

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, June 6, 2011, 7 p.m.**

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

Chairman Chaffee called the meeting to order

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Veteran's Agent Anton Materna

Chairman Chaffee read:

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OPEN FORUM

Veteran's Agent Tony Materna- Memorial Day Report

Mr. Materna thanked the Eagles, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and VFW for helping with the Memorial Day events. The parade was a great success and a large participation by the community was appreciated. Jessica Pedraza and Marilyn Gonzalez were the co-parade Marshalls and provided heartwarming speeches from their experiences in the war zone.

1. Open Session Minutes of May 16, 2011

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

2. Town Census Report-Precinct updates-Town Clerk Mary Pat Kaszanek

~Town Clerk Kaszanek reported to the BOS there have been some changes to the Rockland voting precinct boundaries as a result of the recent census and that anyone who has been relocated as a result of the changes would be notified prior to the next elections.

~MOTION to approve the new Rockland precinct boundaries by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Senior Center & Housing Update-John Rogers, Chairman Senior Housing Project

Dr. John Rogers discussed the status of the 40B housing permit for the senior housing project off Albion Street. The project was approved locally and that decision was not appealed so the project is now seeking approval from the State. Dr. Rogers is also exploring options for a new senior center. There are some space issues with the site donated by the Tedeschi family and the 2nd possibility is the property at the end of Hartsuff Street owned by the Robbins family. The Robbins property would require a purchase and he is seeking a grant or other revenues to purchase the property. Dr. Rogers asked the BOS to appoint Ms. O'Brien as the BOS representative to the Senior Center Building Committee.

~MOTION by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball to appoint Ms. O'Brien as the BOS representative to the Senior Housing Committee passed 5-0.

4. School Building update-John Rogers & John Retchless

Dr Rogers provided the BOS with the printed progress report of the School Building Project and a 2 week look ahead at projections for the entire school project. He also provided the BOS with the employment records for the project demonstrating the number of union and non-union workers, budget and a breakdown of the number of local workers hired since the project began. Superintendent John Retchless gave an update of the actual construction status. He is hopeful the auditorium will be completed by December or January. He will continue to provide the video updates.

~MOTION to have the BOS send a letter to all contractors urging them to strongly work towards preferential hiring of local union and non-union workers for the project by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

5. Police Department update- Chief John Llewellyn

Chief Llewellyn provided the BOS with a departmental update regarding his budget and personnel. He also spoke regarding his department's community policing activities including the Citizen's Police Academy, Rape Aggression Defense Program, Designated Driver Program, Click It or Ticket, and the Safety

Net by Lojack Program. The Chief also discussed the Domestic Violence Grant and continuing the program with or without the ongoing grant. He also was able to incorporate programs in partnership with Highway Safety Systems and Walgreen's.

The department will be initiating foot patrols and bicycle patrols. There will be an expansion of motorcycle patrols to additional shifts. In addition the Department's Officers have recently completed Leadership training. Finally he will also have Sergeant Wayne Jackson acting as the department's Accreditation Manager to coordinate compliance and meet recognized departmental standards.

6. Historical Commission Overview-Chairman Jim Paul

Chairman of the Historical Commission Jim Paul updated the BOS on the membership of the Commission and programs they offer at the GAR Hall. Currently the commission is planning a fire history of Rockland presentation. They are working with the Open Space Committee to properly denote the historical info in a kiosk at the Rail Trail near East and West Water Streets. They are also working to relocate time capsules and other historical artifacts in a central location in front of or near Town Hall.

The time capsule of 1974 that was due to be opened in 2074 has been compromised. He is trying to replicate the contents so the items included may be replaced for reburial.

Mr. Chaffee requested Jim work with Abington regarding the 300th celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Regional Amateur All Star Baseball Game announcement

Joe Reis and Joe Paolucci announced the Regional Amateur All Star Baseball Game will be held on July 15th at Veterans Stadium. The game will feature All Stars from the Cranberry League and from the Boston Park League. They were requesting approval for a 1 day Liquor License from the BOS. Joe Paolucci President of the Cranberry League indicated their desire to play the game at Rockland Veteran's Stadium as it is the best field in the League.

MOTION to approve a 1 day license on July 15, 2011 for the All Star game by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

8. We Are All In This Together-Joseph Weeks

Joseph Weeks appeared before the BOS to introduce the a program called "We are all in this together". The program assembles many of the social services offered by the town and various area non-profit agencies in one location. Mr. Weeks is coordinating the program to be held at the library on June 28th.

