



## TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
242 Union Street  
Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

*Chairman:*  
Michael P. O'Loughlin  
*Vice Chairman:*  
Kara L. Nyman

*Selectmen:*  
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BOS Open Session Minutes of  
February 7, 2023

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room  
Town Hall, 242 Union Street, Rockland

In attendance: Chairman Michael O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Members Tiffanie Needham, Donna Shortall, Lori Childs, Town Clerk Liza Landy, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp.

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. Community Announcements-

- Annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive at the Memorial Library with Bruins Mascot on 2/23 @2:30
- High School Blood Drive – 2/10-8:30-1:30

### 3. Minutes of 1/17/23

MOTION to approve minutes of 1/17/23, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval

### 4. New Business

- Class I License Request: Land Rover, 1022 Hingham Street

MOTION to approve Class I License- Land Rover 1022 Hingham Street by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval

- Entertainment License Request: Stevie G's Restaurant, 372 Market Street

MOTION to approve Entertainment License- Stevie G's Restaurant, 372 Market Street, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval

- Town Clerk-State Votes Act Requirements Re: Assigning Police Officers to Polling Places requested by Ms. Landy.

MOTION per the Votes Act of 2022, as amended, which requires the Board of Selectmen to assign Police Officers to each polling location we hereby designate that the Chief of Police has the authority to assign the specific police officers according to scheduling and availability by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval

MOTION per the Votes Act of 2022, the Board of Selectmen vote, to appoint the people listed on the Town Clerk's List of Proposed Election Workers and we confirm by vote that if three weeks before an election, there are still not enough poll workers appointed, the clerk will be able to fill vacancies by appointing any competent person, without regard to party, residence, or a list from a local party committee by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

Taken out of order-

- May 1, 2023, Annual Town Meeting: Draft list of Warrant Articles & Initial Capital Requests; Warrant closes March 10, 2023 Mr. Lapp said the Warrant closes 3/10/23 unless re-opened by the Board. He provided a preliminary list of potential Town Meeting Articles.... continue after hearing.

- 7:15pm Public Hearing- National Grid Pole Request for Pole #4-84 Lancaster Street

MOTION to open Public Hearing, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Roll Call Vote

Mr. Lapp explained this request is common practice for utility pole relocations; a National Grid Engineer was present to explain the process.

MOTION to close Public Hearing, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Needham. Roll Call Vote

MOTION to approve National Grid Pole Request for Pole #4-84 Lancaster Street, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs.  
Unanimous approval

- May 1, 2023, Annual Town Meeting: Draft list of Warrant Articles & Initial Capital Requests; Warrant closes March 10, 2023- Mr. Lapp continued with the preliminary list of potential Town Meeting Articles.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

#### 5. Old Business

-Status of Pending Major Capital Projects: Water, Sewer, Fire Station, Recreation/Community Center, Roads- Mr. Lapp reviewed the major capital projects currently on the table and reinstated all Town departments worked together on these and he also provided the total list of Capital Projects that were requested by departments. He recommended how to use Marijuana HCA funds, which should not be used “willy nilly” just for anything.

- FY24 Budget-Mr. Lapp said we are still waiting for the State to come out with State Aid estimates and will provide more details at a later meeting. He and the Financial Team are in the process of developing “Financial Policies” and will present a draft to the Board soon.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

#### 6. Town Administrator’s Report & Correspondence

-Held a “Dangerous Dog Hearing” with Animal Control Officer Davidson – no final decision has been made

-Busy week meeting with Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee

-Billboard Project status – State decision still pending

-Recreation Community Center Public Outreach meeting was held last Monday - well attended

-Fire Station Project- has gone before the ZBA; cost estimate is higher due to construction cost; will be on BOS agenda soon

#### 7. Selectmen’s Comments

Ms. Childs-Congratulations to the Recreation Department for receiving a Cultural Council Grant

-Elections are coming up- encourages residents to step up

Ms. Shortall-Please return your census – very important

Ms. Needham-no comments

Ms. Nyman-no comments

Mr. O’Loughlin-Congratulations to Member Shortall on the publication of her first book “The Trouble with Bubbles”

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session not to reconvene for:

Per M.G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining Police Officers, Police Superior Officers Union, New England Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 175

Per M.G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(6)-To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property Map 38, Lot 131

by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Roll Call Vote



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

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.

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 2/21/23