



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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MINUTES of March 18, 2014

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Lawrence J. Chaffee

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Larry J. Ryan

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Town Administrator:

Allan R. Chiocca

Executive Assistant:

Mary B. Stewart

SELECTMEN'S MEETING Tuesday, March 18, 2014 @ 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: *The audience, participants and general public should be aware that any and all portions 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.*

MINUTES

1. Open Session Minutes of March 3, 2014

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Tiffany's Flower's -Hawker's & Peddler's Application

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

3. Ambulance Abatements-Quarterly abatement

~MOTION to approve abatement of \$184,088.58 for December 2013, January 2014 and February 2014 by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0-1(Ryan).

4. Free Cash Notification & Financial Ratings Upgrade

Town Administrator Chiocca announced Free Cash certification from the Department of Revenue at \$1,439,188.00. This represents the best result by far in many years. TA Chiocca requested the BOS go on record to the Finance Committee to recommend approx. \$250K to the Stabilization Fund, \$395K to the one-time cost to establish Full Day Kindergarten program in the Schools, and \$450K to cover the cost of the Snow and Ice deficit.

~MOTION to approve the TA's recommendation by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.

Town Administrator Chiocca also discussed the recent upgrade in the financial rating of the Town of Rockland by Standard and Poor. Rockland has achieved a triple jump in a positive direction by attaining an "AA-" rating which is an improvement from the previous "A-" rating. Standard and Poor stated "the rating reflects our view of such factors as the town's strong economy and very strong liquidity."

The Town also recently received a positive outlook review versus the previous negative outlook rating by Moody's. Combined the reports reflect the forward financial momentum in the community's finances.

Item # 8 taken out of order

8. 7:15 PM License transfer Hearing-Player's

~MOTION to open the Hearing by Mr. Ryan, 2nd Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

Attorney Jon Aieta appeared before the BOS on behalf of and with Jacquelyn Berardi for the transfer of the remaining interest in Player's to Ms. Berardi, making her the 100% owner.

~MOTION to close the Hearing by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

~MOTION to approve the transfer by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

Taken out of order

Rockland Firefighter Scott Margolis appeared before the BOS to discuss the raising of \$6000 for the Susan G. Komen Fund for Breast Cancer Awareness Charities by Local #1602. Fox news will be visiting the Rogers Middle School in recognition of the successful Fundraiser March 26, 2014.

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5. Review Town Meeting Articles

TA Chiocca read the Annual Town Meeting Articles list and requested the BOS approve their articles for submission and request the from the Board of Assessors the release of funds from the Overlay Account .

~MOTION by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to request release of Overlay excess funds passed 4-0.

~MOTION to approved BOS submitted articles by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.

~MOTION to approve and forward the Town Meeting Warrant by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

6. Open Special Town Meeting

~MOTION to Open Special Town Meeting Warrant and close the Warrant of April 7, 2014 at noon by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.

7. SSTTDC-No Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

8. 7:15 PM License transfer Hearing-Player's Previous heard (see above page 2)

9. Election Warrant

TA Chiocca read the Election Warrant for the upcoming Town Election

~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0 with corrections.

10. Police Patrolmen's MOU

TA Chiocca explained the highlights of the MOU with the Local 65 Rockland's Police Patrolmen Assn.

~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien 2nd by Mr. Ryan 4-0.

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

-Read a letter of thanks from Cohasset for the Mutual Aid provided by the Fire Department.

-Discussed the Ribbon cutting event for the Beech Street Solar Project.

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. Ryan

-Spoke regarding the improved financial standing in Rockland.

Mr. Johnson

-Hope his 6th grade team is doing well.

-Looking forward to upcoming candidate forums.

Ms. O'Brien

-Senior Center project dedication will be on June 7, 2014.

Mr. Kimball

-Discussed a fundraiser for the Animal Shelter project with John Rogers.

-Discussed the Southfield options available to Rockland.

-Please remember to vote in the Town Elections.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION for contract negotiations and strategy discussion for non-union personnel not to reconvene by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed by roll call vote 4-0.

- 25. Council of Aging**
- 26. Executive Assistant**
- 27. Building Inspector**
- 28. Veteran's Agent**
- 29. Town Accountant**



Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator



Lawrence J. Chaffee, 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.