

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2009 6:30 p.m.
Executive Session for Negotiations with Non-union personnel

Open Session 7:00 pm
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Moment of Silence for
Catherine M. Young
Rockland's first Selectwoman 1976-1988

Award for Elisabeth Erwin

A Rockland **Certificate of Congratulations from the Board**, a Senate Citation and a House Proclamation were presented to Elisabeth Erwin, recipient of the Gold Award which is the highest award in Girl Scouts.

Appointment of Chief Dipoli

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to approve contract with Robert Dipoli to serve as Fire Chief passed 5-0.

Item 21 taken out of order

Appointment of Liza Landy as COA van driver.

~Motion to approve by Mr. Chaffee 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

Andy Triantaffel -spoke regarding Kevin McGee of Union Street flying the U.S. Flag upside down and publicly requested he fly the flag right.

Rita Howes -Thanked the BOS for appointing Liza Landy as COA van driver.

Maureen O'Haire -spoke to the BOS regarding Kevin McGee of Union Street flying the U.S. Flag upside down and requested he fly the flag right.

1. Executive Session Minutes-July 13, 2009(1)

~Motion to approve not to be released until all matters are settled by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd Ms. O'Brien, passed 5-0.

2. Executive Session Minutes-July 13, 2009(2)

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3. **Open Session Minutes-July 13, 2009**

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to amend minutes by adding the word "alleged" on pg 3 item 14 before the phrase "misuse of the Town Seal by Mr. Zupkofska" and to remove "on personal business" from the sentence. Amendment failed 2-3 (Zupkofska and Johnson in favor, Simpson, Chaffee and O'Brien opposed).

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to accept the minutes as written, passed 4-1(Zupkofska).

4. **Open Session Minutes-June 15, 2009-tabled 7/13/09**

~Minutes had been tabled on 7/13 to add to content of the Selectmen Comments section. Mr. Zupkofska said he would file a "complaint" not "charges" minutes were tabled again for review.

5. **Board of Assessors Vacancy**

The Board of Assessors have notified the Selectmen of the resignation of Harvey Smith and requested a joint meeting to fill the vacancy until the next annual election. The BOS set the joint meeting for September 8, 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. **Report of Rockland School Building Committee**

~ Presentation by Dr. Rogers Chairman of the School Building Committee regarding the Massachusetts School Building Authority and the proposal for construction of a new Middle School and renovation of the existing High School.

~Superintendent Retchless spoke regarding the opportunity to revitalize the entire Rockland school system. He emphasized the layers of financial oversight. He outlined the renovation of the High School and equipment.

~Architects **Don Walter and** John Richardson from Dore & Whittier presented a power point presentation explaining the scope of the project, the process to date and how the project will go forward.

~Dr. Rogers explained this will be a debt exclusion question, not an override.

~Lengthy discussion took place regarding parking, water tables, ADA concerns, displacement during construction, phasing of construction. The reimbursement rates, green school advantages, innovation rewards,

Sean Fennell, Daedalus Projects Inc. Rockland's Owner's Project Manager spoke regarding the timing of the School project and advantage in the current climate for Rockland.

~Dr Rogers explained the savings in maintenance would permit some shifting of maintenance budget to go toward preserving the elementary schools.

7. Town Charter Committee

~BOS scheduled a meeting for Tuesday September 1, 2009 with the Charter Committee.

8. Ambulance Waiver

~Motion to approve the ambulance waiver letter to Southeastern Mass EMS by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by O'Brien, passed 5-0.

9. Energy Committee-Mass Tech Solar Grant Announcement

Carol Perilli and Jim Paul of the Energy Committee announced the approval of the Phase 2 Application by the Massachusetts Renewable Trust for the solar panels on the roof of the High School Auditorium. The solar project will begin very soon.

~ The BOS was also informed of the 8 municipal building audit applications filed with DOER for energy improvements. DOER does not anticipate responding until Spring 2010.

~Superintendent Retchless thanked the Energy Committee for their efforts and discussed the educational awareness of the solar project. There will be a Kiosk to be involved in the educational aspects of the project.

