

MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2012

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, June 18, 2012 @ 7 p.m.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS

**Present were Chairman Kimball, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Minahan
Not in Attendance Mr. Chaffee, and Ms. O'Brien**

Chairman Kimball read:

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1. OPEN FORUM

Kelley Reale, 42 Hatherly Road, Rockland, requested to speak.

~Ms. Reale appeared before the BOS to discuss a dirt bike track build on a neighbor's property on 45 Greenwood Street. She believes the noise and track is a violation of zoning and sound ordinances and that the Board of Health, Building Department and Zoning Board are not doing enough to curb the use. The noise and dust are a disturbance to her and her neighbors. She had a list of other concerns which she submitted in a packet.

Mr. Kimball spoke to explain some of the concerns were not items the BOS could act upon. The item should be an agenda item so it may be posted for discussion. Ms. Reale asked about getting sound levels checked and if she could do that herself. Mr. Kimball stated the BOS would take this under advisement.

Town Administrator Allan Chiocca stated the Building Department, the Board of Health, and the Police Department have all looked into the various complaints of Ms. Reale. Some actions have been taken including citations and a cease and desist order was issued but these things may take time and in some instances the other homeowner has his rights to do as he wishes. Mr. Chiocca suggested the 45 Greenwood Street homeowner be invited to the next meeting.

Chief Llewellyn stated they have responded to the property and instructed the owner to comply with the by-laws.

Mr. Kimball, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Minahan recommended having the item placed on the agenda at a time when the 45 Greenwood Street owner could be available.

Chief Llewellyn

Chief Llewellyn announced the Rockland Police Department has arrested an individual trafficking heroin in Rockland and believes this will put a major dent in the drug dealing in Rockland.

2. MINUTES

~Open Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2012-Tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Vacancy on ~Library Trustees-announced the resignation of Laura Walsh as a Library trustee and we are seeking applicants to fill the vacancy.

~ Board of Registrars-the Town of Rockland is still seeking a Democratic applicant to the vacancy, no applicants yet.

4. Joint meeting to fill vacancy on Planning Board-Daron Snyder

~Joint meeting of the Planning Board and BOS. The Planning board recommended the appointment of Daron Snyder to serve in place of Robert Rice until the next election.

ROLL CALL Vote

Planning Board members Henderson, Lucas, Corbett, Mahoney, and BOS members Kimball, Johnson and Minahan all voted Yes

Mr. Snyder elected 7-0.

5. Rockland Revitalization Committee-Update Daria Rindone, & Daron Snyder

~They announced a spirit banner program for Union Street with a Rockland downtown logo and a Bulldog logo.

~Daria also discussed a Cheerleader Tool Booth Fundraiser in brief.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Keno application-Union Street Package

~Motion of No objection by Mr Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 2-0-1(Johnson).

7. Rockland Investment Policy-Treasurer John Ellard

~Treasurer John Ellard appeared before the BOS to request minor changes in the Investment Policy of the Town of Rockland. Mr. Ellard presented the changes he felt would provide greater opportunities for the Town. Mr. Ellard asked for the changes so we more align with the State policies.

Motion to approve the changes by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0. (See printed policy attached at the end of these Minutes).

8. Town of Rockland Energy Update

~Town Hall Fixture replacement

Town Administrator Chiocca informed the BOS the replacement of the Town Hall fixtures had been completed and should save approximately \$5000.00 during the year.

~Beech Street Solar Project update

The Solar project at Beech Street is making great progress and anticipate installation of Solar panels to begin in August/September

9. Green Communities Act- Criteria 4 Vehicle Policy

Town Administrator Chiocca requested the BOS accept the criteria 4 of the Green Communities Act which is a Vehicle Policy. The adoption of a Vehicle Policy by the Town would complete 4 of the 5 requirements to obtain a Green Communities designation from the State.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 2-1(Johnson)

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

~Board of Health-Transfer Station Hours

Announced new operational hours of the Transfer Station.

~National Grid Transmission update

NatGrid will be upgrading the Transmission lines crossing Rockland at the southern end of Rockland during the summer.

~PAC Thank You

The Rockland Special Ed PAC thanked the BOS for the permission for a toll booth.

~CDBG application

Funds are still available for home repairs through the CDBG funds.

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

~Attended the community softball game and thought it was a great event.

Mr. Johnson

~Pleased they had the event to support the Friends of Rockland

Mr. Kimball

~Please be careful school is out

~Hopes everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July

~Hosted a party for Congressman Keating

~ Encouraged everyone to get involved

31. EXECUTIVE SESSION for Contract Negotiations

Motion by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Minahan to go into Executive Session passed by Roll Call vote 3-0

**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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