

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, December 20, 2010 7 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS-Todd Fournier**

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OPEN FORUM- No Comments

- 1. Open Session Minutes of November 15, 2010
MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.**
- 2. Executive Session Minutes of November 15, 2010
MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are resolved by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball, passed 5-0.**
- 3. Open Session Minutes of December 6, 2010
MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 4-0-1(O'Brien).**
- 4. Executive Session Minutes of December 6, 2010
MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are resolved by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball, passed 5-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Swearing in Fire Chief Duffey

The family and friends of newly appointed Rockland Fire Chief attended the BOS meeting for a ceremony to swear in Chief Scott Duffey. Mr. Chiocca read a letter from former Chief DiPoli. Massachusetts President of the Fire Chiefs Association, Chief Kevin Robinson of Marshfield spoke of the process of selecting Chief Duffey. Many area Fire Chiefs and firefighters from Rockland also attended. Chairman Lawrence Chaffee swore in Chief Duffey.

6. Tax Classification Hearing –continued

The Assistant Assessor Debra Krupczak presented the completed LA5 form to the BOS and explained the total excess levy capacity was \$10,943.70 as a result of rounding off. This represents the allowable limits of proposition 2 1/2. The BOS are now required to sign and notify the Division of Local Services.

MOTION to close the hearing by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

7. Budget Deliberations- delayed until the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Zoning Maps donation

The BOS were informed of a \$4,000 donation to be used to produce and purchase new zoning maps. Mr. Chiocca recommended accepting the gift and placing the responsibility for the expenditure with the ZBA.

MOTION to accept the donation and place under the control of the ZBA by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

9. Appointment of Alternate Wiring Inspector

Michael John Dutton was recommended by Building Inspector Tom Ruble and Wiring Inspector Jim Paul to be appointed as an alternate Wiring Inspector.

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

10. COA Alternates request

The Council on Aging requested the BOS approve the appointment of 3 alternates to the COA. The COA has experienced occasional difficulty establishing a quorum among the current Board due to winter trips and health of members. Alternates would still be appointed by the BOS but this would allow the COA to conduct its business.

11. Rockland Golf Course- Common Vic & Entertainment License

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

Motion to approve the Entertainment License by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.

12. Best Western- Inn Holder License

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

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

13. Rockland Rink-Automatic Amusement & Entertainment Licenses

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

14. New Year's Closing Hour Extension

The Rockland Eagles Club and Bella's restaurant requested permission to stay open until 2AM New Year's Eve. The BOS has usually made a blanket approval for all establishments provided the BOS office is notified in writing prior to that date so the Police Department can be informed.

MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to approve 2AM closing times provided a request is received in the BOS office. The BOS will notify the Police Department, passed 5-0.

Item 7 taken out of order

7. Budget Presentation

Mr. Minahan made an extended presentation regarding the proposed FY12 Budget recommendations. He specifically thanked Town

Accountant Eric Hart for working with him to put together recommendations to forward to the Finance Committee. The budget represents an early attempt to formulate a balance budget based on best guess revenue projections. Even the State government cannot provide guidance at this time regarding local aid.

Mr. Minahan reviewed revenue projections and anticipated expenditures.

After some discussion and question Mr. Chaffee thanked Mr. Minahan and Mr. Hart for their work developing the budget.

MOTION to send the budget proposal to the Finance Committee by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

~Mr. Chiocca reminded viewers there are still a number of vacancies on various boards and committees.

~The Toys for Tots program at the Fire Department is still accepting donations.

~Rockland has received three checks from LNR representing a total of \$467,400.42 as its share of proceeds from the sale of parcels at Southfield.

~Union Street sidewalk project is proceeding portions may have to be completed in the spring. The planting of some trees are planned this week. The Union Street stores are open through construction.

~Reminded residents of the Winter Parking ban.

~Read a letter from Pat Berkeley commending Building Inspector Tom Ruble and Wiring Inspector Jim Swaya for their help in getting a contractor to complete his job.

~Wished the BOS and everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

~Please drive carefully while children are out of school next week.

~Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

~Thanked town employees for their efforts all year.

Mr. Minahan

~Reflected positively on being a member of the BOS and working with the other Board members. He feels the Board is acting professionally and debating issues in a reasonable manner.

~Wished every a happy Holiday season.

Mr. Johnson

~Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. O'Brien

~Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Chaffee

~Mentioned the need to fill vacancies on many Boards.

~Offered congratulations to Fire Chief Duffey on his appointment.

~Thanked Mr. Minahan for his work on the budget.

~Indicated he appreciates working with the current Board.

~Wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

30. EXECUTIVE SESSION- No Executive Session

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

Meeting ended at 8:05PM

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

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

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