



## TOWN OF ROCKLAND

### Board of Selectmen

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## **BOS Open Session Minutes of MARCH 15, 2016**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 @ 7 p.m.**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS**

**Note: Mr. Chaffee and Mr. Johnson were not present for the entire meeting.**

**Chairman Kimball read:**

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#### **1. OPEN FORUM**

**-Eagle Scout Mark Ewell presentation - Postponed to April 5, 2016**

**-Junior Women Leader in STEM -Madeline Long**

**Ms. Long appeared before the BOS to be recognized for her award as the 2016 South Shore Vocational Technical School Student of the Year. The BOS presented her with a plaque.**

## **MINUTES**

### **2. Minutes of March 1, 2016**

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **3. Request Release of Overlay Account Excess Funds**

TA Chiocca requested the BOS vote to ask the Board of Assessors to release excess Overlay Account funds.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

### **4. Ambulance Abatements – Fire Chief Duffey**

Fire Chief Duffey asked the BOS to abate ambulance receipts in the total amount of \$231,171.57 for December 2015, January 2016 and February 2016.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball, passed 2-0-1 (Ryan).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **5. Appointments**

#### **-Constable Designations Requests**

~MOTION to approve Mr. William Cormier Jr. by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

~MOTION to approve Mr. Matthew Casano by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

#### **-Southfield Redevelopment Authority Resident BOD Member Appointment**

TA Chiocca explained to the BOS he had not received any information regarding the four candidates for the vacancy. Only a letter from Mayor Hedlund announcing his choice.

~MOTION to postpone until April 5, 2016 by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

## **6. Community Playground - Request for Approval**

**TA Chiocca informed the BOS that Rockland Town Counsel and our insurance representative have reviewed the proposal from KaBoom Playground and approved the Park Department allowing the construction of a playground at Hartsuff Park. A local parents group is coordinating with the Park Department and the Youth Commission to build a new playground. The Local P.A.R.K. representatives will appear before the BOS on April 19, 2016 to describe the project.**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.**

## **7. Community Preservation Act Discussion**

**Discussion took place regarding the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Katherine Roth and Derek Ewell discussed the merits and benefits of participating in the CPA program. The question of acceptance will be on the Town Meeting Warrant. If the CPA article passes at Town Meeting in May, it will still need passage at the State Election Ballot in November.**

## **8. Review Warrant Articles**

**TA Chiocca reviewed the proposed articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

**~MOTION to forward the articles for review by the Finance Committee and the Planning Board by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.**

## **9. Open Special Town Meeting Warrant**

**TA Chiocca recommended opening of the Special Town Meeting Warrant to be closed on Thursday March 31, at 11am.**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.**

## **10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

**-Read Annual Town Election Warrant into the record.**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.**

**-Lt Zeoli asked for the use of Town Hall plaza for the annual prescription drug take back program from 10am to 2pm on April 30, 2016.**

-TA Chiocca reminded viewers of the Town Hall summer schedule.

-TA Chiocca discussed the annual review of Plymouth County communities for a Property Tax comparison. Rockland is currently ranked 19<sup>th</sup> of 27 communities by average single family home property tax bill.

-Discussed the establishment of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Chief Duffey will be seeking volunteers.

-Announced a Civil War Swap Meet at the GAR Hall on March 20, 2016.

## SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Kimball 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. Welch -Urged everyone to review the Community Preservation Act.

Mr. Ryan -Discussed the recent drug issues in the community, state and nation.

Mr. Kimball -Reminded the public March 18<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register.  
-Announced the Candidates night being held by the Chamber of Commerce.  
-Discuss holding a "State of Rockland" address.

## 31. EXECUTIVE SESSION for "No Executive Session"

~MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 8:25 PM



Allan R. Chiocca  
Town Administrator



Larry Ryan, Vice-Chairman  
for the Rockland Board of Selectman

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.