



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of
February 16, 2021

SELECTMEN'S MEETING Tuesday February 16, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. REMOTE TELECONFERENCE

Via Zoom: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Members Larry Ryan, Mike Mullen, Rich Penney, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Assistant Town Administrator Jen Constable, Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski, Fire Chief Scott Duffey, School Finance Manager Jane Hackett, and School Assistant Superintendent Colleen Forlizzi.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements –

- Annual Town Report Photo Contest announced; submission deadline February 19, 2021
- COVID Testing Site- Rockland High School -February 20th & February 21st - Drive-thru

3. Minutes – Open Session Minutes of February 2, 2021

MOTION to approve Open Session Minutes of February 2, 2021 by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

4. New Business

-CDBG Subordination Requests- Mr. Lapp asked Mr. O'Loughlin to sign request on camera as CDBG Christine Sullivan observes and notarizes.

MOTION to approve the CDBG Subordination Requests by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Mullen. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

-Request for Class II Used Car Sales License- Kevin McGee, 511 Union Street. Mr. Lapp reviewed the Class II application and recommends the BOS approve contingent on the Zoning Board's appeal period (21 days) and all of the Building Inspector's guidelines have been met. The Board commented and wished Mr. McGee good luck.

MOTION to approve the Class II License- Kevin McGee, 511 Union Street contingent on Zoning Board appeal period and Building Inspector's requirements have been met by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

-Affordable Housing – Responses/Votes re: Option to Purchase via Right of First Refusal, 28 Midfield Drive and 17 Von Rhor Drive, Unit 53A – Mr. Lapp explained the Town's right of first refusal recommending not to acquire due to lack of funds and also stated the monitoring agent is making efforts in keeping this purchase an affordable sell.

MOTION to not acquire the properties as recommended by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

-Senior Affordable Housing Project – Massachusetts Local Initiative Program (LIP), a.k.a. “Friendly 40B” – 403 Union Street/6 DelPrete Ave. (Holy Family Church site)- Mr. Lapp introduced representatives of Connolly and Partners LLC and Seger Architects who provided a presentation on the development of the Holy Family School location. Plans include a “Friendly 40B” with 27 one-bedroom apartments. Mr. O’Loughlin executed a “no vote” tonight as he would like to receive public input first and invited the representatives from both firms to return to a later BOS meeting.

-Economic Development Priority Setting – Ms. Constable presented a Power Point update related to the economic development in Rockland including Community “One Stop” for growth, “What’s Happening in Rockland”, challenges/goals priorities and future opportunities. The Board commented and thanked Ms. Constable for her continuous hard work.

-Draft List of May 2021 Town Meeting Warrant Articles- Mr. Lapp shared a draft of the Articles for the May 3, 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

5. Old Business-

-COVID-19 Update (Testing Site & Status of Vaccine Requests)

Mr. Lapp reported:

- Rockland’s active COVID numbers at 128

- Town Hall is taking the appropriate safety steps due to a couple of internal positive cases

- Town Hall continues to provide full services to the public

- COVID testing on February 20 & 21 at the Rockland High School – thank you to Board of Health Agent Delshaune Flipp

Mr. Lapp briefly spoke of the frustrations obtaining the vaccine with Chief Duffey and Ms. Flipp working tirelessly with the State level challenges.

Chief Duffey expressed his frustration also and is working with the State towards his goal of getting vaccines into arms. He reminded the public there are plenty of opportunities at State sites for the vaccine and the MA Call Center can be reached by dialing 211 for vaccine information.

-FY22 Budget Update –Mr. Lapp presented the FY22 Budget forecast numbers and reminded the Board the numbers are continuously changing.

-FY22 Rockland Public School Budget – also in attendance School Committee Members Jill Maroney and Emily Davidson. Ms. Hackett provided a detailed presentation of the FY22 School budget numbers including the drop in State Chapter 70 funding, Operational budget implications and forecast. All the numbers are COVID driven. They are reaching out to State Rep DeCoste and Senator Keenan for assistance in the loss of State funding. The Board is supportive of the school and thanked Ms. Hackett and Ms. Forlizzi.

MOTION to invite the School Committee to join the BOS in composing a joint letter of support by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE - none

7. SELECTMAN’S COMMENTS

Mr. Penney – none

Mr. Ryan- none

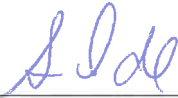
Ms. Nyman- none

Mr. O'Loughlin – Congratulations to Mike Mullin on his new position as Dighton Town Administrator.
“Very proud of his friend”

Mr. Penney, Mr. Ryan, and Ms. Nyman also congratulated Mr. Mullen

Mr. Mullen- Thanked Mr. Lapp and his fellow Board members for their support.

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session for the Purpose No. 1 - To discuss the physical condition of an individual employee not to reconvene by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Mullen, Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.



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 3/2/21