



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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BOS Minutes of December 20, 2016

Chairman:

Edward F. Kimball

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Selectmen:

Michael P. Johnson

Korey M. Welch

Michael P. Mullen, Jr.

Town Administrator:

Allan R. Chiocca

Executive Assistant:

Susan M. Ide

SELECTMEN'S MEETING Tuesday, December 20, 2016 @ 7 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS

Selectman Johnson was not present at this meeting.

Chairman Kimball read:

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1. OPEN FORUM

Lawrence J. "Larry" Chaffee Meeting Room Dedication

Vice Chairman Larry Ryan announced the Rockland Board of Selectmen have honored former Selectman Lawrence J. Chaffee by naming the lower conference room after him. A painting of Mr. Chaffee was unveiled and will be on display in the conference room. The Board of Selectmen all spoke of Larry's service and dedication to the Town of Rockland as a resident, coach and 28 years of service on the BOS.

MINUTES

2. Open Session Minutes of December 6, 2016

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Mullin, 2nd by Mr. Welch, passed 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Green Community Grant

TA Chiocca updated the BOS on the most recent Green Community Grant. He indicated almost all items have been completed in the 2nd grant of \$245K; and we should be eligible to apply for additional funding in the next round. This now means Rockland has received in excess of \$400K since becoming a Green Community in 2012.

4. Housing Production Plan approved by DHCD

TA Chiocca indicated the Housing Production Plan submitted to the State by Rockland has been approved. The Plan demonstrates the community has clear intentions towards meeting the 10% affordable housing requirement set by the State. The accepted plan provides Rockland with a little more leverage when dealing with proposed developments.

5. License Renewals

Common Victualler

1. Dunkin Donuts – 851 Hingham Street
2. Dunkin Donuts – 1149 Hingham Street
3. D'Angelo Sandwich Shop – 144 Market Street
4. MaGoo's Ice Cream – 190 VFW Drive
5. McDonald's – 117 Market Street

Automatic Amusement

1. Columbia Social Club – Knights of Columbus – 440 Webster Street

Entertainment

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Class I

1. Realty Systems - Hillcrest – 401 Beech Street

Class II

1. Atlantic Petroleum – 50 John Dunn Drive

Taxi/Livery

1. Town Coach Limo – 548 Forest Street

~MOTION to approve all licenses, subject to all requirements being met, by Mr. Welch, 2nd by Mr. Ryan, passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Plymouth County Commissioners Update

County Commissioner Greg Hanley and County Treasurer Tom O'Brien appeared before the BOS to discuss ongoing Plymouth County initiatives.

7. Library - Roof Heating Unit Emergency Replacement

The BOS were informed of an emergency situation at the Library as a result of one roof top heating and cooling unit breaking down. The BOS were asked to declare an emergency so the unit could be replaced immediately.

~MOTION to approve emergency purchase by Mr. Welch, 2nd by Mr. Ryan, passed 4-0.

8 Employee Handbook - Stacy Callahan, Human Resources

Human Resources Coordinator Stacy Callahan appeared before the BOS to present a compilation of Town personnel policies and employee rights. The new employee handbook will be distributed to all present and future employees. This represents all the information in one location. The publication will be available on the Town Website.

TA Chiocca praised the efforts of Ms. Callahan both for establishing the new office and developing the new employee handbook.

~MOTION to approve the new handbook by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Welch, passed 4-0.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

-TA Chiocca informed the BOS the Rail Trail has been paved from the Nyman Senior Center at Route 139 through Union Square to Howard Street. He also briefed the BOS that the Town is seeking a 2nd grant to complete the Rail Trail from the Senior Center through Abington past Charles and Monroe Streets. Rockland is also seeking to extend the paving beyond Howard Street to Liberty Street. The informational kiosk has also been erected near Union Square.

-TA Chiocca updated the BOS regarding the Town Hall Plaza rehabilitation.

-TA Chiocca indicated Player's Sports Bar and Grill would like to open early on New Year's Day.

~MOTION to approve early opening for New Year's Day with a written request and approval of the Police Department, by Mr. Welch, 2nd by Mr. Ryan, passed 4-0. Time of opening to be determined by the Police Chief.

-The BOS were asked to approve the application of Richard Harris to the Capital Planning Committee.

~MOTION to approve Mr. Harris by Mr. Welch, 2nd by Mr. Mullen, passed 4-0.

-TA Chiocca reminded viewers of the All Night Parking Ban.

Finally, Mr. Chiocca wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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. Mullen -Appreciates everything Mr. Chaffee has contributed to the community.
-He is pleased with the approval of the Housing Production Plan and discussed the progress on the 40R Committee.
-Requested a legislative update from Senator Keenan at a future meeting.
-Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

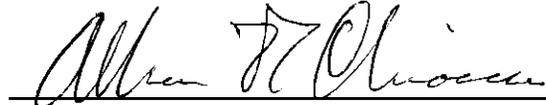
Mr. Welch -Recognized all the accomplishments of Mr. Chaffee and wished him well.
-Discussed Lyme Disease and County efforts.
-Praised the efforts of Human Resource Coordinator Callahan.
-Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Ryan -Suggested residents mail cards to Mr. Chaffee at 115 North Avenue.
-Congratulated the Rockland Police Honor Guard for their upcoming appearance at the New England Patriots game.
-Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

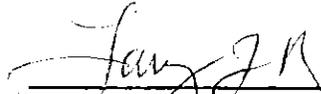
Mr. Kimball -Reminded residents snow season is upon us and to be careful during School break.
-Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Ryan, passed 4-0.

Meeting ended at 8:16 P.M.



Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator



Larry J. Ryan, Vice Chairman
for the 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.