



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, February 6, 2012 7 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS

Jack Hoadley and Jim Paul Sr.

Selectmen Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Minahan were not in attendance for the entire meeting.

OPEN FORUM

~Chief Llewellyn spoke to acknowledge the retirement of Sgt. Wayne Jackson after over 30 years of service to the Rockland Police Department.

1. Open Session Minutes of January 17, 2012

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0.

2. Executive Session Minutes of January 17, 2012

~MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are settled by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0

Chairmen Chaffee read:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Senior Center Debt Exclusion Ballot question

~Senior Center Project Committee Chairman John Rogers spoke to the BOS regarding the project and requested the BOS place a debt exclusion question on the annual town ballot in April.

~Andy Triantaffelow also spoke in favor of the Senior Center.

~Dr. Rogers addressed questions from the Board regarding the process of the debt exclusion.

~MOTION by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball to place the following question on the April Town Election ballot:

“Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of designing, construction, originally equipping and furnishing a Senior Center, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?”

MOTION passed 3-0.

4. Rockland Special Education Toll Booth request

Mr. Chaffee read a letter of request from the Rockland Special Education Parent Advisory Council to hold their annual Toll Booth scholarship fundraiser.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0.

5. FY11 CDBG grant update

TA Chiocca informed the BOS that the owner of the Triangle House has chosen not to participate in the FY 2011 CDBG Program funding grant to that facility. Wayne Darragh has recommended Rockland petition the Department of Housing and Community Development and seek to reprogram the funding towards housing activities in Rockland’s target area.

~MOTION by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball to seek DHCD approval to reprogram the FY2011 Triangle House funds towards other target area eligible housing as recommended by Mr. Darragh.

- “Target Area funds - If excess funds remain from a target area activity, either due to budgetary reasons or because of less demand for the activity than projected, the community must return the funds or request DHCD approval to

reprogram the awarded funds. DHCD's preference is to approve reprogramming for the following purposes and in the following order:

- Funds will be used for eligible housing activities in the target area,
- Funds will be used for eligible housing activities in the remainder of the community,
- Other existing target area activities.

~MOTION passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Subordination of Loan- Wayne Darragh - TABLED

7. Acceptance of gift to Police Department

~Chief Llewellyn requested the BOS vote to accept a gift from Jeff's Carpet to the Town of Rockland to remove and replace carpeting in the break room at the Police Department. The gift has a value of \$775.00.

~MOTION to accept the gift by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0.

8. Charter Committee requests-Will the BOS vote to place 3 questions on the annual ballot:

- a. Should Town Treasurer be elected or appointed?
- b. Should Town Collector be elected or appointed?
- c. Should Rockland study changing to a Mayoral town government?

~The BOS reviewed the proposals from the Charter Committee. Town Counsel informed the BOS they could place the Treasurer and Collector questions on the ballot and then petition the Legislature if approved. The non-binding question regarding the Mayoral/Council form of government could also be placed on the ballot. Questions should be in final form to be on the ballot. ~The BOS, discussed the issue but felt this was too soon after the Town Meeting had rejected the same issues.

~Charter Committee Chairman Jared Valanzola and the Commission had hoped to get a larger sampling of the community. Many in attendance felt the issue should not be on the ballot the same year as those seats were open on the ballot, others believed the positions should be elected.

~There was lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons by the BOS and audience members of the change to appointed from elected of the Treasurer and Collector positions. There was also discussion of the mayoral/council form of government.

~MOTION to table by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0.

9. Application for Appointment to the Historical Commission-Steven A. Watchorn

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0.

10. School Co-Pay request

The Town Administrator explained to the BOS the co-pay issue was still pending but a potential solution had been proposed to the Chairman of the School Committee. TA Chiocca suggested holding the item pending a response from the School Committee.

~MOTION to Table by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0.

11. Cadogan's Run request

The BOS were requested to approve Cadogan's Run on May 5, 2012 with review of the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments. This would be the 4th annual event.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0.

12 Best Buddy's Challenge road request

Annual request for permission to use approximately 1 mile of roads for the annual Best Buddy's Challenge.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0.

15. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

~LNR payments of over \$28,465.80 have been received from SSTTDC.

~TA Chiocca requested BOS appoint him as representative Health Insurance Review Panel.

MOTION to approve Mr. Chiocca by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-0.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

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. Johnson ~Thanked Police Sgt. Jackson for his years of service.

Mr. Kimball ~Congratulate the Patriots for a successful season.

~Careful during February vacation with children out and about.

~Tonight has been a great civics discussion.

Mr. Chaffee ~Congratulations to Police Sgt. Jackson for his service to Rockland.
~Department Head meeting will be on Friday this week.
~School Building Committee meeting will be on Tuesday.
~Some annual reports are missing which were due February 1.

28. 29. 30. EXECUTIVE SESSION

for further consideration Firefighter Grievance #FFG 2012-1 and negotiation strategy session.

MOTION by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 3-0 by Roll Call vote.



Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator



Edward F. Kimball, Vice-Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen

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