



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of
March 21, 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 Lori Childs, Tiffanie Needham, Donna Shortall, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, and Assistant Town Administrator Jennifer Constable.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Community Announcements- Proposed Fire Station Building Project: Public Outreach Meeting-3/22 -6:30pm at the High School Lecture Hall
3. Minutes of 3/7/23

MOTION to approve Minutes of 3/7/23, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval

4. New Business

- One-Day Liquor License Request – Adult Egg Hunt Event Veterans Memorial Stadium -4/15/23, 6:00pm- Players Sports Bar & Grille & Barrel House Z- Recreation Event Coordinator Alyson Le Phipps

MOTION to approve One-Day Liquor Licenses Adult Egg Hunt Event Players Sports Bar & Grille & Barrel House Z, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval

- Rent Control Board Appointment – Landlord Representative- Applicant Patricia Lynn Dennehy- The Board interviewed Ms. Dennehy by phone and thanked her for her interest.

MOTION to appoint Patricia Dennehy to the Rent Control Board as the Landlord Representative for a 3 year term, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval.

- Proposed Town Government Mission Statement –HR Director Stacy Callahan - postponed until next meeting

- Sewer Update – FY24 Budget, Rate Study, Infrastructure Improvements & Long-Term Planning

MOTION to open Sewer Commissioners meeting. Unanimous approval.

Sewer Commission Chairman Chuck Heshion started with an overview of the Weston & Sampson Rate Study and Wright-Pierce MA Wasteland Lead Kevin Olsen & Veolia CPM Director Matthew Johnson provided a Power Point presentation on "Infrastructure Improvements & Long-Term Planning". The Board and Mr. Lapp asked several questions and made comments.

MOTION to approve the Sewer Commissioners request of one million dollars of ARPA Funds go to the Sewer Department, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval.

Mr. Lapp explained there will be one Sewer article co-mingling the authorization of funds on the Warrant:

MOTION to adjourn Sewer Commissioners meeting. Unanimous approval.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

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5. Old Business

- FY24 Budget- Mr. Lapp said he had only a couple minor changes to the budget. The HR Department and Highway Department have larger budget increases but were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

-May 1, 2023 Town Meeting Warrant –Mr. Lapp highlighted a few items and said the draft of the warrant is with Town Counsel & Land Counsel to finalize the articles. The final version will go before the Board for approval at the next meeting. He recommended the "CPA Carey Street Land Acquisition Article" remain on the warrant even though the owner has backed out of the sale – disappointing but he hopes the owner will change his decision. Animal Control Officer Ian Davidson explained in detail the changes to the current Kennel By-Laws that will go before Town Meeting.

Mr. Lapp asked to go back to the FY24 Budget. Highway Superintendent Taylor provided the details on budget items for Highway, Tree, and Stormwater Departments.

-“Boards, Committees and Commissions Handbook -January 2017” Discussion-Mr. O’Loughlin asked the Board members to review the comments he made to the “Selectmen Code of Conduct” document and submit any changes/comments to Mr. Lapp for Board approval at the April 4th meeting.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

6. Town Administrator’s Report & Correspondence

-“Remote Meetings” State bill is in the Senate – should be approved for a 2 year extension

-Have received the fully executed conservation restrictions for McCarthy Farm

-Recorded the TV interview with Water Superintendent Krystal Cameron – will be on WRPS YouTube and Website

-Working with the Financial Team on finalizing the “Financial Policies” – hope to have to the Board in April

7. Selectmen’s Comments

Ms. Childs-Shoutout to the Recreation Department for “Poetry Slam” & “Art UnBoxed”

Ms. Shortall-no comments

Ms. Needham-no comments

Ms. Nyman-Thank you to all who organized the 1st Annual Blarney Brunch – great time.

Mr. O’Loughlin-Attended the SRA Community Board meeting re: development plan – looks good, we need to have patience.

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Roll Call Vote



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 4/4/23.