

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

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Chairman Mr. Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in Room 14 at the Town Hall in the presence of members Mr. Prisco, Mr. Mauceri.  
Mr. Foti, Mr. O’Leary and the Town Administrator, Greg Balukonis not present.

Mr. Delaney called the meeting to order.

**1. ACTING CLERK:**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. MAUCERI MOVE TO APPOINT MR. PRISCO AS ACTING CLERK

SECONDED BY: MR. PRISCO  
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (3-0) Mr. Foti and Mr. O’Leary not present

**2. LEGAL BILLS:**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. PRISCO MOVE TO APPROVE LEGAL BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,805.65 AS FOLLOWS:

KOPELMAN AND PAIGE, P.C. (GENERAL)	\$7,067.65
KOPEMAN AND PAIGE, P.C. (LABOR)	<u>\$ 738.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,805.65

SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI  
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (3-0) Mr. Foti and Mr. O’Leary not present

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Delaney asked for Public Comment – No Comment

Mr. O’Leary arrived 7:06  
Mr. Foti arrived 7:12

**5. LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO SPECIAL ELECTION FOR US SENATE:**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. O’LEARY MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESCHEDULING OF THE TOWN ELECTION TO COINCIDE WITH THE SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY TO BE HELD ON APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 IN ACCORDANCE TO CHAPTER 2 ACTS OF 2013 EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE RESCHEDULING OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI  
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (4-0-1) Mr. Prisco abstained

Barbara Stats summarized the Chapter 2 Acts of 2013 relative to the administration of special primaries and elections in the year 2013 and briefed Board Members on the process, cost savings and training to be provided.

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Ms. Stats proposed two separate elections in the same day. Also went through the steps that residents would take to participate in the voting process and discussed the check in procedures. Ms. Stats also addressed how notification to public will be sent out as well as laminated cards near the voting booths to help with process. She requested an additional police detail for that day.

Funding letter was sent to the State and should be forth coming before the election. Absentee ballots will be available 3 weeks before the election.

**4. APPOINTMENT – 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COMMITTEE**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. O’LEARY MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAME FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE FOR TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015: (2 OPENINGS)

1) JOHN AMIRAULT, 44 SOUTHWICK ROAD

SECONDED BY: MR. FOTI  
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Mr. O’Leary recommended John Amirault.

**6. APPROVE SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT SPENDING**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE TO DECLARE A SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 44, SECTION 31D FOR FY2013.

SECONDED BY: MR. O’LEARY  
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Mr. Richard Carnevale updated Board Members on current snow and ice removal cost which does not include the February 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 storm.

Mr. Prisco brought up overtime for DPW department and needed more clarity on on-call overtime process. Mr. Prisco questioned why we send employees home after 45 minutes of work and paying them for 4 hours.

Mr. O’Leary reminded Board Members of the contract that was agreed upon in the collective bargaining session that employees receive a minimum of 4 hours and feels that all departments manager there overtime and on-call budget very well.

Mr. Delaney agrees the work over the weekend was done well and commends the employees. Also agrees that over time budget could be utilized better to benefit the community.

Mr. Carnevale addressed Board Member questions on budget and overtime, also reminded Board Members that Federal funding for the February storm will be available.

