



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES of September 1, 2015

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

Town Administrator:
Allan R. Chiocca

Executive Assistant:
Susan M. Ide

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS

NOTE: Selectman Chaffee was not in attendance for the entire meeting.

Chairman Kimball read:

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OPEN FORUM

Park Department Superintendent Peter Ewell spoke to thank Highway Superintendent Bob Corvi for all the support and help the Highway department provided making improvements to Hartsuff Park Recreation facility.

John Rogers and John Melvin discussed the progress being made constructing the Veteran's Memorial near the Veteran's Stadium. They also requested the BOS approve the landing of an Army Blackhawk helicopter on the Stadium field.

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

MINUTES

2. Open Session Minutes of August 11, 2015

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Southfield Update- Rockland BOD representatives

Rockland's Southfield BOD members Bill Minahan and Kelli O'Brien-McKinnon appeared before the BOS to provide an update regarding progress at the development. They noted it has been just one year since the passage of the new legislation creating the current governing parameters.

Great progress has been had both financially and regarding the physical improvements. The BOS thanked Ms. O'Brien-McKinnon and Mr. Minahan for their report.

4. Roads program update-Highway Superintendent Corvi

This item postponed to next meeting on 9.15.15

NEW BUSINESS

5. -Subordination request-Wayne Darragh

Mr. Darragh appeared before the BOS to request the Town agree to subordinate its position due to refinancing of 61 Union Street.

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

6. New Town Hall hours

TA Chiocca reminded viewers the Town Hall is now open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights of the months September through June until 8 p.m.. In return for the extra evening hours worked for 10 months the Town Hall will be closed 10 Fridays next summer. The late hours are for the convenience of the public. BOS meetings have also moved to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. This change will prevent the rescheduling of meeting due to Monday holidays.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE- TA Chiocca

-Congratulated June Pat Donnelly on her recent retirement from the Board of Health.

-Request to have an ALS Road Race on November 14th

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

-Request to endorse the "Turn The Town Teal" which is an Ovarian cancer awareness program.

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

-TA Chiocca reminded the BOS and public of plans for the upcoming Tri-Town Veteran Day events.

-Thanked Executive Assistant Susan Ide, HR Assistant Stacy Callahan and Town Accountant Eric Hart for their assistance during his recent Medical event.

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 -encouraged residents to participate in the events at Southfield.

Mr. Johnson -Reminded the public the schools are now open. He felt the Open House events at the schools were a great success.

-Encouraged participation in the ALS Road Race.

-Thanked everyone who ran in the Dogs Dash, and supported the High School Hockey team.

Mr. Ryan -He is thrilled with the progress being made at Southfield and was encouraged by the report at tonight's meeting.

-Thanked Donald Cann for the tour at the Boston Harbor Islands.

-Thanked Eric Hart for helping out while the TA was out.

Mr. Kimball -Informed the public we have to revisit the Rockland Meadows 40B project.

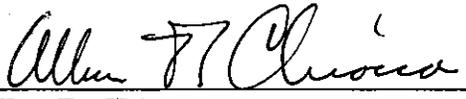
-Urged participation in the Rockland Cares Vigil.

-Spoke about the positive momentum in the community

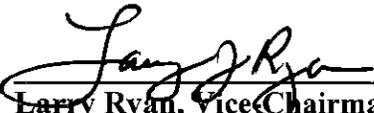
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION for Union Negotiations- NO EXEC

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

Meeting ended at 7:42 p.m.



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.