~MOTION by Mr. Minahan 2nd by Mr. Johnson to support the program passed 5-0.

9. Board of Assessors Vacancy

Mr. Chiocca announced a vacancy on the Board of Assessors caused by the resignation of Jeff Reale. If anyone is interested in the position please apply at the BOS office.

10. Annual appointments-continued

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.

Patricia Penney - 30 Centre Avenue

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

Gas Inspector (Annual Appointment – Selectmen)

J. Michael Tanner – 20 Millbrook Drive

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

Plumbing Inspector – (Annual Appointment by Building Inspector)

J. Michael Tanner – 20 Millbrook Drive

Constables (3 Year Appointment)

Constables are primarily responsible for serving and executing civil process. Annual report fees must be paid to the Town of Rockland before reappointment.

John A. Torchio - 15 Homestead Street, Brockton

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

Old Colony Elder Services-reappointment

Agnes Smith-165 Howard Street

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

11. Highway/ Fire Surplus Vehicles

Highway Superintendent Robert Corvi has requested the BOS declare two vehicles as surplus. The Fire Department will then use the vehicles for training purposes and then the remains will be sold as scrap.

**1994 Ford Crown Vic Title Number BA 228567
1996 Ford Crown Vic Title Number AZ556555**

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

12. Transfer requests

The BOS approved 3 fund transfer requests;

**-From BOH Disposal Fee \$3500 to Park Dept General Maintenance
~MOTION to Approve by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.**

**-From Treasurer Group Ins acct \$14,000 to Treasurer FICA acct
~MOTION to Approve by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.**

**-From BOS Street Lights 1508.00 to BOS salary Exec Asst.
~MOTION to Approve by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.**

13. Downtown Revitalization RFP-Selectman O'Brien

Selectman O'Brien thanked everyone involved with the evaluation process of the proposals submitted to perform the Downtown Revitalization Study. There were very good proposals and the decision was not an easy one but the Committee chose the BSC Group with McCabe Enterprises to complete the study.

14. "Live Oaks", Class I license application Hometown America-Mike Reed

**No one was present to represent Hometown America
MOTION to table by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.**

15. Chandler Dog Hearing Findings

Mr. Chiocca as the appointed Dog Hearing Officer read his finding after the May 26, 2011 dog hearing into the record. (Attached)

20. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- ~ Announced the Annual Fishing Derby
- ~The Rockland Special Ed Pac sent a letter of thanks for the recent toll booth fundraiser
- ~Informed the public the Town Clerk's office would be closed on June 9th all day as they would be attending a conference on vital records.

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

- ~Congratulated Mr. Materna for a fine job organizing the Memorial Day Parade.
- ~Reminded the public Rockland roads would be a topic of discussion on June 20th.
- ~Had a meeting with Superintendent Retchless to begin discussions of the school finances and is just waiting approval of the School Committee.

Mr. Johnson

- ~Thanked Mr. Materna for doing a great job with the Memorial Day events.
- ~Commended Dave Taylor for establishing a successful Lacrosse program in Rockland.
- ~Congratulated a Rockland Senior Haley Millen who successfully attended 2340 days of school throughout her 12 years of public education in Rockland for perfect attendance.
- ~GO BRUINS!

Ms. O'Brien

- ~ Attended a fund raiser for Rep Rhoda Nyman and it was a great event.
- ~Kudos to Tony Materna for running a great event and the crowds were wonderful.
- ~Congratulations to the Class of 2011.
- ~GO BRUINS!

Mr. Kimball

- ~Attended the H. S. Graduation Friday night, it was a well-run event.
- ~ Recently toured the School Project and especially the auditorium area. The project is going well.
- ~Every Tuesday he attends the school project meeting and things are going well. He would like to ask the construction company Agostini to hire local Rockland residents.
- ~GO BRUINS!

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Thanked Tony Materna for an excellent Memorial Day.
- ~Thanked all the veterans for sacrifices made for the rest of us.
- ~School Building Committee will meet Wednesday night.
- ~Expressed concern for a worker who was injured at the school project today.
- ~Congratulations to the Class of 2011

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

Meeting ended at 8:40 PM

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

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

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Attached findings from dog hearing in agenda item #15