

**MINUTES OF  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 7 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
MOS**

**Pasquale "Pat" Bottazzi Math teacher at the Rockland Junior High School  
Also for**

**Richard Jones- who was currently serving on the Rockland School Building Committee  
Past member of the Rockland Planning Board and  
formerly on the Board of Directors and coach of Rockland Youth Hockey**

**Present: Vice-Chairman Ed Kimball, Deborah O'Brien, and William Minahan**

**Not Present: Chairman Lawrence Chaffee, Michael Johnson**

**Mr. Kimball read the following:**

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**OPEN FORUM**

**Highway Superintendent Robert Corvi spoke to thank and praise the other town departments for the cooperation during the recent Hurricane Irene event.**

- 1. Open Session Minutes of August 1, 2011  
~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0.**
- 2. Executive Session Minutes of August 1, 2011  
~MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed 3-0.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **3. East-West Parkway Update-Mr. Kimball**

**Mr. Kimball updated the BOS regarding the East West Parkway and the agreement to pursue water and sewer installation adjacent to the portion of the Parkway being constructed in Rockland. Numerous meeting have been held with representatives of Tri-Town and state officials to coordinate efforts to seek state economic grants for the purpose of funding the infrastructure improvements. Mr. Kimball stated the Mass Grants application would be filed soon.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Senior Center & Housing Update-John Rogers**

**Dr. Rogers updated the BOS on the status of the Senior Center project. "P3" of Norwell has been selected as the Owner's Project Manager. "Studio G" has been selected as the architect to design the project slated for Albion Street. The senior center will be able to provide emergency services and a supportive elderly day care program. Dr. Rogers spoke about the effort being made to seek grant monies as well.**

**The total project costs would be approximately \$4 million, the town may have to raise \$3 million which represents a \$44.00 fixed annual increase on the average single family tax bill for the life of the bonded debt exclusion.**

### **5. Cultural Committee Update-postponed to 9/19**

### **6. Ambulance Report- Chief Duffey**

**Chief Duffey spoke at length about the actual costs of running the ambulance and asked to increase the billing charges for ambulance service to reflect the real costs. The BOS discussed the reimbursement rates and amounts insurance companies pay for services.**

**~MOTION to increase fees by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed 3-0.**

**Chief Duffey also thanked the towns of Hanover and Whitman for the loan of temporary fire equipment while Rockland's is being repaired.**

### **7. Hawker's & Peddler's license application-JJ's Backyard Grill The petitioner was not present.**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed 3-0.**

**8. Luke's Liquors pledge of stock**

**David Luke appeared before the BOS to seek approval of a pledge of stock by Luke's Liquors.**

**~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0**

**9. Surplus vehicle request Park Department**

**The Park Department requested a 1994 F 350 Dump be declared surplus. The truck is no longer worth the cost of repairs to keep it running. VIN 2FDKF37H4RCA64290**

**~MOTION to approve the truck as surplus by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0.**

**10. Emergency Management Report on Irene-J Simpson**

**Mr. Chiocca reported that Mr. Simpson was out of town and requested a letter be read thanking numerous departments and individuals for their efforts and cooperation during the recent Hurricane Irene event.**

**11. Redistricting of Town precincts Dec 31, 2011**

**Mr. Chiocca reported the BOS had received notification of the acceptance of the town submitted new precinct alignment sent to the State. Any household reassigned to a new precinct as a result of the changes would be notified by the Town Clerk's Office.**

**12. Appointments & Resignations**

**Kelli O'Brien-McKinnon resignation from Capital Planning Committee**

**~MOTION to accept with regret by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0.**

**Judy Hartigan request for appointment to IT Committee**

**~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 3-0.**

**13. Game Time change of hours request**

**Request to open at 10AM on Sundays.**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed 3-0.**

#### **14. Late fee for late renewal applications**

**The BOS discussed the recommendation to institute a late fee for late license applications. The BOS debated various amounts charged by other communities.**

**~MOTION to institute a late filing fee on 50% of the license per month by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed 3-0.**

#### **15. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

**~Mr. Chiocca indicated the work on the rail trail clearing continues. Residents are reminded not to use the trail to dump leaves and brush from the storm or during the fall.**

**~ The sidewalk benches are here and will soon be placed on Union Street.**

**~The annual fall coat drive is beginning; Mr. Chiocca and Peter Ewell are coordinating that effort.**

**~Two events in remembrance of 9/11 will be held in Rockland. A walk will take place at the Bi-Centennial Park from 5 to 7 PM and a Mass at Holy Family Church at 3PM.**

**~Senator Keenan will be holding 2 public hearing on the topic of Casino Gaming.**

**~Rockland Cares will be meeting again on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the School Administration building.**

**~Read a letter from Rodney Welch praising Highway Department Supt. Bob Corvi and the Highway Department employees for their outstanding efforts during the storm.**

**~Jim Paul requested an announcement of a function at the GAR Hall featuring Jim Cooke as Edward Everett presenting Everett's speech at Gettysburg. The evening includes the presentation, a meal, raffles and Civil War displays for a \$25.00 donation.**

**~The Rockland Eagles Club is holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Smoke-off on September 10, 2011. Competition includes 4 categories; ribs, chicken, pork, and brisket. There are still openings if anyone wishes to enter.**

## **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.**

**Ms. O'Brien**

- ~Attended Rockland Cares Vigil, it was an excellent event
- ~The revitalization committee met and continues its efforts towards development of Rockland center.

**Mr. Minahan**

- ~He continues to work on the Rockland Roads project. He will continue to develop the necessary information so a well-structured presentation may be made to the town. We want a comprehensive plan.
- ~Trees have been reset from the storm on Tuesday.

**Mr. Kimball**

- ~School is back in session please drive safely
- ~ The High School football game has been changed to 4PM Saturday because of the EEE threat.
- ~Attended the Rockland Cares Vigil, nice to see support in the community
- ~Believes the Senior Center is needed and appreciates the efforts of Dr. Rogers.
- ~ Please remember 9/11, and remember the good things about this country
- ~ He would like to have the Charter Committee discuss the possible change in the form of Government

## **31. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**For ongoing contract negotiations with the Police Chief. Not to reconvene.**

~Motion by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan to go into Executive session passed by Roll Call vote 3-0.

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**Allan R. Chiocca**  
**Town Administrator**

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**Edward F. Kimball, Vice-Chairman**  
**for Rockland Board of Selectman**

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