

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, March 21, 2011 7 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS**

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NOTE: Mr. Johnson and Mr. Minahan were not in attendance.

OPEN FORUM

No speakers

- 1. Open Session Minutes of March 7, 2011
MOTION to accept by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0.**
- 2. Executive Session Minutes of March 7, 2011
MOTION to accept by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 3. ROLA hearing continued to April 4, 2011**

- 4. Update on Auditor's report**

~Town Accountant Eric Hart presented a detailed update of the actions taken to implement the recommendations in the auditor's report.

~Mr. Hart will be providing the BOS with quarterly updates as all departments implement the policies and procedures in the auditor's report. Many of the recommendations have already been put in place. The BOS will receive an additional update at the June 20, 2011 meeting.

- 5. Annual Town Election Warrant**

TA Chiocca read the election warrant into the record.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6. Special Town Meeting-set dates**

The BOS accepted the emergency need to transfer funds prior to Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant and close the STM Warrant at noon on April 7, 2011 by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0.

- 7. SS Vo Tech PAC Toll Booth request**

The SS Vo Tech requested to hold their annual toll booth fundraiser on May 14, 2011. They are working with the Rockland Police Department to coordinate the event.

MOTION to approve the request by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0.

8. Rockland Garden Club-Town Hall Plaza request

The Garden Club requested the use of the Town Hall Plaza on Saturday May 21, 2011 for their annual plant sale fund raiser. MOTION to approve the request by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 3-0.

9. Freedom Walk Request

Adam Royle spoke to the BOS to request the use of the Bicentennial Track between 5pm and 7pm on September 11, 2011 for the 4th annual Freedom Walk. The 9/11 commemorative walk was started in 2008 by Adam's cousin Ryan Burns. MOTION to accept by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0.

10. Town Meeting Warrant review

Mr. Chaffee, Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Kimball read the list of warrant article requests submitted this for this year's Annual Town meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

A. Union Street Sidewalk project update

The project will resume on or about March 28, 2011. Mr. Corvi will have the bump-outs painted reflective yellow. The entire project including placement of trees and benches will also begin.

B. Absentee Ballots are available

The Town Clerk requested the residents be informed of the availability of absentee ballots.

C. Eagle Scout Award

The BOS has been invited to Boy Scout Troop 57 Eagle Scout Court of Honor to celebrate with Gregory Bazzinotti upon his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout on April 3, 2011. The BOS would like to invite him to the April 4, 2011 meeting.

D. BAT Bus reached 50 riders

Informed the BOS and residents that BAT bus ridership reached a milestone day one day in February this represents a continuing increase in daily ridership.

E. Announced the public hearing regarding the Rockland Housing Foundation proposal for Albion Street will be held on March 29, 2011 at 7:30pm in the upper Town Hall meeting room.

F. Andy Triantaffelow will be placing a donation box for the V.A. Hospital. The list of requested items will also be posted with the box and on WRPS.

G. The Insurance Advisory Committee is going to meet on April 6, 2011 at 9am in the upper meeting room. Superintendent Retchless will inform the School Department unions. Treasurer Karen Sepeck and Mr. Chiocca will be meeting on April 1, 2011 regarding the Mayflower Insurance Group for an update on pending insurance costs.

H. Congratulated Al McPhee on his retirement after 28 years as a Call Firefighter.

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

~Spoke regarding the Bob Nyman Scholarship Fundraiser

Ms. O'Brien

~ Attended the fundraiser for Senator John Keenan

~attended the Rhoda Nyman event for the Robert Nyman Scholarship fund

~Annual Town Hall rabies clinic will be held on April 30, 2011.

~ Congratulations and thanks to Alan McPhee upon his retirement from the Rockland call fire Department.

~We still need trees and bench donations.

Mr. Chaffee

~Announced Rockland American Legion Baseball team fundraiser at the Eagles on April 1, 2011 Comedy Show.

~ Spoke regarding the attainment of a 50 ridership day on the BAT Bus service and that on March 28th the “Charlie Card” will begin to be accepted. Thank Ms. O’Brien for her efforts in bringing the service to Rockland.

~ Reminded everyone of Little League sign-ups

~ Announced there are still openings in the Police Department’s Citizen’s Academy.

The School Building Committee will be meeting on Tuesday Night in the upper Town hall meeting room.

30. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Session

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. O’Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 7:43 pm

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Deborah A. O’Brien, Vice-Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen

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