

**BOS minutes of
JULY 11, 2011**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2011, 7 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS**

Mr. Chaffee read into the record:

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OPEN FORUM

Chief Llewellyn spoke to the BOS and public regarding the homicide last week and informed the BOS that a suspect would be arraigned in the morning. He thanked the DA's office and members of his own department for all of their work during the incident and mentioned further investigation is still ongoing.

- 1. Minutes of June 20, 2011
MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2. Board of Assessors Vacancy-Joint Meeting of BOS and BOA**

BOA Chairman Dennis Robson called the BOA meeting to order. Mr. Chaffee called the joint meeting of the BOS and the BOA to order. Mr. Robson indicated only one applicant had applied for the vacant Board of Assessors position caused by the resignation of Mr. Reale. Mr. Robson nominated Lisa

Flaherty to fill the vacant position until the next annual election. Mr. Chaffee called for a roll call vote.

Dennis Robson –yes, Charles Weiner-yes, Mr. Minahan-yes, Mr. Johnson-yes, Ms. O’Brien-yes, Mr. Kimball-yes, and Mr. Chaffee-yes. Mr. Chaffee then declared Lisa Flaherty elected unanimously 7-0 to fill the BOA vacancy. The BOA and the BOS closed the joint meeting.

- 3. East-West Parkway SSTTDC conservation restriction-Tabled to the 8/1/11 meeting.**

Mr. Chiocca reported the attorneys for both SSTTDC and Rockland were still in discussions. Mr. Chiocca indicated Kevin Donovan had arranged a meeting next week with State officials to discuss Rockland’s concerns regarding the East-West Parkway and the impact on Hingham Street and Reservoir Park Drive.

- 4. Esten School Green Repair program-Superintendent John Retchless**

No action need be taken by the BOS on the advice of Town Counsel.

- 5. Report from Beech Street Solar Study Committee-Chairman Jim Paul**

Mr. Chiocca explained the Beech Street Solar Study Committee had continued to meet through the end of the fiscal year, but the committee was nonexistent as of July 1, 2011. Jim Paul was here to inform the BOS of the progress the committee had made to that point.

Mr. Paul spoke to the BOS of the progress the Beech Street Solar Committee has made investigating possible solar uses at the capped landfill. He recommended the BOS re-establish the Solar Committee and allow it to pursue an RFP for the site. The Beech Street committee has made great strides in reviewing the feasibility of a solar project at the landfill site and should be continued. He also suggested the Committee includes others or anyone interested be appointed to the committee as well.

CDM the current engineering firm for the landfill is available to advise Rockland on the solar project. CDM has experience with other municipal landfill lease RFPs for solar installations.

Mr. Chiocca pointed out that the committee has met with CDM, DEP, and DOER regarding the lease of the landfill for a solar project. The committee has representatives of the BOS, ZBA, Planning, BOH, Conservation, MAPC and Energy; all have been working together along with him to get this project underway.

Mr. Johnson recommended re-establishing the committee and appointing 2 additional at large members if anyone is interested in participating.

MOTION to re-establish the Beech Street Solar Energy Committee with the current members and 2 at large appointments by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

Mr. Paul assured the public all current functions including composting, firing range and all the transfer station activities, etc. will continue.

6. Budget transfers-Eric Hart

~Transfer request of \$136.96 from Medical Billing Processing Fee acct # 0114553-539200 to Bldg. Inspection/Building Admin Asst. 0124151-511006 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

~Transfer request of \$3294.18 from Health Insurance acct # 0191451-515080 to Bldg. Inspection/Building Inspector 0124151-511001 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

~Transfer request of \$4863.04 from Medical Billing Processing Fee acct # 0114553-539200 to FICA/Medicare 0191651-515030 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

~Transfer request of \$1382.00 from Street Lighting acct # 0142452-529500 to Medicare 0191651-515030 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

~Transfer request of \$346.54 from Waste Collections/Disposal Fee acct # 0143352-529220 to Medicare/Medicare 0191651-515030 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

~Transfer request of \$2994.37 from Waste Collections/Data Processing acct # 0143352-529613 to Medicare/Medicare 0191651-515030 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

~Transfer request of \$407.10 from Waste Collections/Landfill Maint. acct # 0143352-525600 to Medicare/Medicare 019651-515030 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

~Transfer request of \$248.97 from Waste Collections/Hazardous Waste acct # 0143352-529230 to Medicare/Medicare 019651-515030 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

~Transfer request of \$1339.00 from Traffic Control acct # 0129353-531214 to Medicare/Medicare 019651-515030 MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

7. Teen Center Presentation-Denise Morin

Denise Morin presented an update of the Teen Center to the BOS. She provided an overview of the programs and facilities in use at the Teen Center located at the Community Center on Union Street. She outlined the history of the program and how the program is mostly self-sufficient and trying to provide a safe haven on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Center desperately needs volunteers to provide supervision for one 3 hour shift per year. The Center is in danger of closing without more parents and volunteers willing to help provide coverage.

