

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday October 1, 2012 @ 7 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS**

Chairman Kimball announced:

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OPEN FORUM

1. No Requests

MINUTES

2. Open Session Minutes of September 4, 2012 –Tabled 9/17

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

3. Executive Session Minutes of September 4, 2012- Tabled 9/17

MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are settled by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

4. Open Session Minutes of September 17, 2012

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. South Shore Tri-Town Development Corp. - Excess Revenues Discussion
(Mr. Minahan Recused himself and left his selectman's Chair due to a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Minahan did not return to the BOS meeting.)

Gerry Eramo, Rockland SSTTDC representative and Chairman of the Tri-Town Board spoke to the BOS regarding the continued progress being made by Southfield.

Kevin Donovan Administrator of the SSTTDC spoke regarding hopes of future growth at the development.

Jim Wilson, Treasurer for SSTTDC had a detailed "PowerPoint" presentation of the current and projected budget for the development.

Rockland Town Accountant questioned the appropriation of excess revenues by the SSTTDC without returning the monies to the member communities as required. He felt legally the excess revenues shall be returned to the communities and shouldn't be appropriated by the SSTTDC.

The BOS and the representatives of the SSTTDC continued to discuss the excess revenue, spending and the project's future at length. Former Selectwoman Mary Parsons also voiced some concerns of the provisions in agreements for the Southfield development.

The BOS and Representatives of SSTTDC agreed to arrange a meeting and attempt to reach agreement regarding excess revenues and future expenditures at SSTTDC.

6. ISO rating update

TA Chiocca informed to BOS the ISO had re-evaluated the scoring of the Town of Rockland used for setting Insurance rates in the Town. As a result of that re-evaluation Rockland's rate has been returned to the previous score saving all residents in the community higher insurance rates.

7. Special Employee Status

On the recommendation of Town Counsel John Clifford the BOS will plan on voting to rescind all "Special Employee" classifications at the November 5th meeting and have a new list established for Special employees. In addition some individuals should be filing disclosure statements instead of seeking Special Employee status.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

TA Chiocca:

~informed the BOS the vehicle barriers were being erected on the Rail Trail, and reminded everyone of the rules for Rail Trail, no vehicular traffic is allowed, dawn to dusk usage only, and asked abutters to refrain from dumping debris on the rail property.

~Announced the Tri Town Veterans Day Parade would be held in Abington and applications to participate are on-line.

~The Rockland Fire department requested to close Pacific Street on October 13, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for Fire Safety Day activities.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

~Announced the award of the recent Road Project Bids to Murray and TL Edwards

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Kimball announced:

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-Left Meeting earlier

Mr. Johnson

~Announced Fundraiser for Rockland Middle School

Mr. Chaffee

~Reminded resident of the Rockland Cares Vigil

Ms. O'Brien

~Recently attended a walkable community seminar

~Attended the James Keller Fallen Hero sign unveiling event

~Toured Southfield

~Praised and participated in the recent Drug take-back event.

~Walked in the Walk of Hope event

Mr. Kimball

~No Comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to go into Executive Session not to reconvene for:

- 15. NEBPA Step II Grievance hearing**
- 16. RITE Union Step II Grievance Hearing**
- 17. Negotiation Strategy Discussion**

passed by Roll Call Vote 4-0. (Minahan not present).

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.