



# TOWN OF ROCKLAND

## Board of Selectmen

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## Open Session Minutes of January 19, 2016

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**MOS-for the missing Marines in Hawaii**

**NOTE: Mr. Chaffee was not present for the entire meeting**

**Chairman Kimball read:**

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### 1. OPEN FORUM

**~Rockland's Best-Frank DelPrete**

**TA Chiocca read a synopsis of the life of Frank DelPrete and Selectman Ryan presented a plaque on behalf of the BOS declaring Frank DelPrete one of Rockland's Best. Donna Hooley accepted on behalf of the Family.**

**~Introduction of Dr. Alan Cron, appointed as the next School Superintendent**

**School Superintendent John Retchless and School Committee Chairman Dick Phelps introduced Dr. Alan Cron to the BOS. Dr. Cron will become the new Rockland School Superintendent on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Cron addressed the BOS and stated he looks forward to the challenge and working with everyone when he gets started.**

**MINUTES**

**2. Open Session Minutes of January 5, 2016**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 4-0.**

**3. Executive Session Minutes of January 5, 2016**

**~MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are resolved, by Mr. Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch, passed 4-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7:15 P.M.**

**4. Liquor License Transfer Tedeschi's to 7-Eleven, 474 Market Street**

**The BOS reviewed the application to transfer the Liquor License from Tedeschi's to 7-Eleven at 474 Market Street.**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch passed 4-0.**

**5. Green Communities Grant & update for future grants**

**TA Chiocca informed the BOS that the Town has completed the \$185,425 original grant from the Green Community designation. He listed the projects and retrofits the grant had funded. Now Rockland is eligible and seeking to apply for additional energy saving grants from DOER.**

**6. Emergency Management update**

**TA Chiocca discussed the training seminars currently being offered at Town Hall to train staff from every Department. Each Department will have a possible role in any emergency situation. The training is a step forward towards developing Rockland's emergency preparedness.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **7. Statement of Interest-School Superintendent John Retchless**

**School Superintendent Retchless discussed the School Committee vote to send a “Statement of Interest” to the School Building Authority. The School Committee is interested in replacing two elementary schools, the Memorial Park School and the Jefferson School. He stated this is just an initial inquiry with no assurance of approval. Only 19 of 108 applicants were approved last year. Superintendent Retchless felt the BOS should be kept informed.**

### **8. Police Chief and Fire Chief Contracts**

**Town Counsel John Clifford and TA Chiocca discussed the contract negotiations with the Police and Fire Chiefs. The BOS concerns were reflected in the proposals.**

**TA Chiocca outlined the provisions of the proposed Police Chief’s Contract.**

**~MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch passed 4-0.**

***NOTE: Selectman Ryan recused himself from the discussion and vote on the Fire Chief’s Contract and left the room.***

**TA Chiocca outlined the provisions of the proposed Fire Chief’s Contract.**

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

***NOTE: Selectman Ryan returned to the meeting.***

### **9. Annual Budget Presentation**

**TA Chiocca provided the BOS with the updated tax comparisons of Plymouth County communities. Rockland is ranked 19th out of 27 towns in the county. TA Chiocca also provided the BOS with an annual update comparison of Rockland to the county with regards to “Free Cash” and “Stabilization Account” balance.**

**Town Accountant Eric Hart reviewed the budget recommendations he and TA Chiocca were making to the BOS.**

**~MOTION to approve the proposed FY17 budget and forward to the Finance Committee by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.**

#### **10. Open Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

**~MOTION to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, deadline for submitting articles to be on March 10, 2016 by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch passed 4-0.**

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

#### **-Appellate Court Decision**

**~TA Chiocca discussed the recent court decision in favor of the Town of Rockland. The Appeals Court of Massachusetts found the claims by Mr. McGee were unsubstantiated.**

#### **-Hydrant Reminder**

**~TA Chiocca reminded the public to locate their closest fire hydrant and to please keep it cleared.**

#### **-Town Report submissions**

**~TA Chiocca reminded the Town Boards, Committees and Commissions etc. to file their Annual Town Reports.**

### **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** -Congratulated the Frank DelPrete family for receiving "Rockland's Best".  
-He offered condolences to the family of Mary Healey Goodwin.  
-Urged the public to adopt a hydrant.

**Mr. Johnson** -Offered condolences to the family of Grace Ditocco.  
-Please wait for the ice on ponds to freeze further before skating.  
-Congratulated the High School teams for successful seasons.  
-He also congratulated Coach Mike Flaherty on achieving his 100th win.

**Mr. Ryan** -Echoed Mr. Johnson concerns to make sure ice is safe.  
-He offered condolences to the Ditocco family.  
-Welcomed new School Superintendent Alan Cron.

**Mr. Kimball** -Urged residents to check on their neighbors during foul winter weather.  
-Welcomed new School Superintendent Alan Cron.  
-Discussed researching ways of compensating committee members on the various boards to encourage more participation.  
-Thinks we should explore changing streetlights to LEDs.  
-Announced he will seek reelection to the BOS.

### **31. EXECUTIVE SESSION “No Executive Session”**

**MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Welch passed 4-0.**

**Meeting ended at 8:18 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.**