social media. Email: North Reading HRC@gmail.com.

Mrs. Gonzalez: No Comment.

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Mrs. Manupelli:

- School is having virtual forum tomorrow about maintaining a safe environment at the high school, a survey was sent around about safety during COVID to be able tailor the forum about concerns.
- Senator Tarr's office sent out information about the Health Connector for people who may have lost their job and health insurance. A forum will be held on Wednesday, January 13th hosted by Health Connector from 4:00-5:00 PM to give information about the program and insurance benefits that might be available. Information will be on the Town Website.
- Check out Flint Memorial Library for tech program to get tech advice. And have virtual meetings with authors. They continue to run great programs and services for the community.

ADJOURN

MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE TO ADJOURN.

MOTION BY:	MR. STUTO	
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: 11:16 P.M.

DATE

VINCENZO STUTO, CLERK