



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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Allan R. Chiocca

Executive Assistant:

Mary B. Stewart

SELECTMEN'S MEETING Tuesday January 17, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Eagle Scout Andrew Gerrish
MOS for long time municipal employee Marie P. Hannigan

Chairman Chaffee read:

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OPEN FORUM

Eagle Scout Award- Andrew Gerrish Troop 113

Selectmen Chaffee read a citation from the BOS. George Anderson spoke to the BOS about Andrew Gerrish's birdhouse project at the Town Forest. Mr. Gerrish addressed the BOS to discuss his project. The entire BOS congratulated Rockland's newest Eagle Scout.

MINUTES

1. Open Meeting Minutes 12.19.11
~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.
2. Open Meeting Minutes 1.3.12
~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.
3. No item

NEW BUSINESS

4. Presidential Primary Warrant

Chairman Chaffee read the Presidential Primary Warrant. The Massachusetts primary will be held on March 6, 2012.

~MOTION to approved by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball

5. Assistant Town Accountant Appointment- Mary Jane Martin

Town Accountant Eric Hart appeared before the BOS to request the BOS appoint Mary Jane Martin as Assistant Town Accountant effective January 30, 2012. Ms. Martin will begin working fulltime January 23, 2012. Mr. Hart also thanked retiring Assistant Town Accountant Diane McClure for her many years of service to the Town.

~MOTION to approve Mary Jane Martin, Assistant Town Accountant effective January 30, 2012 by Mr. Johnson 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

6. SSTTDC Reappointment Application-John Ward

The BOS reviewed the application for a 5 year reappointment to the SSTTDC by John Ward. It was determined the position pays approximately \$5000.00 per year. Mr. Minahan asked whether the BOS should better advertise the opening.

~MOTION to reappoint John Ward by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0-1(Minahan).

7. Open Annual Town Meeting

Chairman Chaffee explained the Annual Town Meeting Warrant needs to be opened and would remain open until 11 a.m. March 15, 2012.

~MOTION to approve the opening and closing dates for the of ATM by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

8. Tool Booth fundraising request – South Shore Vo-tech

A request to hold the annual "Toll Booth Road Block" to benefit scholarships at the South Shore Vocational School was reviewed by the BOS. The request would be subject to approval and review by the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments.

~MOTION to approve subject to departmental reviews by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

9. No Item

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

~Updated the BOS regarding ongoing efforts to compile all road information from various departments regarding length, width, curbs, and conditions, etc. Robert Rosa has been trying to coordinate all the information into one package in order to assemble a road improvement proposal. The information should be available by the next meeting.

~Informed the BOS Rockland has filed all necessary pre-contact application information for East West Parkway \$500K infrastructure grant with Mass Development.

~Boy Scout Troop 57 is sponsoring a Christmas Tree pickup program for a \$5.00 donation.

~Announced the Olde Abington Tri-centennial Gala to be held on March 3 at the Massasoit Conference Center. Tickets are \$25.00 per person

~Rockland has signed a contract for electric car charging stations to be installed by National Grid at Town Hall and the Town Library.

~Read a letter from Faith Heffernan thanking the Rockland Fire Department.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

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

~Recognized the difficulties trying to gather all information for the road project.

Mr. Johnson

~Encouraged participation in the Lacrosse Club for young people. Dave Taylor is doing an outstanding job developing this sport in Rockland.

Ms. O'Brien

~ Go Patriots

Mr. Kimball

~No Comments

Mr. Chaffee

~Announced the 300th Committee's Abington Trivia Night fundraisers.

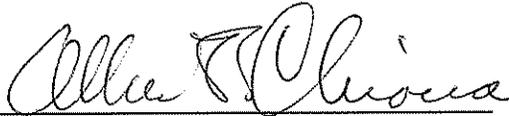
~Reminded all Departments, Committees, and Boards that their annual report articles are due by February 1st.

31. EXECUTIVE SESSION for

~Step 2 grievance hearing with Rockland Firefighter's Union.

~Discussion of upcoming negotiations strategy.

MOTION to go into Executive Session by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed by roll call vote 5-0.



Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator



Edward F. Kimball, 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.

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