



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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Open Session Minutes of APRIL 19, 2016

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 @ 7 p.m.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS

**Note: Mr. Welch was not in attendance for the entire meeting.
Mr. Ryan was a few minutes late. His arrival is noted in the minutes.**

Chairman Kimball read:

The audience, participants and general public should be aware that any and all portions of this open meeting may be recorded by audio and video resources. All or some of this meeting may be rebroadcast periodically by WRPS or other outlets. Persons wanting a DVD copy of this meeting should contact WRPS or the BOS office. A small fee will be charged.

Prior to reorganization of the BOS, Town Clerk Donna Shortall administered the oath of office to newly elected Selectman Michael P. Mullen Jr.

1. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

~**MOTION to nominate Mr. Kimball as Chairman by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Mullen passed 3-0.**

~**MOTION to nominate Mr. Ryan as Vice-Chairman by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Mullen passed 3-0.**

2. OPEN FORUM- No Items

MINUTES

Note: *Mr. Ryan was a few minutes late and arrived at this time.*

3. Open Session Minutes of April 5, 2016

~**MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 2-0-2 (Johnson and Mullen).**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. P.A.R.K. Playground at Hartsuff Park - Janelle Hussey

Ms. Hussey spoke to the BOS regarding the new playground facility to be built at Hartsuff Park.

5. Rail Trail Clean-Up - Donald Cann

Mr. Cann discussed the upcoming Rail Trail Clean-Up Day with the BOS.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Spring Gate Apartments Update - Linda Hamilton

Regional Property Manager Linda Hamilton updated the BOS about the planned improvements and the apartment complex. The apartments are critical to the affordable housing count in Rockland. The management is seeking to improve the security at the facility by adding security cameras and installing a gate at the entrance among other additions.

7. Report of the Capital Planning Committee - Joe Gambon

Mr. Gambon presented to the BOS the recommendations of the Capital Planning Committee. The CPC creates schedules and list priorities annually for the Town projects.

~MOTION to approve the CPC plan by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

Mr. A. Scott MacKinlay read a letter announcing the resignations of himself, Mr. Joseph Waisgerber, and Mr. Richard Phelps from the CPC following the Annual Town Meeting. Each of the individuals have been original members since the inception of the Committee.

~MOTION to accept the letter of resignation with regret by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

8. Fields Project Report - Stephen Murphy

Park and Recreation Commissioner Stephen Murphy presented a plan to the BOS to improve the Athletic Fields. The plan is available on-line and will need Town Meeting approval.

9. L-Star - Southfield Update - Matt Barry

Mr. Barry appeared before the BOS to further discuss the impacts and anticipated revenue to be generated if the re-zoning is approved at Town Meeting. In addition Mr. Barry discussed a possible solution to the 40B Rockland Meadows issue if the new Southfield plan is approved at Town Meeting.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

-TA Chiocca announced the Free Cash amount as \$1,767,631.00.

-TA Chiocca discussed the Town Hall schedule.

-TA Chiocca informed the public that the Town Report is available at Town Hall, the Senior Center, the Library and will be available at Town Meeting. The Town Warrant is also available at those locations. In addition, the Town Warrant is available on-line along with the Roads Project information, the Athletic Fields Project information, and the Southfield re-zoning proposals.

-The recent DelPrete court decision is available on our website.

-Opening Day Little League/Softball Parade request for April 24th.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

-TA Chiocca announced the resignation of Tree Warden Mr. Robert Corvi

~MOTION to accept the resignation and to thank Mr. Corvi for his services by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

~MOTION to appoint Dave Taylor as Interim Tree Warden by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

-TA Chiocca read a letter of thanks from a resident for the help Mr. Tom Ruble and Mr. John Lucas provided after they had difficulty with a contractor installing solar panels without a permit.

~MOTION to place copies of the letter in their personnel files by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

-Request to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade May 30th.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

-TA Chiocca announced a Memorial Park School PAC Fundraiser to collect donations of shoes. A box will be available at Town Hall through May 30th.

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. Mullen -Thanked everyone for their support and promised to make clear any future restrictions due to relatives in public positions.

**Mr. Johnson -Welcomed Mr. Mullen to the BOS.
-Congratulated Mr. Kimball and Mr. Ryan on their return to the Board.
-Urged the public to apply for positions and to fill vacancies on Boards like Capital Planning and Finance, as well as other committees.
-Asked about some reports of brown water in some areas of Town.
-Thanked Bob Corvi for his efforts on behalf of Rockland.
-Congratulated Dave Taylor upon his election to Highway Superintendent.**

Mr. Ryan -Thanked everyone for voting.
-Welcomed Mike Mullen to the BOS.
-Condolences to friends who have lost family recently.

Mr. Kimball -Thanked everyone who took the time to vote.
-Welcomed Mike Mullen to the BOS.
-Urged the public to attend Town Meeting.
-Wished Bob Corvi well and hopes for him to have a successful future.
-Welcomed Dave Taylor and wished him well.
-Requested more volunteers step up and join committees

31. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

~**MOTION to adjourn** by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Mullen, passed 4-0.

Meeting ended at 9:31 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.