

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

Chairman Mr. Delaney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm 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.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. FOTI MOVE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND 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. O’LEARY
VOTED: MR. MAUCERI AYE
MR. DELANEY AYE
MR. FOTI AYE
MR. O’LEARY AYE
MR. PRISCO AYE

Mr. Delaney called the meeting to order

3. MINUTES:

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. FOTI MOVE TO APPROVE THE **JANUARY 28, 2013** REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. FOTI MOVE TO APPROVE THE **JANUARY 28, 2013** EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

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

Motions regarding February 11, 2013 regular and executive session minutes were postponed due to agenda item six “snow and ice deficit spending” needing additional detail to be added.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Delaney asked for Public Comment – No Comment

5. RE-VOTE – RESCHEDULE TOWN ELECTION:

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. FOTI MOVE THAT THE BOARD VOTE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE ACTS OF 2013, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE TOWN CLERK, TO CONFIRM THE FEBRUARY 11, 2013 VOTE TO THE CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION TO COINCIDE WITH THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ON APRIL 30, AND FURTHER, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SAID CHAPTER 2, THE LAST DAY FOR

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FILING NOMINATION PAPERS WITH THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS FOR SAID LOCAL ELECTION WILL CONTINUE TO BE MARCH 19, 2013, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF G.L. C.53, §7, AND THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE ELECTION CALENDAR FOR SAID ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION SHALL BE SET AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE AND SHOWN ON A CALENDAR PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK, POSTED IN HER OFFICE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND ON THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE; AND FURTHER, TO DIRECT THAT THE TOWN CLERK AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR WORK TO ENSURE THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESCHEDULED ELECTION BE WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN A MANNER CALCULATED TO BEST INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE CHANGE IN DATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND RELATED ELECTION CALENDAR.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY

VOTED: UNANIMOUS (3-0-2) Mr. Prisco and Mr. Mauceri abstained

Barbara Stats was present and requested an adjustment to change the internal date to have the Town Clerk receive the nomination papers one week earlier than the original timeframe. Changing this internal date will not affect candidate nomination process. Charter 2 of the Acts of 2013 does allow latitude to change this date.

6. PROCLAMATION: CITIZENS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. FOTI MOVE TO PROCLAIM MARCH 10 - 15, 2013 AS "CSF DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS WEEK" AND TO READ THE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY

VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Mr. Tony Terrizzi president of North Reading Dollars for Scholars present and summarized the following:

- CSF is a non-profit organization.
- This year marks the 50th year of serving the Town of North Reading
- To date \$752,000 in scholarships have been granted to over 1700 students
- On average 35 scholarships per year have be granted
- The goal this year is to grant 50 scholarships
- We would not be able to do this without the generosity of the Citizens of North Reading
- We ask for the Board Members support in our 25th phone-a-thon for the week of March 10-15, 2013 where high school students will contact all North Reading homes by telephone, seeking pledges to the CSF Scholarship Fund.

CSF Student Board Members present

Max Carlson, Delaney Castle, Nick Philips, Nick Day and Elizabeth Carlson

Mr. Foti read the proclamation

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Mr. O'Leary mentioned his two sons have benefited from this scholarship and it has helped immensely with the cost of their education. He also set up an endowment fund to support the CSF when his father passed, which rose over \$700,000 in the name of his father. He encourages residents to select the CSF as a recipient and feels it is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones and give back to the community at the same time.

Mr. Mauceri commended the program and feels that it has been a great achievement to run a program for 50 years as non-profit organization and being so successful.

Board Members commend CSF Members; Brad Jones involved for 42 years, Jean Jones involved 40 years, Tony Terrizzi involved 20 years.

7. REAPPOINTMENTS/APPOINTMENTS:

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE:

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. FOTI MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAME FOR REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE NORTH READING YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015. (2 OPENINGS)

CHRISTINE FISHER, 59 MT. VERNON STREET (INCUMBENT)

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

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JENNIFER O'LEARY, 30 CURVE ST. #1 DEDHAM, MA

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

Mr. O'Leary disclosed Jennifer is not related to his family and Jennifer had been the Youth Services Director in the past.

All Board Members recommend Jennifer highly and all feel she will be a great asset to the program.

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10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Balukonis updated Board Member on the following:

1. Update on Snow & Ice - As of today we are \$267,627 in a deficit position on the account, total expected to date is \$442,627; it does relate to the blizzard earlier this month. True deficit will have to be addressed at some point. Attached is an initial damage assessment which is being submitted for possible state and federal reimbursement for costs incurred with the blizzard earlier this month. The Town expended \$225,461 for the event, including costs for municipal employees, private contractors and cost of public equipment. All forms stating these costs have been submitted to MEMA. Status of reimbursement is unknown, until a decision is made by the federal government.
2. Attached are results of survey sent to employees about safety improvements at Town Hall; some concerns flagged from survey were the physical safety and customer code of conduct procedures. The Safety Committee meets regularly and will develop a list of recommendations for safety and security improvements to Town Hall. Recommendations will be presented to the Board at a later date.
3. Recently informed that the Town will receive a \$500,000 grant from MIIA, our insurance company, for conducting a fleet maintenance assessment. I would like to commend the DPW for going forward in applying for this grant.
4. Senior Center received a grant from Friends of Counsel on Aging and has improved the senior center.

Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Balukonis:
Thanked John Walsh, LG Plumbing and Russo Construction for all their work with minimal interruption.

Also, thanked Friends of Counsel of Aging for their generous grant and all the work they have been doing for our seniors.

Mr. Mauceri reminded Board Members that Friends of Counsel on Aging will be sponsoring a Town wide yard sale this year.

9. CLASS II LICENSE:

Mr. O'Leary stated he would be recusing himself from any discussions and/or deliberations regarding this matter as he has a family member who holds a Class II License.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. FOTI MOVE TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING CLASS II LICENSE TO EXPIRE JANUARY 1, 2014 SUBJECT TO ALL REGULATORY DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS:

AUTOMOTIVE ASSETTS

SECONDED BY: MR. PRISCO
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (4-0-1) Mr. O'Leary abstained

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Mr. Thomas Paine was present and summarized business process as a broker and is only renting office space in North Reading.

8. SIGN SPECIAL ELECTION WARRANT:

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. FOTI MOVE TO SIGN THE MARCH 22, 2013 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT.

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

11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Foti

- Congratulations to all winter sports teams for a phenomenal season
- Congratulations to Barry Galvin for being sworn in as new Deputy Fire Chief

Mr. O'Leary

- Winter sports teams "Kudos" to the team players and coaches, Good luck in tournaments "Go Hornets"
- Thanks again to Friends of Counsel on Aging for all their hard work and generosity
- Sad to hear the passing of Jimmy Arsenault - he was a longtime resident, a generous local businessman, a WWII veteran, he wrote a book of "Brother of War" he will be missed. My condolences to his family.
- Martin's Pond Committee will be holding a meeting tomorrow night at 8:00 pm in Room 10 at Town Hall to address flooding issues and management options.

Mr. Prisco

- Question on the sale of Swan Pond property as an option?
Mr. Delaney all options will be looked at if we do not receive the approval we are looking for
- Electronic signature on warrants - thank you Liz and Greg for getting this on line
- Research weekly payroll to move to a bi-weekly schedule, conversations need to begin on this topic to include unions, schools and to also gather lessons learned
- Request for water rates information and an update on water surplus deficit
Greg will follow up before June town meeting
- Mr. Burns email regarding his parents feelings about the Fire department and Police department and how thankful he is for all their support, we need to ensure both departments receive this letter.
"Thank You" Mr. Burns for taking the time to write this wonderful letter
- What town vehicles that are assigned to employees and who takes them home?
Greg will provide for Saturday budget meeting
- Budget books - disappointed on time. Five days is not enough time to review budget book. Requesting to postpone budget meeting to March 9, 2013
- "Bring back the 4th Committee" is hosting a concert at the Hillview on March 8, 2013 featuring the Herland Brothers Band, a fantastic country band. Encourage folks to come out and support the cause.

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Mr. Mauceri

- Mr. Arsenault what a wonderful book he wrote, I admire is commitment to document his experiences and will always remember him as a perfect gentleman, My Condolences to his family
- “Kudos” to DPW on clearing the corners from snow - it was great to see. Thank you to Mr. Balukonis and the entire staff for keep the Town in great shape

Mr. Delaney

- Encourages residents to read the water bill inserts from the Recycling Committee. Please do not disregard. There is also a web page you can log on to.
- School Building Project 2nd information session will be held Thursday February 28th 7pm in the High School auditorium. There has been a lot of misinformation going around, so I encourage everyone to attend the meeting and get the facts. A range of information will be provided; the property tax impact will be addressed.
- As of two weeks ago the Board of Selectmen has assumed responsibility in pursuing negotiations with the OPM and architect and any possible legal action that may need to be taken.
- There has been an appeal filed by two of the abutters; the appeal is of the CPC site plan approval. We anticipate a hearing within 3 weeks which will be the first of many.
- Regular Tuesday meetings with the Secondary School Building Committee are now being held at 6:30 instead of 5:30 at the High School in the module class room.
- Informational session will be televised by Norcam, and will be available on u-tube within a couple of days of the meeting.
- Meeting Dates:
 - March 14, 2013- Last Informational Session,
 - March 18, 2013 Special Town Meeting
 - March 22, 2013 Special Election

ADJOURNMENT

MR.FOTI, MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.

SECONDED BY: MR. MAUCERI

VOTED:	MR. O’LEARY	AYE
	MR. FOTI	AYE
	MR. DELANEY	AYE
	MR. PRISCO	AYE
	MR. MAUCERI	AYE

UNANIMOUS (5-0)
ADJOURN 8:30 p.m.

DATE

JOSEPH FOTI, CLERK