

OPEN SESSION MINUTES of JULY 9, 2012

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, July 9, 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. Chaffee, and Mr. Minahan
Not in attendance were Mr. Johnson and Ms. O'Brien**

Mr. Kimball read:

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OPEN FORUM

TA Chiocca announced the opening of the Roads project bids

1. Highway Superintendent Robert Corvi, Jr.

~Mr. Corvi discussed the beginning of Roads Project and the streets which would be done this year. He will try to keep everyone informed of the schedule of roads to be done. He also pointed out Town Accountant Hart had saved the town \$700.00 per annual payment by his due diligence seeking the best pricing on Rockland's new Loader.

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2. Open Session Minutes of June 4, 2012-tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Kelley Reale-Noise issue @ 45 Greenwood Street

Rockland Building Inspector Ruble informed the BOS he had done sound testing on the Greenwood Street property and at the property of Kelly Reale of Hatherly Road. He said the testing was within EPA standards.

Phillip Perheiro of 45 Greenwood St spoke to the BOS and said there are no pending court cases and that he was just trying to make a good life for his children. Mr. Perheiro said the judge told him he was okay as long as he doesn't overdo it. Mr. Perheiro claims he will be making improvements to help lessen the impact on neighbors, and has purchased quieter bikes to lessen the noise.

Kelly Reale 42 Hatherly Road, questioned the hours of riding Mr. Perheiro said was approved, she questioned the dust caused by the land clearing on Mr. Perheiro's property. She thanked the BOS for allowing her to speak.

4. Wayne Darragh a). Lead paint contract b). FY11 Budget amendment-Community Center Ramp

Mr. Darragh announced the award of the Lead Paint Contract portion of the Housing Rehab program.

Mr. Darragh also discussed the Community Center Ramp bids which were received by the Town of Rockland. The lowest bid was \$27,000 higher than the anticipated budgeted amount. Mr. Darragh requested approval of the BOS to ask DHCD to allow a transfer of funds from the Housing Rehab allocation to the Community Center Ramp project.

Mr. Minahan asked what are the future planned uses of the Community Center Building once the COA relocates. Mr. Darragh indicated there are many other users of the facility beyond the COA, and they all need the ramp per ADA requirements.

TA Chiocca explained the Community Center Building houses many programs beyond the COA. The programs include the Youth Commission, Teen Center and programs, WIC, preschool programs for the Rockland Public Schools Head Start, Daycare and Meals on Wheels.

MOTION by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan to request permission for a \$27,000 transfer from DHCD and to authorize the Chairman of the BOS to sign on behalf of the Town of Rockland. Passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Appointments-Beth Lucas Open Space

MOTION to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0.

6. Transfers

Request to approve 4 transfers

\$23,351.04	from Group Insurance	to Medicare
\$836.45	from Liability Insurance	to County Assessments
\$4300.00	from Liability Insurance	to Medicare
\$1272.95	from Liability Insurance	to Noffolk Vo-tech Transportation

4 MOTIONS to approve by Mr. Minahan, 4 2nds by Mr. Chaffee all passed 3-0.

7. Rockland Cheerleader Toll Booths Daria Rindone -tabled

Mr. Chaffee felt there was a previously limited number of Toll Booth events and asked to table this item. The BOS will revisit this issue.

8. Rockland Revitalization Committee-Update Daria Rindone-tabled

9. Volvo Tractor Lease

MOTION by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan to approve the lease-purchase passed 3-0.

10. Contract negotiations with non-union personnel

TA Chiocca explained the contracts were 1 year extensions of 4 contracts. The Town Accountant, Building Inspector, Veteran's Agent and Town Administrator. The extensions were written by Town Counsel and did not include any other contractual changes.

MOTION to Approve extensions for the Town Accountant, Building Inspector, Veteran's Agent and Town Administrator by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0.

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- ~Rockland has renewed its membership in the MMA
- ~Reminder the Board of Health has changed the transfer Station hours of operation. They are now open on Sundays from 11 to 2 and on Monday, Thursday Friday, and Saturday 8 to 4:30. The transfer Station is closed Tuesday and Wednesday.
- ~Home improvement applications for the Housing Rehab grants are available at Town Hall
- ~The new Rail Trail signs have arrived and will soon be installed.
- ~National Grid Energy Grants
 - The Community Center and the Fire Department have both received energy efficiency grants to replace all the fixtures at both sites. The town payback or Return on Investment is 10 months at the Community Center and 20 months at the fire station. Rockland paid 20% of the cost to replace the fixtures.
- ~Beech Street Solar Project is moving forward and it is anticipated that Solar panels installation will begin by September.

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

- ~discussed the fees charged for businesses for televisions.
- TA Chiocca suggested doing a fee structure study of all fees.

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Toured the new school project, it continues to make great progress. An Open House will be held on August 25th.
- ~There is a Left Right Center tournament to benefit Will Breadmore at the Eagles on Friday July 13th.

Mr. Kimball

- ~Hoped everyone enjoyed the July 4th Holiday
- ~Please be careful, school is out

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 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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