

# **Minutes of Mach 19, 2012**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Monday, March 19, 2012 @ 7 p.m.  
Executive Session @ 8:30p.m  
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM  
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET  
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS**

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### **1. OPEN FORUM**

**~John Rogers-Provided an update on the proposed Senior Center. The Project has received a 15,000 donation from the South Coastal Saving Bank**

**~Chief Llewellyn-Announced the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rockland Citizens Police Academy. The program is limited to 14 participants**

### **MINUTES**

#### **2. Minutes of March 5, 2012**

**~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.**

#### **3. Executive Session Minutes of March 5, 2012**

**~MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are resolved by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item #11 taken out of order**

### **11. VA Hospital Wool Cap donation program-Andy Triantaffellow**

**~Presentation of 3 checks totaling \$500 to the COA from the DAV, Legion and V.F.W. to Angie Keller The checks were donations to the Council on Aging in appreciation of the 150 knitted hats to be given to the VA Hospital. Angie Keller thanked Andy for the opportunity to help.**

### **4. Abington 300<sup>th</sup> Tri-Town ½ Marathon by Albert Donaghy**

**~Request by Albert Donaghy for permission to use some streets in Rockland for a ½ Marathon in celebration of Abington's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**~MOTION to approve June 3, 2012 Tri-Town ½ marathon by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball subject to Police Department final approval passed 5-0.**

### **5. Union Street Tree and Bench dedication ceremony**

**~Selectman O'Brien discussed the upcoming Tree and Bench dedication to be held on March 31, 2012 @3p.m. The donors of the trees and benches are invited to attend a small thank you appreciation ceremony. A plaque in appreciation of the donors will be displayed at Town Hall.**

### **6. Rail Trail Update-Donald Cann, Derek Ewell**

**~TA Chiocca updated the BOS regarding the Rail Trail. The trail is approximately 10 feet wide from the Hanover line to the Abington line. The trail restricted to passive non-motorized use from dawn to dusk. Open Space Chairman Donald Cann and Derek Ewell of that committee also spoke regarding the trail. A number of Market Street residents were concerned about the proposed trailhead at an abandoned house the Town of Rockland owns across from Wyman Fields. The residents were assured the committee would work with the neighbors.**

### **7. Library waiver-Municipal Appropriation Requirement**

**~TA Chiocca informed the BOS the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners have granted a waiver of the FY2012 Municipal Appropriation Requirement(MAR) and certified Rockland to receive FY2012 State Aid to Public Libraries.**

**8. Review Warrant articles & send to finance committee**

~Selectman Chaffee read the articles posted for the Annual Town Warrant.

**MOTION to approve the warrant and forward to the Finance Committee by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.**

**9. Open Special Town Meeting Warrant**

**The Special Town Meeting Warrant needs to be opened and remain open until April 12, 2012 @ 11AM**

**MOTION to open the Special Town Meeting by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.**

**10. Health Reform Agreement-     *Taken up at the end on the meeting*  
*(Mr. Minahan stepped down due to a conflict)***

~TA Chiocca updated the BOS of an agreement which has been reached with the Public Employee Committee (PEC) regarding the Healthcare Reform Law and the establishment of a mitigation fund to offset some costs to plan participants. The agreement reduces the amount both the Town and participants have to pay

**MOTION to approve the agreement by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**11. VA Hospital Wool Cap donation program-Andy Triantaffelow**  
*This item was previously taken out of order.*

**12. Award 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Ambulance Billing Contact-Chief Duffey**

~Fire Chief Duffey informed the BOS the 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing contract would be contract would be awarded to Comstar.

**13. High School Hockey Road Race**

~The BOS had a request to approve a Road Race to support the High School Hockey team. The sponsors have met with Lt. Zeoli.

**MOTION to approve subject to Police Department approval by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.**

**14. Alcohol Hearing-E-Z Mart@339 Centre Ave**

**MOTION to Open the Hearing by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.**

**The BOS discussed the proposed E-Z Mart at the site of the former "One Stop". Attorney Devin represented the petitioner.**

**MOTION to Close the Hearing by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.  
MOTION to approve by Mr. Kimball, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0**

**15. Electric Car Charging stations @ Town Hall and Library**

**TA Chiocca informed the BOS the two electric car charging stations located at Town Hall and the Library have been installed and are operational. Each site may charge 2 vehicles simultaneously. The stations were installed at no cost to the Town by National Grid.**

**16. Trinity Church Walk request**

**The BOS heard a request to allow a "Walk-a-thon" in Rockland and Hanover on MAY19 to support the Food Pantry.**

**MOTION to approve the walk subject to Police Department approval by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.**

**17. Signage request SSTDC@ Weymouth Street Entrance**

**The BOS received a request to place signage at the entrance to the East West Parkway at Weymouth Street. The proposed signs were reviewed by and are subject to approval by Building Inspector Tom Ruble.**

**MOTION to approve subject to review and approval by Inspector Ruble by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.**

**18. Foreign and Domestic Auto- Keno Lottery Vote**

**MOTION of "No Objection" by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 4-1(Johnson).**

**19. It's a Cupcake, 161 Union St- Common Vic Application**

**MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.**

**20. Amante Pizza & Café, 440 Union St Common Vic Application**

**MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.**

## **21. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

**Postponed to the next meeting because of the pending Executive Session.**

## **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.*

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## **25. 8:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**~Joint EXECUTIVE SESSION with the Rockland School Committee for School Employee Health Insurance co-pay negotiations.**

**~EXECUTIVE SESSION for negotiation strategy not to reconvene.**

**MOTION to go into Executive Session by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball passed by Roll Call Vote 5-0**

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**Allan R. Chiocca**  
**Town Administrator**

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**Edward F. Kimball, Vice Chairman**  
**for the Rockland Board of Selectmen**

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