



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2012

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Monday, March 19, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

Executive Session @ 8:30p.m

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

.8:30 PM

25. Joint Executive session with the School Committee

Present were BOS members Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Kimball, Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Minahan. Also present were School Committee members Mr. Norris, Mr. Mills, Ms. Pezzella, and Mr. Mullen. Ms. Werkheiser was not present. In addition, Superintendent Retchless, Town Counsel Clifford and TA Chiocca were also present.

1. Joint EXECUTIVE SESSION with the Rockland School Committee for School Employee Health Insurance co-pay negotiations.

Mr. Minahan whose wife is a teacher in the Rockland School system, and *Mr. Mullen* of the School Committee who lives at home with his parents and his father is on the Rockland Fire Department left the room due to possible conflicts.

The remaining BOS members and the remaining School Committee members discussed the ongoing insurance co-pay issue. It was agreed to equally split the outstanding bill between Town and school budgets and next year fund the co-pays from the Health Insurance line item.

The two boards discussed the financial situation of the Town with respect to upcoming negotiations. The Boards generally agreed to continue discussions periodically.

The Joint meeting ended but the BOS still had one item and remained.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION for negotiation strategy with the Police Union.

The BOS discussed the request by the senior ranked Police Officers to establish their own Superior Officers Union. Attorney Clifford felt the BOS would not withstand a challenge if the BOS did not agree, and that eventually the Superior Officers would win if they approach the state Labor Board.

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 4-0.

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 4-0.

Meeting ended at 10PM



**Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator**



**Edward F. Kimball, Vice Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen**