

MINUTES of May 21, 2012

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, May 21, 2012 @ 7 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS-John Shea**

Chairman Kimball opened the meeting and 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.-Presentation to returning SPC William F. Donadini Jr.-by Tony Materna
This item rescheduled to June 4, 2012.**

~Mary Parsons-SSTTDC

Mary Parsons voiced concern regarding a number of expenditures being approved by the SSTTDC from what she felt was free cash that should have gone to the three towns. Ms. Parsons felt the "free cash" expenditures should not have been made by the SSTTDC.

The BOS asked TA Chiocca to invite the Rockland representatives on the SSTTDC Board to a future meeting and to also invite Kevin Donovan at his convenience.

MINUTES

2. Open Session Minutes of April 17, 2012

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

3. Open Session Minutes of May 7, 2012

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Memorial Day Events

Veteran's Agent Tony Materna discussed the plans for the upcoming Memorial Day parade, the flagging of the cemeteries and all the preparations for the weekend events.

5. Friends of Rockland 1 day license-Pam Murphy

Pam Murphy, Bob Mahoney and Peter Ewell appeared before the BOS to request a 1 day liquor license to be used on June 9, 2012. The Friends of Rockland are sponsoring a softball game to raise funds for the annual "Holiday Stroll" event.

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

ITEM #11 taken out of order

11. Transfer of Funds Board of Health to Park Department

Transfer request:

From: Board of Health line item #0143352-529220 Disposal Fee Acct \$3,500.00

To: Park Dept. line item # 0165052-524100 Maintenance acct.

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

*****State Representative Rhonda Nyman appeared before the BOS to announce the awarding of a citation recognizing Council on Aging Director Peg Byran as an "Unsung Heroine" in Massachusetts.**

6. Rail Trail-Derek Ewell

Derek Ewell discussed the recent clean-up day of the Rail Trail. Approximately 75 volunteers coordinated efforts to clean and remove debris from the newly opened Rail Trail. Town Departments and volunteers from Rockland and surrounding towns worked to complete the entire trail in one day. The trail is still under development with improvements continuing. Signs are arriving in 2 weeks and the Highway Department has painted the crosswalks. Eventually the Rail Trail may be open in Hanover and Abington.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Annual Ambulance Abatements-Fire Chief Duffey

Fire Chief Duffey appeared before the BOS to make the annual Fire Department request to abate ambulance receipts uncollected from FY 10 in the amount of \$445,464.23. This is an annual process recommended by the auditors.

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

8. Yanni's Common Vic Application

MOTION to approve the application subject to worker's comp insurance by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

9. Annual Appointments

MOTION to appoint Tom Henderson as the Rockland's Metropolitan Area Planning Council representative by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

REAPPOINTMENTS FOR MAY 21ST

APPOINTMENTS 2012 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The following positions are up for appointment/reappointment by the Board of Selectmen. Persons interested in applying must submit an application to the Selectman's Office no later than Friday, April 20, 2012. Appointment forms are available at the Selectmen's Office or online @ rockland-ma.gov

IMPORTANT: Any incumbent whose term expires MUST resubmit an application. Reappointment is not automatic and all applications will be considered equally.

Aging, Council on – (3 Year Appointment) (11 members – 3 alternates)

The Council on Aging is responsible for ensuring that programs for senior citizens are carried forth within budgetary authority and limits.

Current incumbents whose terms expire:

Lurana Crowley – 216 Forest Street

Grace DiTocco – 122 Moncrief Road

Christine Kelly – 6 Baywood Street

Beverly Ladner – 20 Canterbury Lane

American's With Disabilities Act (ADA) Commission – (7 members including Town Administrator & 6 members to be appointed to 3 Year terms on staggered basis)

June Pat Donnelly – 6 Leah Drive

Thomas Ruble - 32 Niles Street, Abington (02351)

Animal Control Officer

Patricia A. Whittemore – 810 Liberty Street

Animals, Inspector of – (Annual Appointment)

Patricia A. Whittemore – 810 Liberty Street

Capital Planning Committee - (3 Year Appointment)

Selectmen Appointment – Richard Phelps – 224 Myrtle Street

Chief Procurement Officer – (Annual)

Allan R. Chiocca – 10 Summerdale Farms Way, Bridgewater, 02324

Conservation Commission – (3 Year Appointment)

The Conservation Commission is charged with ensuring that the Wetland Protection Act and Rivers Protection Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are adhered to within the limits of the Town of Rockland.

Douglas Golemme (Chairman) – 700 Union Street

Virginia Hoffman – 66 Colby Street

Counsel, Tax Title (Annual Appointment)

Attorney Laura Brown – 800 Hingham Street, Rockland, MA 02370

Cultural Council – (2 Year Term – Total of 6 years – 1 year off – then can reappoint)

The Cultural Council is responsible for approving state granted funds to ensure that the arts and humanities are provided to the residents of the Town.

Kathleen Folino – 375 E. Water Street

Claire Garvey – 127 Marks Street

Jane Tetzlaff – 390 Plain Street

Director of Emergency Management (Annual Appointment)

Coordinates and assists in the event of a major emergency within the Town. Activates the Emergency Operations Center and maintains contact with state and federal agencies.

James F. Simpson – 22 Heritage Drive

Dog Hearing Officer (Annual Appointment)

This position acts for the Selectmen and is charged with dispute resolution involving persons who have filed formal complaints against vicious and nuisance dogs.

