

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, April 4, 2011 6:00pm
Executive Session for negotiations with Firefighter's Union

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Led by Eagle Scout Gregory J. Bazzinotti

OPEN FORUM

~Eagle Scout Award Presentation

BOS Chairman Lawrence Chaffee read a citation into the record recognizing Gregory Bazzinotti for attaining the Eagle Scout rank. Greg informed the BOS and public, his Eagle Scout project was to repaint and refurbish the gym at the McKinley Community Center. He and members of his troop worked to improve the conditions at the gym.

~Chairman Chaffee read:

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~Mark Norris- Rockland Little League

Mr. Norris requested permission to hold the annual Little League and Girls Softball Parade on April 23, 2011 at 11AM beginning at the Jefferson School and ending at the Memorial Stadium Park fields. The Police and Fire Department have both approved the event.

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0. The BOS are welcome to participate.

~Mr. Norris also announced a new concession stand project will be built by the South Shore Vo-tech. Many area craftsmen and businesses have agreed to donate time and materials. In addition there will be a joint effort with Whitman for minor league players.

1. Open Session Minutes of March 21, 2011

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

2. No Item

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Update on Auditor's report

The BOS were informed by Mr. Chiocca the filing with the Federal Government of our "single audit" has been completed in cooperation with the town auditors.

4. ROLA Inc. License revocation

MOTION to open revocation hearing by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

Town Counsel Clifford recommended revocation of the Common Vic License and Entertainment License for "Hangover's" R & R Tavern located on Liberty Street, because they are no longer in control of the property location. There is ongoing litigation but the current holders of the licenses do not object.

MOTION to revoke the Common Victualler's License by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien, passed 5-0.

MOTION to revoke the Entertainment License by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien, passed 5-0.

Town Counsel Clifford continued his presentation regarding the Alcohol License held by Mr. Royce Pease of ROLA Inc.

Rockland Police Detective Casper testified he had met with Mr. Pease and that Mr. Pease indicated he had not signed any documents with regards to ROLA Inc. since 2007. This brings into question many license filings that have been filed with Rockland and the ABCC. Mr. Pease reviewed copies of documents and said the transfer of the license copy was not his signature. Mr. Pease also claimed two filings with the ABCC were not his signature on the documents dated June 28, 2010.

Mr. Chaffee read a letter into the record from Royce Pease (attached) which stated he had not signed any documents since December of 2007.

Town Counsel repeated the owner of the Corporation Mr. Pease has clearly indicated he has not signed anything since 2007. This includes many documents which have come before the BOS since that time including renewal licenses in 2008, 2009 and 2010. There was also an application for a transfer in June 2010, with a questionable signature. The ABCC has advised that if the BOS finds any of these reasons of false signatures, forgeries or misrepresentations the BOS can revoke the license.

Mike DeRenzo of Hangover's indicated the only reason he is not operating now is that it would be illegal. He indicated he is in litigation with Mr. Rosman at the moment.

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

MOTION to revoke the license of ROLA Inc. by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

5. Special Town Meeting Warrant Resolution

Mr. Chiocca reminded the BOS and the public that the Special Town Meeting Warrant closes at Noon on Thursday April 7, 2011. All submissions must be received by that deadline.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Firefighter Union Contract

Town Counsel Clifford reviewed the provisions of the proposed contract with the Rockland Firefighters. Provisions included a 3 year 0% for the fiscal years FY08, FY09, FY10 and a 1&1/2% wage increase for FY11 and FY12. Provisions also include the removal of minimum manning requirements, any removal of bump/compounding language, resolution of pending arbitration issues and additional training hours. The agreement also reduces sick leave buy-back provisions for future employees and some additional provisions.

MOTION to approve the proposed contract by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

MOTION to approve the proposed wage package for FY 08 through FY 10 by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

MOTION to approve the proposed FY11 & FY12 contract Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

MOTION to approve the proposed 4/4/11 Side Letter of Agreement by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0

7. National Grid petition for Gas Main location-Held to 4/19/11

8. Superintendent John Retchless-School Budget

Superintendent Retchless spoke to the BOS at length outlining the proposed School Budget. He cited many concerns and challenges facing the Rockland School System. At this time the schools are facing a funding shortfall of \$436,610 if level funded in FY12.

MOTION to take the presentation/request by Superintendent Retchless under advisement by Mr. Minahan 2nd by Mr. Kimball, passed 5-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Chiocca reported to the BOS

~Rockland has received notice from the State that it will receive \$398,777.00 in Chapter 90 road monies; this will represent almost \$100K more than last year's appropriation. Mr. Corvi is targeting Salem Street and Summer Street this year. He does not know if the entirety of the roads can be completed.

~Informed the BOS of a Keno license application by the Rockland Golf Course.

MOTION not to object by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

~Read a request by Cub Scouts Pack 12 to use the Town Hall Plaza on June 18, 2011 for their annual yard sale.

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

~Announced the end of the winter all-night parking ban.

~Reminded the public that 2 openings are still available for the Rockland Police program "Citizens Police Academy"

~Congratulated the Rockland Police Department for its 4th place finish of 21 teams in the South Shore First Responder regional fitness challenge.

~ Mr. Chiocca informed the BOS he has been recertified to access criminal offender record information (CORI) by the Criminal History Systems Board (CHSB).

~Informed the BOS he has completed half the necessary coursework to recertify his Massachusetts Certified Public Procurement Official designation.

~Announced the Open Space Committee will hold a hearing regarding the Rail Trail project on April 26, 2011 at 7pm at the Memorial Park School.

~The Water Department has notified the Town it has vacated the facility at 96 East Water Street and would like to return the facility back to the town.

MOTION to request the Water department supply the Town with a current 21E report or have a report completed by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Chaffee read:

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

~Attended Candidate's Night at the Harmon Club and urged citizen's to vote on Saturday.

~Reminded the residents the election is Saturday and the polling place has changed to the Rogers Middle School as a result of the school construction project.

Mr. Minahan

~Attended Candidate's night.

~Reminded residents absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office.

~Discussed at length the allegations directed at a Town Accountant Hart and supported the decisions made by Mr. Hart.

Mr. Johnson

~Reminded residents to vote on Saturday at the Middle School precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

~Discussed the School Building Project

- ~Thrilled the Firefighter's Contract has been resolved. Wants to thank the Firefighters for cooperating to resolve the contracts.
- ~Promoted Dave Taylor's youth lacrosse program.
- ~Please come out and vote.

Ms. O'Brien

- ~Discussed the Senior Housing project.
- ~Reminded residents absentee ballots are available at Town Clerk's office until noon on Friday.
- ~Voters should remember the balloting will be at the Rogers Middle School.
- ~Glad the Firefighter's contract is final.

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Candidate's night rebroadcast is available on the WRPS website and will be continually run on local cable.
- ~School Building committee will meet again on April 12, 2011
- ~Reminder Election Day for precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 is at the Rogers Middle School.

Reminder the next BOS meeting will be Tuesday April 19, 2011 due to the holiday.

30. EXECUTIVE SESSION No exec after the meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8:47 PM

**Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator**

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

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