



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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Open Session Minutes of APRIL 17, 2012

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

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS

Selectman Johnson was not in attendance for the meeting.

Selectman Chaffee read:

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1. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

~MOTION to nominate Edward J. Kimball Chairman by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

~MOTION to nominate Deborah A. O'Brien Vice-Chairman by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 4-0.

OPEN FORUM

~Dr. John Rogers provided the BOS with an update on the Senior Center and urged attendance at the Town Meeting to vote in support of the project.

2. Veteran' Agent Tony Materna-returning Soldier Joseph Michael Pollini

~Selectman Chaffee read a citation presented to returning soldier Joseph Michael Pollini. Veteran's Agent presented a lapel pin to Specialist Pollini.

3. Citations for retiring Town Treasurer Karen Sepeck & Town Clerk Mary Pat Kaszanek

~Selectmen Chaffee acknowledged the retirements of two public elected officials Mary Pat Kaszanek leaving after 26 years of service to Rockland and Karen Sepeck leaving after 35 ½ years. Both officials did not seek re-election. A certificate was presented to each individual at a reception on Friday, April 13, 2012.

*Selectman Minahan requested time to speak under open forum, which Chairman Kimball allowed.

Mr. Minahan recognized the split vote results from the election and recommended the amount in the road article at Town meeting be increased to \$6.3 million from the original \$4.5 million with the anticipated revenue of the 2nd road question which did not pass. Chairman Kimball recommended getting Mr. Minahan, himself, and effected departments together to determine what direction the Town should go in prior to Town Meeting.

MINUTES

4. Open Session Minutes of April 2, 2012

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Approve and forward STM Warrant

TA Chiocca read the 9 articles which have been submitted for the Special Town Meeting and provided a brief explanation of each.

~MOTION to forward the articles to the Finance Committee by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

6. **Green Communities presentation-Seth Pickering SE Regional Coordinator
Department of Energy Resources-Green Communities Division**

A presentation was made to the BOS regarding the adoption the Massachusetts Stretch Code. Rockland has already completed 3 of 5 requirements to become a "Green Community".

***Item taken out of order to ask the BOS to reopen the Annual Town Meeting and amend Article #36 to reflect \$6.3 million instead of \$4.5 million for the roads.**

~MOTION to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

~MOTION to amend Article #36 to read \$6.3 million by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 4-0.

~MOTION to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 4-0.

7. **Perambulate the borders of Rockland-Tabled**

8. **Program Amendment approved-CDBG**

Wayne Darragh reported to the BOS the State DHCD has approved the reallocation of the approximately \$375,000 funding turned down by the Triangle House. The funding will be used in the Rockland target area for renovations and repairs to some of the older housing stock. There was a possibility of losing the funds.

9. **Feinstein Subordination-Office**

Wayne Darragh also requested the Town of Rockland approve subordination for a property which is being refinanced. The Town has approved in the past if no funds were being withdrawn, just a refinance at a lower rate to save the homeowner monies.

~MOTION to approve Mr. Minahan, 2nd Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

10. **Downtown Spring Fling-Daria Rindone**

Ms. Rindone appeared before the BOS to promote the upcoming "Spring Fever Fest" to be held on April 21, 2012 from 2pm to 6pm in the School Street area.

11. Rockland Friends Softball tournament 1 day license-Peter Ewell

Pam Murphy and Peter Ewell appeared to discuss a June 9th softball game @ 6PM between the Police and Fire Departments to support the Rockland Friends to sponsor the "Stroll".

12. One Day License request-4th Floor Artists

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

13. Freedom Walk 9/11/12-Adam Royle

Adam Royle requested permission to host the annual Freedom Walk at Bi-Centennial Park on September 11, 2012 at 6PM.

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

14. Little League/Softball Parade-Judy Hartigan

Judy Hartigan appeared to request permission for the annual opening day parade on April 21, 2012.

MOTION to approve Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

15. The Family Fun Run request-Rockland Public Schools

Robert Leary appeared to request permission to host a fundraiser "The Family Fun Run" on June 9, 2012.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0

18. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

~Welcomed new BOS Chairman and Vice Chairman to their newly appointed roles and looks forward to working with them. Also thanked Mr. Chaffee for his last two years serving as BOS Chairman.

~Studley/Reed's Pond Dam- TA Chiocca and Superintendent Bob Corvi met with a Ed Hughes of Department of Public Safety division of Dam Safety to try and resolve and repair the Dam at Reed's/Studley Pond. No one showed from DOT. Representative Nyman and the TA will continue to pursue a resolution.

~Sullivan Tire has made \$10K donation to the Senior Center project and also they are having a Blood Donor event on April 28, 2012.

~Reported progress is being made on the replacement handicapped ramp at the Rockland Community Center. Hopefully the project will be completed this summer.

~East West Parkway project received final notice to proceed and install water and sewer lines on that portion of the roadway in Rockland.

~Reminded viewers any walls, fences, or barriers need to be built within property lines not on public ways or land.

~Announced the Memorial Day parade to be held on May 28, 2012. The BOS are invited to march in the parade.

MOTION by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to approve the parade route, passed 4-0.

Request by Cub Scout Troop 12 to use Town Hall Plaza for a fundraiser on 6/9.

MOTION by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to approve the parade route, passed 4-0.

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 No Comments

Mr. Chaffee

- Thanked everyone for their support during the last two years while he was Chairman, he also wished Mr. Kimball good luck.
- Asked for a resident to volunteer for the Rent Control Board.

Ms. O'Brien

- Spoke about the successful celebrity bartending event in support of the Library at the 99 Restaurant.
- There is a vacancy on the Planning Board caused by the resignation of Bob Rice if anyone is interested.
- Thanked Mr. Chaffee for his service as Chairman the last two years.

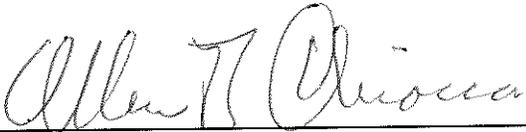
Mr. Kimball

- Thanked Mr. Chaffee for his leadership and guidance the past two years. He looks forward to the challenges and opportunities of the next year.
- Thanked everyone for coming out to vote in the town elections.
- We are looking for volunteers on a number of committees.
- Suggested he, Mr. Minahan, Water Commissioner, Sewer Commissioner, Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator and Attorney Clifford meet to discuss the roads question prior to Town Meeting.
- Many positive things are happening and new groups stepping up, it's a good sign for Rockland.

Mr. Chaffee took the time to thank everyone for returning him to the BOS and pledged to continue his hard work of behalf of the Town.

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

Meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.



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.

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