



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES of December 1, 2015

Chairman:

Edward F. Kimball
Vice Chairman:
Larry J. Ryan

Selectmen:

Lawrence J. Chaffee
Michael P. Johnson
Korey M. Welch

Town Administrator:

Allan R. Chiocca

Executive Assistant:

Susan M. Ide

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 7 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS-Former Police Officer Paul Johansson**

NOTE: Selectman Chaffee was not present for the entire meeting

Chairman Kimball read:

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1. OPEN FORUM

~Ed Kimball announced-Dining for a cause supporting "Holiday Magic"

~Lt. Zeoli and Sgt. Chernicki

- Discussed the annual "Designated Driver" program for the holidays
- Discussed the annual winter "All Night Parking Ban"

MINUTES

2. Minutes of November 17, 2015-postponed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Awning Approval requests-Wayne Darragh

Request to approve 3 awnings which will protrude over the Union Street sidewalk at 3 addresses # 304, #345, and #347 all on Union Street.

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

4. Appointments

Housing Partnership Committee-William Cormier Jr.

MOTION to approve Mr. Johnson, 2nd Mr. Welch passed 4-0.

5. Report of Town Clerk Donna Shortall

-Business Certificates

Town Clerk Shortall reviewed the new Business Certificate program to the BOS. She explained the need and reasoning to assure all businesses are in compliance with town requirements prior to new certificates being issued.

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

-Kennel Licenses

Town Clerk Shortall discussed the kennel license revisions she recommended to the BOS and the reason to increase the annual "Kennel" fee to \$100.00.

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

-Dog Licensing

Town Clerk Shortall discussed recent improvements to the dog licensing process in Rockland. She has increased the number of license dogs from 700 in recent years to over 2,240. This reflects a strong effort to track and record dogs in Rockland. The licenses help insure dogs are properly vaccinated and inform the Police Dept. of the number of dogs prior to entering a dwelling.

6. Rail Trail report

Mr. Ryan discussed the recent tour of the Rail Trail. He noticed some areas in need of improvements. He also suggested a mailing to all abutters' both residents and businesses. Mr. Ryan will continue to attempt to keep focus on the proper use of the trail. He also suggested more signage and the possibility of fines.

The TA said he has spoken with a number of the residents where problems exist. The Police Department will increase patrols and surveillance. He stated he would continue to work with the Open Space Committee to improve conditions. The Building Inspector is addressing a couple of areas of concern where applicable.

7. State approval of Rockland's Tax Rate

TA Chiocca announced the State has approved the FY16 tax rate at \$18.49.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Extended Hours Request for Dec 17th-Harmon Golf Club

The Harmon Club requested a one-time 2 hour extension on Dec 17, 2015 for a Christmas party event.

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

9. License Renewals

All licenses approved on the MOTIONS "Pending all obligations having been met".

All Alcohol – Club

1. **Knights of Columbus – 440 Webster Street**

All Alcohol – Common Victualler

1. **Mineiros Bar & Steak House (The Food Party) – 371 Union Street**
2. **Player's Sports Bar & Grill – 86 VFW Drive**
3. **Bella's Restaurant – 933 Hingham Street**
4. **Player's Sports Bar & Grille – 86 V.F.W. Parkway**
5. **China Plaza – 35 Market Street**

Wine & Malt – Common Victualler

1. **Themis Pizza – 488 Market Street**
2. **Butterfield's – 372 Market Street**

All Alcohol- Package

1. **Station Liquors – 21 East Water Street**
2. **Union Street Package – 328 Union Street**
3. **Luke's Liquor – 167 Market Street**

Common Victualler

1. **Themis Pizza – 488 Market Street**
2. **Dunkin' Donuts – 1149 Hingham Street**
3. **Dunkin' Donuts – 851 Hingham Street**
4. **Butterfield's – 372 Market Street**
5. **Seasons Café – 938 Hingham Street**
6. **Bella's Restaurant – 933 Hingham Street**
7. **Burger King - 1333 Hingham Street**
8. **Burger King – 157 Market Street**
9. **Trueman's Catering – 276 Plain Street**
10. **China Plaza – 35 Market Street**
11. **McDonald's – 117 Market Street**
12. **Anita Marie Coffee Shop – 349 Union Street**

Thrift/Consignment Shop

1. **Seconds to Last – 221 Union Street**

Entertainment

1. **Bella's Restaurant – 933 Hingham Street**
2. **China Plaza – 35 Market Street**

Lodging

1. **Triangle House – 167 West Water Street**

Class I

1. **Leisurewoods – 31 Leisurewood Drive**
2. **Live Oaks – 680 Union Street**
3. **International Motor Sports – 7 Market Street**
4. **Realty System Hillcrest – 401 Beech Street**

Class II

1. **Lou’s Auto Body – 577 Market Street**
2. **Dennis Auto Body – 277 North Avenue**
3. **International Motor Sports – 7 Market Street**
4. **Atlantic Petroleum – 50 John Dunn Drive**
5. **Trust Petroleum – 104 Market Street**
6. **Advanced Auto Center – 409 V.F.W. Drive**

Each section approved on MOTIONS “Pending all obligations having been met” by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Welch passed 4-0.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

~ Congratulated the High School Cheerleaders Div. 4 State Champs.

~Reminded viewers of a vacancy on the Open Space Committee.

~Informed the BOS the Green Community Act annual reports have been filed, and we may have already reached the 20% reduction in energy use by the Town.

~Rockland has received a request for extended hours to be open until 2 A.M. on New Year’s Eve from the Eagles Club.

~MOTION to approve all New Year’s extended hours to 2 A.M. provided a letter of request is sent in to the Selectmen’s Office and the Police Department is notified by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Welch passed 4-0.

~Mr. Chiocca announced we are working on a playground grant to be built at Hartsuff Park.

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 -The Stroll was great event, congratulations to all involved

Mr. Johnson -The Stroll was a huge success
-Congratulations to the High School teams and especially the High School Cheerleaders.

Mr. Ryan -Enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal with Larry Chaffee.
-Thanked the coordinators of the Stroll for their efforts.
-Welcomed Mr. Cormier to the Housing Partnership Committee.
-We are working with the Capital Planning Committee to develop a Town Building's Plan.

Mr. Kimball -Asked the public to be good neighbors during the holidays
-The Zoning Review Committee is working to begin the process of reviewing all zoning and has met with representatives of Southfield.
-Reminded the public of the all night parking ban.

31. EXECUTIVE SESSION for Negotiations

~MOTION to go into Executive session for negotiations by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Welch passed by Roll Call vote 4-0.

Open Session ended at 8:27 P.M.



Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator


Larry J. Ryan, Vice-Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen

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.