

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Monday, July 13, 2009  
Executive Session 6:30 p.m.  
SELECTMAN'S OFFICE**

**Open Meeting 7 p.m.  
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM  
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET  
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Moment of Silence  
Ralph J. Murphy, former Selectman  
Ann L. May, formerly Treasurer's Office  
William Kelley, former Rockland Teacher  
Mary B McSharry, former Rockland teacher**

**Rockland's Best Award**

**A plaque was awarded to High School graduating Senior Kaylee Silcox**

**1. OPEN FORUM**

**Building Inspector Tom Ruble spoke to the BOS regarding the property on Concord Street with an in-ground pool being unsecured. Mr. Ruble has tried without success since March to get some action by the owners, bank and management company. The abandon pool could be a hazard.**

**~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to authorize Building Inspector Tom Ruble to take the necessary action to make the pool safe. Passed 5-0.**

**Chairman Simpson read a disclaimer that comments by individual members do not represent the opinion of the entire BOS.**

**Dominic Del Prete-had asked to be on agenda but wasn't available.**

**Kevin McGee-appeared before the BOS to discuss his request to apply for a Used Car license despite having outstanding tax obligations. He made a proposal to the Town Treasurer which she didn't accept and he wants the BOS to help him.**

**Mr. Zupkofska left the room during Mr. McGee presentation due to a potential conflict of interest.**

**Chief Llewellyn announced Lt. Larry Ashton will be retiring in October after 32 years of service to the Rockland Police Department.**

**Taken out of order**

**Item #6. Energy Committee applicant-Phil Wood**

**Interviewed applicant Phil Wood for appointment to Energy Committee. Mr. Wood spoke regarding his training, background and knowledge of energy alternatives. ~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien to appoint Mr. Wood to a 3 year term, passed 5-0.**

**Taken out of Order #10**

**Item 10. Fire Chief Interviews-**

**7:30 Robert Silva – former Fire Chief of Middleboro spoke regarding his experiences in Middleboro. He has a business degree, numerous Fire related certifications and has been retired 2 years.**

**8:00 Dennis Dowd-spoke regarding his extensive fire training background and his service as Fire Chief in Winchendon. He has published articles and has experience with many training and certification programs.**

**8:30 Robert Dipoli-Spoke regarding his 15 years as Needham Fire Chief, rising through the FD ranks and his service on Fire Chief Associations.**

**~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Zupkofska to appoint Robert A Dipoli to be Fire Chief pursuant to M.G.L. Ch 48, Sections 42 & 43 for the Town of Rockland, subject to negotiation of a contract.**

**Chairman Simpson appointed himself and Mr. Chaffee to negotiate a contract with incoming Chief Dipoli.**

**Back to Agenda**

- 2. Executive Session Minutes-June 1, 2009(1)  
~Motion to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 4-0-1(Simpson abstained)**
- 3. Executive Session Minutes-June 1, 2009(2) tabled 6/15  
~Motion to approve by Mr. Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson, passed 4-1(Zupkofska)**

4. **Executive Session Minutes-June 15, 2009**  
~Motion to approve by Mr. Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Chaffee, passed 5-0
5. **Open Session Minutes- June 15, 2009**  
~Motion to table by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Simpson, passed 5-0

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. (previously discussed)
7. **Town Accountant Contract**  
The BOS reached an agreement prior to tonight's meeting in executive session on language to include in a contract with Eric Hart.  
~Motion to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee, passed 4-1(Zupkofska)
8. **Veteran's Agent Re-Appointment Anton Materna**  
~Motion to reappoint Anton Materna by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. O'Brien, passed 5-0.
- 9, 10 previously addressed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

11. **Ambulance Fees**  
~Motion to approve rate changes proposed by Interim Fire Chief William Ferguson by Mr. Zupkofska, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee, passed 5-0.
12. **Ambulance Abatements**  
~Motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$136,267.14 for 2007 as recommended by interim Fire Chief Ferguson by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien, passed 5-0.  
  
Chief Ferguson presented a letter for endorsement regarding Rockland's paramedic waiver. The BOS wanted more info and requested the item be held until next meeting. Motion to table by Mr. Zupkofska, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson passed 3-2(C,O)
13. **South Shore Auto-name change**  
~Motion to table by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien, passed 5-0.
14. **Use of Rockland Town Seal**  
Lengthy discussion took place regarding the misuse of the Town Seal on personal business by Mr. Zupkofska, writing to Mr. Corvi demanding expenses be reimbursed.  
~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Simpson, that the BOS does not endorse the actions of Mr. Zupkofska regarding his use of the town seal and his letter of June 20, 2009 to Mr. Corvi regarding reimbursements passed 4-1(Zupkofska).

15. **Event planner-Jim Stewart**  
Presented info regarding “eventkeeper” a web based calendar for community events.  
Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson to take it under advisement passed 5-0.
20. **Budget Transfers**  
(See Attached)
29. **Town Administrator’s Report**  
~Charter Commission request for meeting with BOS scheduled for 8/3/09 BOS meeting
30. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
~Lions Ride for Sight -July 26, 2009  
~Rockland Blood drive Holiday Inn  
~1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rockland Eagles Smoke-off BBQ competition 9/12/09

**SELECTMAN’S COMMENTS**

31. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O’Brien to go into Executive Session for negotiations with non-union personnel and grievance discussion regarding union personnel and not to reconvene. Roll call vote passed 5-0

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Allan R. Chiocca, Town Administrator

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Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman

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