



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Town Administrator

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Hall
242 Union Street
Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

Telephone: 781-871-1874 x105
Fax: 781-871-0386
Email: ta@rockland-ma.gov

MINUTES of January 22, 2013

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, January 22, 2013 @ 7 p.m.

H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS

Selectman Johnson and Selectwoman O'Brien were not present at this meeting.

Chairman Kimball read:

The audience, participants and general public should be aware that any and all portions this open meeting may be recorded by audio and video resources. All or some of this meeting may be rebroadcast periodically by WRPS or other outlets. Persons wanting a DVD copy of this meeting should contact WRPS or the BOS office, a small fee will be charged.

OPEN FORUM

No Comments

MINUTES

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Open Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012 | Held until 2.4.13 |
| 2. Executive Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012 | Held until 2.4.13 |
| 3. Open Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013 | Held until 2.4.13 |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #9 taken out of Order 9. Library Override request

Chairman of the Library Trustees Kathleen Looney and Library Director Beverly Brown made a presentation to the Rockland BOS requesting permission to place an Override Question in the amount of \$150,000.00 on the April Town Election Ballot to be used to increase the Library Budget.

Prop 2½ Override Ballot Question

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional \$150,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Rockland Memorial Library for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013?

Yes ____ No ____

~MOTION to place the override question on the April Town Election Ballot by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, passed 3-0.

4. Community Block Grant Hearing-continued from 1.7.13

Wayne Darragh appeared at the continued hearing regarding the CDBG application. The application is for 10 to 12 housing rehab projects, 3 to 4 commercial projects and funding for the senior taxi voucher program.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 3-0.

~MOTION to accept and approve the revised Community Development strategy by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0.

MOTIOM to close the hearing by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 3-0

5. Auditors Report- MLB

Rob Lynch and Grady O'Connor of MLB Auditors appeared before the BOS to review the recently completed audit of the Town of Rockland finances. Mr. Lynch indicated the town has received an unqualified report which is the report you should want to receive. MLB did not find any material weaknesses in the financial reporting. Mr. Lynch felt overall Rockland was "heading in the right direction".

Discussion did take place regarding the management letter; TA Chiocca indicated the management letter is a useful tool which the Town Departments follow to make

improvements. Each department reviews the area or sections of the management letter written by MLB. Each department has the opportunity to comment on the management letter and begin to implement changes or not. Sometimes recommendations need a collective effort of the departments and we strive to coordinate recommendations.

Mr. Minahan asked about the updated fee study and the standardized purchase order which were mentioned in the management letter. TA Chiocca indicated both items were in process and would be completed for consideration prior to the new fiscal year.

The auditors agreed quarterly ambulance abatements were acceptable versus monthly.

~MOTION to accept the Auditor's report and to post the report on-line by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 3-0.

6. Green Community Designation February 4 @1:30PM

TA Chiocca informed the BOS the formal presentation of Rockland's Green Community Award event will be held on February 4, 2013. Details of the event will be announced soon.

7. Grant Application

TA Chiocca reported to the BOS the Green Communities Designation Grant application is due on January 25. The Town of Rockland is eligible to spend \$185,000 on various energy conservation projects provided they are approved by DOER.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Rockland Sped PAC Toll Booth request-Patty Ann Mayo

After discussion regarding toll booths in general and the dates, who benefits and where the funds go, the Board agreed to future further review of policies.

~MOTION to approve May 4, 2013, with a rain date of May 11, 2013 subject to Police department approval by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 2-0-1 (Minahan).

Item #9 was heard out of order earlier in the meeting

9. Library Override request

(See previous notes)

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- ~Read flyer regarding Eagles Chili Chowder Charity event
- ~Read a letter from the Open Space Committee regarding enforcement and co-operation to prevent encroachments along the Rail Trail.
- ~The Senior Center groundbreaking 2/1/13 has been delayed

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Kimball read:

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Mr. Minahan

-Asked everyone to please keep the family and son of Selectman Kimball in their thoughts and prayers following a vehicle accident involving Mr. Kimball's son.

Mr. Chaffee

-Echoed the thoughts of Mr. Minahan.

Mr. Kimball

-Thanked his fellow members for their thoughts. He indicated his family and son were fortunate to have a strong support group of friends. He also thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their efforts on his son's behalf.

31. EXECUTIVE SESSION No session

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55P.M.



Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator



Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice-Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.