

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, January 3, 2011 @ 7:00PM**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS for Phyllis Corrigan (James Simpson's mother) and
Rusty DiRenzo (Retired police officer)**

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OPEN FORUM

Police Chief Llewellyn

~Spoke briefly requesting everyone keep the DiRenzo family and the Simpson family in their thoughts. Both families with connections to the Police Department had family members pass away this week.

Fire Chief Duffey

~Commended the Highway Department for their efforts during the snow storm 1 week ago.

~Requested the public shovel out any hydrants near their homes to save time in the event of an emergency.

~Indicated the response to the storm by National Grid was deplorable. As a result of the poor planning and response by National Grid, the Fire department was forced to watch over downed wires because repair crews did not respond for hours. There should have been at least one vehicle in Rockland. The BOS agreed to send letters to Rockland's legislators in support of Chief Duffey's position that National Grid's preparation and actions were wholly inadequate.

MOTION to have the Town Administrator send a letter seeking answers and action by Rockland's representatives by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan, passed 5-0.

Highway Superintendent Robert Corvi

~Discussed the difficulties of coping with a large storm, the need to clear the snow from Union Street, the cooperation of the Police, Fire and School Department and the hard work of his own department. Some of the Highway crew had put in over 86 hours during the last week.

~He stated the Snow and Ice line item was already in Deficit and requested the BOS approve deficit spending for Snow and Ice removal.

MOTION to approve deficit spending by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Kimball, passed 4-0-1(Selectman O'Brien abstained her son sometimes plows for the town).

Andy Triantaffelow, 80 Lincoln Road

~Spoke regarding collections of goods and other donations for the VA

~Thanked the "99" restaurant for the recent fundraiser to support Boys and Girls State.

~Thanked everyone for their support during his grieving the loss his wife.

1. Open Session Minutes of December 20, 2010

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Dr. John Rogers – Re: Department of Housing & Community Development

~Dr. Rogers discussed the ongoing process to seek funding for the proposed 40 unit senior housing project at Albion Street. The BOS were provided with documents, plans, and renderings of the proposed projects and asked to support the proposal. Dr Rogers anticipates a letter from the state soon and hopes the BOS will respond with a letter of support for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

3. COA Alternates–New appointments

~The applications of 3 candidates for the alternate positions were reviewed.

MOTION to approve appointment of 3 alternates to the Council on Aging Board, Patricia Penney, Dr. John Rogers, and Sheila Morgan passed 5-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE- Mr. Chiocca

- ~Discussed the some of the current committee vacancies-Board of Assessors, Energy Committee, Charter Maintenance Committee, Community Block Grant Committee
 - ~Announced that Rockland's Tax Rate has been certified by the Department of Revenue at \$14.87
 - ~Informed the BOS the public presentation of the Auditor's Report is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2011
 - ~Informed the BOS the Union Street Sidewalk project has been delayed until spring Rockland has received a 3 month extension and it is hoped to complete the project as soon as the weather permits.
 - ~Tree and bench donations have been coming in and will be listed at future meeting. A committee is reviewing the possible bench selections but has not made a decision.
 - ~Reminded everyone of winter overnight Parking Ban and also mentioned the need to remove vehicles from the streets at any time of day during snow plowing conditions.
 - ~Mr. Chiocca announced he had been nominated and elected to serve on the South Shore Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Corporation for 2011. He asked the BOS permission to serve on that Board.
- MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

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. Kimball

- ~Wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped everyone enjoyed their holidays.

Mr. Minahan

- ~Discussed the Audit and upcoming report at the January 18th meeting.
- ~Mentioned the annual business meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Assn.

Mr. Johnson

- ~Wished everyone a safe and happy New Year.

Ms. O'Brien

- ~Discussed the great work Dr. Rogers is providing the Town of Rockland.

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Expressed condolences to the families of Rusty DiRenzo and Phyllis Corrigan.**
- ~Thanked Dr. Rogers for all of his community commitment. He asked Dr. Rogers for an update on the school construction project. Dr. Rogers provided an extensive review of the project to date. 108 individuals have applied for jobs through the local hiring process. He also discussed the anticipated construction timetable.**
- ~Wished everyone a Happy New Year.**

30. EXECUTIVE SESSION- NO Executive Session

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

Meeting ended at 8:12 P.M.

**Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator**

**Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice Chairman
for Rockland Board of Selectmen**