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**8. SIGN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. PRISCO MOVE TO SIGN THE MARCH 18, 2013 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE 1: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO APPROPRIATE, BORROW OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF MONEY TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE ADDITION AND RENOVATION OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL TO CREATE A NEW, INTEGRATED MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED AT PARK STREET AND SHERMAN ROAD (THE "PROJECT"), FOR WHICH PROJECT THE TOWN INITIALLY APPROPRIATED THE SUM OF \$107,728,000 UNDER ARTICLE 1 OF THE MARCH 19, 2012 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AND WHICH SCHOOL FACILITY SHALL HAVE AN ANTICIPATED USEFUL LIFE AS AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OF AT LEAST 50 YEARS, AND FOR WHICH THE TOWN MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY ("MSBA"); THE TOWN ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE MSBA'S GRANT PROGRAM IS A NON-ENTITLEMENT, DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM BASED ON NEED, AS DETERMINED BY THE MSBA, AND ANY PROJECT COSTS THE TOWN INCURS IN EXCESS OF ANY GRANT APPROVED BY AND RECEIVED FROM THE MSBA SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWN; ANY GRANT THAT THE TOWN MAY RECEIVE FROM THE MSBA FOR THE PROJECT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE LESSER OF (1) 51.49% OF ELIGIBLE, APPROVED PROJECT COSTS, AS DETERMINED BY THE MSBA, OR (2) THE TOTAL MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT, AS DETERMINED BY THE MSBA; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED HEREUNDER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AND CONTINGENT UPON AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE TOWN TO EXEMPT THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON ANY BORROWING AUTHORIZED HEREUNDER FROM THE LIMITATIONS ON TOTAL TAXES IMPOSED BY CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C OF THE GENERAL LAWS (PROPOSITION 2 ½) AND PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE AMOUNT OF BORROWING AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS VOTE SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT AMOUNT SET FORTH IN THE PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT THAT MAY BE EXECUTED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE MSBA; OR WHAT IT WILL DO IN RELATION THERETO.

SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI  
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

**9. BALLOT QUESTION**

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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. PRISCO MOVE TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AS BALLOT QUESTION #1 ON THE MARCH 22, 2013 SPECIAL ELECTION:

SHALL THE TOWN OF NORTH READING BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO-AND-ONE-HALF SO CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE BOND ISSUED IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION AND RENOVATE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CONSTRUCT A NEW HIGH SCHOOL TO CREATE A NEW INTEGRATED MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED AT PARK STREET AND SHERMAN ROAD.

SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI  
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

**7. DISCUSS SIX MONTH BUDGET REPORT:**

Ms. Elizabeth Pavao summarized the six month budget report.

Budget report is available upon request.

Fuel budget was discussed to date 46.25 % have been utilized

Budget concerns where highlighted

- Veteran Services have grown due to case load
- Fire Department may have potential for reserve transfer
- Special Election may have potential for additional cost for the Town Administrator and Town Clerk budget.

**11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. O'Leary**

- DPW and Public Safety departments' great job with storm response
- Disappointed in the lack of coverage from Norcam for the public informational session
- Norcam spoke person addressed, the need for advance notification

**Mr. Foti**

- Great job for all who covered the storm clean up and stressed to have patience in the cleanup effort

**Mr. Mauceri**

- Thank you to the town employees for the storm clean up
- Met with Liz and Jean this past Friday and reviewed path of hardware upgrade and feel comfortable with direction that the plan is heading for.

**Mr. Prisco**

- Thank you to the Town Administrator in keeping everyone informed, communication was excellent all around
- School vacation is next week
- Trash day is delayed due to holiday
- Snow shoveling please reach out to the elderly neighbors

**Mr. Delaney**

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- Thanked all the employees for a job well done in the storm cleanup
- Fire department assisted with a large apartment complex fire in Wilmington over the weekend.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR.FOTI MOVE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF LITIGATION STRATEGY, SUCH DISCUSSIONS IN OPEN SESSION WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON THE TOWN, AND FURTHER THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WILL RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR THE REGULAR SESSION.

SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI  
VOTED: MR. MAUCERI AYE  
MR. DELANEY AYE  
MR. FOTI AYE  
MR. O'LEARY AYE  
MR. PRISCO AYE

**ADJOURNMENT**

MR.FOTI, MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY  
VOTED: MR. O'LEARY AYE  
MR. FOTI AYE  
MR. DELANEY AYE  
MR. PRISCO AYE  
MR. MAUCERI AYE

UNANIMOUS (5-0)  
ADJOURN 8:55 p.m.

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JOSEPH FOTI, CLERK