



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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Open Session MINUTES of February 4, 2013

Chairman:

Edward F. Kimball
Vice Chairman:
Deborah A. O'Brien

Selectmen:

Lawrence J. Chaffee
Michael P. Johnson
William H. Minahan, Jr.

Town Administrator:

Allan R. Chiocca

Executive Assistant:

Mary B. Stewart

SELECTMEN'S MEETING Monday February 4, 2013 @ 7 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS for Shirley E. Carrico

All Board Members present.

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

1. No requests

MINUTES

2. Open Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012

~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0-1(Johnson).

3. Executive Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012

~MOTION to approve, not to be release until all matters are settled by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0-1(Johnson).

4. Open Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013

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

5. Executive Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013

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

6. Open Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2013

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Special Municipal Employee discussion

The BOS once again discussed the procedures for Special Employee Designation and the filing of disclosures. A resolution was not reached and the Board decided to seek further clarification from the State.

~MOTION to table until March 18th meeting by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-1(Minahan).

8. Appointment(s)-Teen Center-Renee Armstrong

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

NEW BUSINESS

No Items

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

-Mr. Chiocca informed the BOS of the annual Best Buddies Charity Bike Ride to pass through a small portion of Rockland on June 1, 2013

~MOTION to approve and notify the Police by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

-Mr. Chiocca discussed the media event surrounding the Green Community Designation award ceremony and the visit by State officials to congratulate Rockland for achieving the Green Community status.

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-

-Read a letter (attached) announcing his decision not to seek re-election

Mr. Johnson

-Thanked Mr. Minahan for his many years of service to the community.

Mr. Chaffee

-Thanked Mr. Minahan for his many years of service to the community.
-Informed the public the School Building Committee continues to meet.
-Announced tickets are available for the annual comedy night on April 13th to benefit the Rockland Athletic Club.

Ms. O'Brien

-Thanked Mr. Minahan for his many years of service to the community.
-The Eagles Chili/Chowder charity event was a great success.
-The Lions Club meat raffle was also a successful event on January 26th.

Mr. Kimball

-Thanked Mr. Minahan for his many years of service to the community.
-Announced the charity event to benefit Sean Kimball on March 1, 2013.
-Informed the BOS there are options for the date of the Town Election as a result of the Special statewide election to fill the US Senate seat. This would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

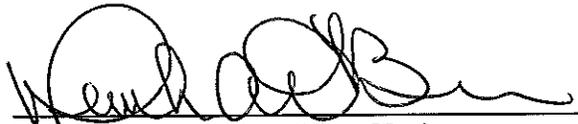
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION for discussion of negotiations and strategy not to reconvene.

~MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed by Roll Call Vote 5-0.

Open session ended at 7:40PM



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.

Dear Our Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Department Heads, Town Employees, and Residents of Rockland.

It is with regret that I am formally announcing that I will not be campaigning for re-election on the Rockland Board of Selectmen and will be resigning from all Boards and Committees effective Town Election Day in April, 2013. I have given 15 years of uncompensated labor to the town I love, Rockland, and I believe it is time for me to step aside and give others the opportunity to serve. I have enjoyed (almost) every minute of service and I can't say enough about how great our department heads and employees are and how willing they are to help with whatever needs to be done. I will miss working with all of you.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for the past three years. It has been a pleasure serving with all of you and I wish all of you the best of luck leading this town and continuing to work to make Rockland great!

I would also like to recognize all of the hardworking members of our Finance Committee that I had the pleasure of working with and leading. The difficult decisions we made a few years back are what is helping shape our fiscal position today. I thank you for believing in what we were doing and helping us get to where we are today.

Together, we all have been continuing the process of driving the proverbial ship that is heading in the right direction. We have built a great foundation for our future leaders to build upon. This was accomplished by continuing to change our old habits and making solid decisions. I believe Rockland is well on its way to greatness. I am pleased that I Work, Live, and Play in a Town that provides great services for a reasonable fee, where people come together to help those in need, and where I can be proud to say, I am from Rockland.

God Bless Rockland.

Sincerely,

William H. Minahan, Jr.