



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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Open Session

MINUTES of

March 16, 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 Monday, March 16, 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 present for this meeting

Chairman Kimball read:

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1. OPEN FORUM

School Superintendent Retchless announced the Rockland Daycare program would remain open for at least another year.

MINUTES

2. Open Session Minutes of March 2, 2015

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

3. Executive Session Minutes of March 2, 2015

~MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are settled by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Welch passed 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

4. Ambulance Abatements

Chief Duffey explained the justification for the quarterly abatement request for December 2014, January 2015, and February 2015 for a total of \$266,558.80.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Welch, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0-1(Ryan).

Chief Duffey also provided the BOS with updates regarding MEMA and FEMA and the amounts the 4 week winter storm cycle costs the area and state.

5. Hydrant Program

Rockland Resident Dale Powers approached the BOS seeking an endorsement of a program to get \$20.00 donations to purchase high visibility fiberglass markers to attach to fire hydrants to enhance locating the hydrants buried by snow. He had previously met with Water Superintendent Callahan and the Town of Abington.

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

6. Year-end update -Treasurer Ellard

Town Treasurer Ellard appeared before the BOS to provide an annual update regarding the Treasurer's office.

7. Election Warrant

TA Chiocca read the annual Town Election Warrant into the record.

8. Review Warrant approve articles, forward to Finance committee

TA Chiocca briefed the BOS on the proposed articles for Annual Town Meeting.

During the discussion of the Warrant and expenditures TA Chiocca made the public announcement of Free Cash Certification of over \$1.8 million which will primarily be used to help with the Snow and Ice deficit.

~MOTION to forward the warrant to the Finance Committee by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

9. Open Special Town Meeting Warrant -This item addressed during item #8 discussion.

~MOTION to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant and have it close on April 2, 2015 at 11 A.M. by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Ryan passed 4-0.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- Updated the BOS regarding the patching of the Town hall roof and next steps to be taken to fix walls and repair damage.
- Announced that Mr. Chaffee had suffered a stroke and was in Braintree Rehab making daily progress. He wished him a speedy recovery.
- Asked the BOS to temporarily fill the Vice Chairman's position until the next Town Election or Mr. Chaffee's return.

~MOTION by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Welch to appoint Mr. Ryan Vice Chairman passed 4-0.

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 -No Comments

Mr. Johnson -Wished Larry Chaffee a speedy recovery
-Spoke regarding spring sport tryouts and limitations as a result of all the snow.
-It was great to hear the Daycare program will be continued.
-Recommended some of the anonymous Facebook critics step up and volunteer.

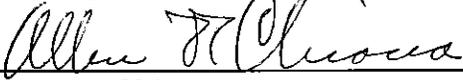
Mr. Ryan -Spoke regarding Larry Chaffee and the progress he has made and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Kimball -Wished Larry Chaffee a speedy recovery, calling him "Mr. Rockland".
-Read a Letter from the Rockland Senior Men's Club thanking Highway Superintendent Bob Corvi and crew.
-Indicated he was glad the Daycare program was saved.
-Thanked all departments for their hard work and avoidance of building issues during the winter storms.

30. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Meeting ended at 7:55 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.