10. Event Planner

The BOS discussed the community planning aspects of EventKeeper

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve "EventKeeper" with the community event portion bring the costs to \$315.00 passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Southern Auto-name change

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska to approve Class II name change from East Coast Auto Movers, Inc. to Southern Auto Sales, passed 5-0.

12. South Shore Auto-name change

~Motion by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien, to approve Class II name change from South Shore Auto to South Shore Auto Diagnostic & Repair, passed 5-0.

13. Webster Street Auto-Class II License

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to approve Class II License to Webster Street Auto Sales subject to conditions as listed by the Zoning Board, passed 5-0.

14. Trust Petroleum-Class II License

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska to approve Class II License to Trust Petroleum, Inc. subject to conditions as listed by the Zoning Board, passed 5-0.

15. Constable reappointment- Robert J. Brown

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to re-appoint Robert J. Brown as a constable in Rockland passed 5-0.

16. 30 day Beer and Wine License policy

The BOS discussed the establishment of a 30 day license policy which is permitted by the Commonwealth of Mass. The BOS agreed to a policy to permit 30 day Beer and Wine licenses, Rockland requires establishment TIPS training of staff, and to pro-rate the cost of the license to 1/12th of an annual full alcohol license.

~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

17. Aguila's Restaurant request for 30 day license

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, Mr. O'Brien to approve a 30 day license for Aguila's restaurant from 8am to 1 pm subject to Tips training of staff requirement passed 5-0. **(September 1 thru the 30th)**

18. Hotel and Meal Tax options

BOS informed it must call a special Town Meeting by August 31, 2009 if it wishes to implement the local option Hotel and Meals tax by the 3rd Quarter (October 1). The BOS must act to call a STM by November 30, 2009 if Rockland wants to implement by January 1, 2010.

~Motion by Mr. Simpson, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska to table, passed 5-0

19. Asphalt Bid awards

~Motion by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to award two 3 year contracts. The first for Bituminous Concrete and Cold Planing to T. L. Edwards Company, and the second contract for Pulverizing to the Murray Paving Company as per the recommendations of Highway superintendent Corvi. Passed 5-0.

20. Transfer Funds

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to transfer \$1,627.50 from Studley Pond line item number 0112258-581036 to Beech Street Article line item 0112252-529714 passed 5-0

21. taken out of order earlier.

29. Town Administrator's Report

30. CORRESPONDENCE

~notice of water main replacement on Salem Street from Water dept.

~Thank You from the Stanley Cleaves and family to the Fire Dept.

~The annual Forget Me Not drive will be from Sept 5th-12th.

~Public Announce of 1st Annual Rockland Eagles Smoke-Off BBQ 9/12.

~ Thank you from Andy Triantafellow to the Fire dept and police officer Jim Simpson for their assistance when he was taken to the Hospital.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Simpson read the following:

"The public should be aware opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily represent the views of the Rockland Board of Selectmen. Comments by individual members are strictly their own opinion."

Ms. O'Brien

~Reported on the sale of a house on Concord Street and a pool issue

~Mentioned the Lions Club "Ride for Sight"

Mr. Johnson

~Thanked the School Building Committee, Dr Rogers, Superintendent Retchless, architects, Senator Morrissey, Rep. Nyman, and all involved with School Building Project.

Mentioned various committee openings and the Albertina's Summer Concert series

Mr. Zupkofska

~Requested Ken Karlson records.

~Clarified he steps down when Kevin McGee speaks because Mr. McGee is a campaign contributor to him and he has also purchased a car from Mr. McGee.

~ Union Street and VFW island has been trimmed.

~He has filed an open meeting violation regarding Town Accountant appointment.

~enjoy the summer

~Mentioned regionalization conference on September 3, 2009 in Worcester

Mr. Chaffee

~Thanked the School Building Committee for all the work they have done. SCB will meet again on Tuesday. Enjoy the summer.

Mr. Simpson

~Indicated he would be attending the regionalization meeting with Mr. Hart and asked Mike Zupkofska if he would be attending the regionalization meeting.

~Thanked the School Building Committee for all their efforts.

~Spoke about Rockland moving forward and changes taking place .

~Enjoy the summer.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Simpson, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, passed 5-0.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice-Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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