Allan R. Chiocca – 10 Summerdale Farms Way, Bridgewater 02324

Fence Viewer (Annual Appointment)

Thomas Ruble – 32 Niles Street, Abington 02351

IT Committee

Judith Hartigan – 57 Emerson Street

Lance Cummings – 27 Stanton Street

Memorial Committee (Annual)

The committee is charged with ensuring that war memorials and remembrances are provided for those who served the nation and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Mary Jane Letizia – 163 Damon Road

Anton F. Materna – 416 Market Street

John R. Melvin – 21 Bradford Street

Jeffrey P. Najarian – 22 Bradford Street

Angelo J. Triantaffelow – 80 Lincoln Road

Richard L. Gay – 53 Taunton Avenue

Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (Annual)

Rita M. Howes – 390 North Avenue (Delegate)

Open Space Committee (3 Year Appointment)

Works in the best interest of the Town by ensuring Open Space is maintained for various purposes.

**George Anderson – 355 Forest Street
Michael Bromberg – 373 Forest Street
Donald Cann – 64 Union Street**

Parking Clerk - (Annual)

June Pat Donnelly - 6 Leah Drive

Registrars of Voters – 3 Year Term

Mary Ann Ceurvets – 253 Hingham Street

Rent Control Board

**Judith Hartigan – 57 Emerson Street
Charles Squatrito – 51A Fairview Street**

Senior Center Building Committee

**Peggy Bryan – 8 Strawberry Hill Road, Plymouth (02360)
Beverly Ladner -20 Canterbury Lane
Deborah O'Brien – 35 Eleanor Lane
Richard Phelps – 224 Myrtle Street
Audrey Ryan – 56 Liberty Street
John Rogers – 27 Heritage Drive
Patricia Penney – 30 Centre Avenue**

Taxation Aid Committee (Chairman Board of Assessors, Town Treasurer and three residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen)

**Patricia Penny – 30 Centre Avenue
Dr. John Rogers – 27 Heritage Drive**

Teen Center Advisory Committee (Appointed by Selectmen)

**Ralph Frechette – 41 Turner Road
Vin Hutt (Associate Member) 186 Lake Shore Drive, Weymouth 02189**

Tree Warden (Annual Appointment)

The Tree Warden is responsible for ensuring that laws of the Commonwealth regarding the placement, pruning and removal of public shade trees are followed. The position requires the supervision of one full-time employee.

Robert Corvi, Jr. – 63 Concord Street

Weights & Measures, Inspector of (Annual Appointment)

The Sealer enforces all relevant laws relating to the sale and purchase of all fuels, including gasoline, diesel, oil and propane.

Thomas Ruble – 32 Niles Street, Abington (02351)

Youth Commission (3 Year Appointment)

The Youth Commission is responsible for ensuring that the various programs for the youth of the town are delivered within budgetary limits and authority.

Richard T. Furlong – 677 Union Street

Zoning Board of Appeals (3 Year Appointment)

The ZBA is charged with hearing petitions from property owners from the zoning by-laws. Also acts as an appeal board on decision made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Stanley Cleaves – 38 Greenwood Street

Zoning Board of Appeals (Assistant-Alternate) – (Annual)

Alternate – Robert Rosa – 474 Beech Street

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

10. Fast Lane-Keno application

MOTION of “No Objection” by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0-1(J).

11. Transfer of Funds Board of Health to Park Department

~(Previously taken up)

12. Transfer of Funds Street Lights Acct to Town Hall- National Grid Energy Grant

Town Administrator Chiocca requested the BOS approve a transfer to fund an energy savings plan at Town Hall. An energy audit conducted in February recommended changing fixtures in Town Hall. The savings also included a 70% of costs grant from National Grid. The Rockland share of costs would make the buyback cost effective within 20 months.

Transfer request:

From: BOS Street Lights line item #0142452-529500 Street Lights acct \$5000.00

To: Town Hall line item # 0119252-521500 Utilities & Maintenance acct.

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

15. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- ~Abington 350th Parade invitation on Sunday June 10, 2012
- ~ Excellence in Service Awards Blue Cross \$2000 donation to Veteran's Agent Anton Materna for Rockland veterans.
- ~Sonya May, YMCA National Conference fund raiser
- ~Informed the BOS the School Committee would be using the BOS Meeting room for meetings during the summer.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Kimball read into the record:

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. Johnson ~Car wash for Rockland Youth Lacrosse

~Enjoyed Cadogan's Hope event it was a great success again

~Rockland Family Fun 5K Run will be held on June 9th

~1st Annual "Dogs Dash" on August 18th for the H.S. Hockey Team

~Rail Trail is great and encouraged everyone to use it.

**Mr. Chaffee ~June 3 Tricentennial 1/2 marathon in the 3 "Abington" towns
(Abington, Rockland, and Whitman)**

~John Rogers for Mayor of Abington

~Appreciated the strong turnout to Town Meeting

Ms. O'Brien ~Thanked everyone for helping with the clean-up of the Rail Trail
~appreciates all the efforts of the Open Space Committee
~Senior Center project is making great progress
~Revitalization Committee continues to meet if anyone wants to get involved
they are meeting at Town Hall on June 5th at 8AM.

Mr. Kimball ~Appreciates the turnout at Town Meeting, Rockland is on its way up
~Senior Center and Road project are advancing.
~Memorial Day and H.S. Graduation are coming up
~We continue to need additional volunteers for committees

30. EXECUTIVE SESSION

~MOTION to go into executive session for strategy discussions involving union negotiations and possible litigation not to reconvene by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed by Roll Call vote 5-0.

Open session meeting ended at 8:10pm

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.

Note: Open Meetings are recorded by local cable WRPS and are considered the official record of the BOS meetings