Denise Morin and the BOS discussed at length ways to get more parental participation including membership discounts or some incentive to gain more volunteers.

8. Finance Committee Presentation- John Ellard

Chairman Ellard spoke regarding the duties of the Finance Committee and the municipal financial process. He indicated there are some available vacancies on the committee and anyone interested could volunteer and would be subject to the Moderator's appointment.

Mr. Minahan, Mr. Johnson and TA Chiocca all spoke of the importance of the Finance Committee and an excellent place to learn about municipal finances.

Mr. Ellard agreed that the Finance Committee is a place to participate and learn about priorities, and the budgetary process. The committee is a lot of work but it is very rewarding.

9. Player's Bar & Grill transfer of All Alcohol license-postponed to 8/1/11

10. On Call Engineering Services

Mr. Chiocca provided the BOS a draft of a proposal for "On Call Engineering Services" as a way of providing quicker responses to smaller engineering jobs which the Town periodically needs. By pre-qualifying some firms, Rockland could call on them to submit quotes cutting a step out of the bidding process.

Mr. Chiocca pointed out many communities already do this and the State also pre-qualifies its engineering firms. He asked the BOS for permission to proceed with the RFP.

MOTION by Ms. O'Brien 2nd by Mr. Johnson to develop an RFP for On Call Engineering services passed 5-0.

11. Abington 300th Road Race

The Town of Abington has requested to hold a Runner's 5K in collaboration with the 300th anniversary of the founding of Abington. The date of the event is Saturday August 27, 2011. The proposed route is the same as the route used during past Cadogan's Run events.

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

12. CDBG Award and audit report.

TA Chiocca reported to the BOS that the Union Street sidewalk program has been audited for compliance with the rules and regulations for the grant. The results of the audit indicated that: "There were no findings of non-compliance resulting from this review."

In addition TA Chiocca reported Rockland's application to the state has received approval. The CDBG award for the FY2011 application by Rockland is for \$680,000.00. The award includes \$460,000 for the Triangle House and \$147,000 to replace the handicapped ramp at the Community Center.

TA Chiocca applauded all the Departments, the BOS and especially Wayne Darragh of Community Opportunities Group for the successful application.

13. Social Security- Charlie Kimball

Charlie gave a brief history of his understanding of the Social Security program. Mr. Kimball expressed frustration and disapproval of the Federal Government's handling of the Social Security Trust Fund. Mr. Minahan questioned why this matter was before the BOS.

Correspondence & Town Administrator's Report

TA Chiocca made his report;

~The Rail Trail project is ongoing and should be continuing until conclusion hopefully the project will be completed in 4 to 6 weeks.

~Mr. Chiocca explained the reason for the nighttime removal of the rail line at the East and West Water Streets and Union Street intersection was to prevent disruption of business and heavy daytime traffic.

~The Capital Planning Committee has not re-organized yet, but would hopefully be available by the next BOS meeting. We have received a road list from Mr. Corvi and a copy is in everyone's box.

~Attorneys Clifford and Galvin will be having their seminars for public boards and committees regarding conflict of interest, open meetings and filing of minutes once again this year.

~Informed the BOS that Mr. Chandler is appealing the decision regarding dogs in his custody to the Hingham Court.

~We have received notification from Comcast of the desire to commence a renewal process for their cable license with Rockland.

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. Johnson-No Comments

Ms. O'Brien

~Reported the Senior Center Building Committee met this evening and John Rogers was appointed Chairman, Dick Phelps Vice Chairman, and Bev Ladner Secretary. The SCBC has chosen the Albion Street location as its primary site for the location of a Senior Center.

~The Rockland Lions Club is holding a motorcycle run on Sunday July 24th.

~Congratulated Rockland 13 year old Megan Khang for her statewide 2nd place finish in the Massachusetts Women's Open Championship.

Mr. Kimball

~Discussed the roads and working with Mr. Corvi to come up with a plan to improve the roads.

~There is an ongoing process regarding the East West Parkway and the SSTTDC. We are seeking to protect Rockland's interest and that the promises are kept.

~The School project is progressing and demonstrates that there are a lot of good things happening in Rockland.

Mr. Chaffee

~Offered condolences to the family of Jake Hayden who passed away unexpectedly.

~The School Building Committee continues to meet and great progress is being made.

~The All Star game between the Cranberry League and the Boston Park League is on Friday night.

~Abington is sponsoring a “Flag Design Contest” for the 300th celebration.

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

Meeting ended at 8:58 P.M.

**Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator**

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

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