



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of
March 16, 2021

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Joint Meeting with Planning Board to Fill Unexpired Vacant Term
Tuesday March 16, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE

Via Zoom: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Members Larry Ryan, Mike Mullen, Rich Penney, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Assistant Town Administrator Jen Constable, Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski, Planning Board Members, Town Moderator Kevin Henderson, CDBG Christine Sullivan, SS VoTech Superintendent Tom Hickey, School Superintendent Alan Cron, School Assistant Superintendent Colleen Forlizzi, School Finance Manager Jane Hackett, and School Committee Members.
Not in Attendance: Vice Chairman Kara Nyman

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Planning Board meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Corbett.

2. Community Announcements –

- Special Town Meeting Warrant Opens 3/16/2021- STM Warrant closes 4/5/21 at 11:00am
- Last day to register to vote in Town Election is Monday 3/22/21 at 8:00pm
- 49 Custer Street Tax Title Auction Tuesday 4/27/21 at 11:00am
- Dog Licenses due by 3/31/21 to avoid late charges

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

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

4. New Business

-Planning Board Vacancy Appointment- James Well- Joint Vote with Planning Board & Board of Selectmen, per MGL c.41s.11- The Planning Board recommends James Wells to fill the vacancy and requests the BOS approval.

MOTION to approve appointment of James Wells to the Planning Board by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Roll Call Vote with the Planning Board. Unanimous approval.

Planning Board meeting adjourned.

-Town Meeting Quorum- Mr. Lapp working with Mr. Henderson, recommend reducing the quorum for the upcoming Special/Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 3, 2021, pursuant to emergency legislation passed by the General Court and signed by the Governor on June 5, 2020. The legislation permits the Town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator, to reduce the quorum contained in the bylaw from 150 voters due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Mr. O'Loughlin reminded the public the quorum is set for the minimum (15) allowed, not the maximum. All

residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mr. Henderson wished Mr. Mullen good luck and thanked him for his time of service.

MOTION to approve reducing the quorum for the upcoming Special/Annual Town Meeting by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Mullen. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

CDBG Program- Waiver of Municipals Requirement- Program Coordinator Christine Sullivan requested the BOS waive the Housing Rehab Program fee for the resident Case #18-242 as represented.

MOTION to approve waive the requirement for Case #18-242 by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

Taken out of order

-Old Business- FY22 Budget Update –Mr. Lapp briefly updated the Board with current FY22 budget numbers and requests a BOS meeting for Tuesday March 23 to vote on the final budget to present to the Finance Committee. Mr. Cron and Ms. Hackett reviewed the School’s budget throughout the past year. The Board and Ms. Folizzi made brief comments. Mr. O’Loughlin suggested a meeting with the School this week for a discussion and Mr. Lapp stated the final version must be completed by next week due to the Town Charter time guidelines for Town Meeting.

-South Shore Vocational Technical High School-Request for Debt Authorization-Superintendent/Director Tom Hickey provided a Power Point presentation of the SS VoTech debt authorization Article along with Rockland SS VoTech Representative Bob Mahoney and District Treasurer Jim Coughlin. The Board asked a few questions and thanked SS Reps for coming. Mr. Lapp noted the Article has been placed in the Town Meeting Warrant.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –none

5. Old Business-

-Updated on Affordable Housing Projects and Role of Town Boards/Committees/Staff- Ms. Constable welcomed Judi Barrett of Barrett Planning Group who is assisting the Town. Ms. Constable then provided a Power Point high level policy overview on Affordable Housing Projects including an Overall Housing Discussion, Balanced Community, Community Preparedness, Demographics, HPP Goals /Strategies, Housing Needs/Demands, Chapter 40B Project Steps and Rockland’s Master Plan. The Board commented and thanked Ms. Constable for the clear and informed presentation.

Mr. Lapp spoke briefly about the “320 Concord Street” location due to recent public comments. He confirmed the entire Tax Title process was transparent and public and the buyer of the property followed strict accordance of the law.

Ms. Constable thanked Judi Barrett for her technical assistance.

-Updated List of May 2021 Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Mr. Lapp presented the latest draft of the Special/Annual Town Warrant, with a few minor changes from the last meeting, and said Town Counsel is in the process of reviewing.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE –

-Working with Fire Department in executing a contract for a consultant for a “Fire Response Study”

-Working with the School Building Committee- project coming along

-Thank you to Sue Ide for assisting the Clerk’s Department

-Thank you to Liza and Christine Campanile in the Clerk’s Department for keeping the office running smoothly while they are short staffed

-Thank you to Animal Control Officer Ian Davidson for an “outstanding job”

7. SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Mullen-none

Mr. Penney-School Project bids received; came in below estimates "Great news"

-Spoke of some personal attacks occurring lately and only asks to not include his family

-Board always is professional

Mr. Ryan- Thanked Town staff for great job

- Board and Administration working hard for the residents

Mr. O'Loughlin- Thank you to Rich Penney "no one works harder for the Town"

-Board will continue to make the best decisions for the Town

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Penney, 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 4/6/21