



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen
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BOS Open Session Minutes of
May 2, 2023

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

In attendance: Chairman Michael O'Loughlin, Members Tiffanie Needham, Lori Childs, Donna Shortall, John Ellard, and Assistant Town Administrator Jennifer Constable.

Not in Attendance: Town Administrator Doug Lapp

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements-Vacancies: Charter Review Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Southfield Advisory Board

3. Minutes of 4/18/23

MOTION to approve Minutes of 4/18/23, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Ms. Needham abstained.

4. New Business

- One-Day Liquor License Requests – Second Wind Brewing Co., Open Air Market (5/20)- Event Coordinator Alyson LePhipps gave a brief update on the Open Market events.

MOTION to approve One-Day Liquor Licenses Second Wind Brewing Co, Open Air Market, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

- One Day Liquor License Requests- Rockland Day (6/17) - Article 15 Brewing, 10th District Brewing, Black Hat BrewWorks, Players Sports Bar & Grille -Event Coordinator John Lucas updated the Board on the upcoming Rockland Day events including fireworks. The Board thanked Mr. Lucas and the volunteers for their hard work.

MOTION to approve One-Day Liquor Licenses for Rockland Day, as listed, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval.

-CDBG Case 20-309 Review-Director Wayne Darragh provided an update on Case 20-309 Housing Rehabilitation Project, which was discussed at a previous BOS meeting. He said the first estimated project cost of approximately \$250,000 was significantly low and provided potential strategies for moving forward. The lowest bid to rehabilitate the home is \$337,500 and Mr. Darragh said the Town has three sources of funding to finance this project.

MOTION to approve submitting a waiver to fund single Case 20-309, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Needham. 4-1 (Ellard).

-Vote to Indemnify Hearing Officer-Town Land Use Counsel Bob Galvin recommends the Board appoint Attorney Peter Morin to act as "Hearing Officer" and to facilitate findings of facts and conclusions of law to the members of the Board of Health on May 3, 2023 regarding 30-36 Belmont Street.

MOTION to appoint Indemnify Hearing Officer Attorney Morin for the 5/3/23 BOH meeting on 30-36 Belmont Street, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

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5. Old Business

-May 1, 2023, Town Meeting Recap- Ms. Constable thanked Town Moderator Kevin Henderson and the community for participating in the Town Meeting. The 5 STM Articles passed; with the ATM, 81 Articles passed, 2 Articles were not approved, and 1 Article was passed over. Article 61 was not approved which would have amended Rockland codes on water restrictions. Article 84 was not approved to support the construction of a new Fire Station.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – Ms. Constable provided an update on the MBTA Communities Act. The Town received a grant to work with consultant Barrett Partners to identify and develop the relevant zone Rockland is required to adopt no later than 2024.

6. Assistant Town Administrator's Report & Correspondence

-Allied Veterans Council requests permission to hold its Memorial Day Observance at the new Veterans Memorial on May 29th – consensus of the Board, request was granted.

7. Selectmen's Comments

Ms. Ellard -Asked residents to step up and join committees, especially the Finance Committee and Rent Control Board

-Thanked all for coming to Town Meeting

-Saw a lot of anger last night and does not understand why; we need to bridge the gap

Mr. Childs-Thanked everybody for coming to Town Meeting

-Felt the high energy

-Focusing on raising funds for a new Fire Station – welcomes all donations

-Thank you for passing the article to rename the Board of Selectmen to Select Board

Ms. Shortall-Thanked everyone for attending Town Meeting to the end.

-Saw an undercurrent of anger but felt it was not brought to the surface

-Great Town Meeting

Ms. Needham-Thanked everyone for attending Town Meeting; a lot was accomplished.

-Thanked Chief Duffey & team for all the work put together; we now know the dire need of the Fire Station

-Was concerned about the anger; hope to maintain respect and continue to be engaged

-Welcome to Member John Ellard

Mr. O'Loughlin-Stressed Selectmen's doors are always open for residents to reach out

-Pleased with the turnout at Town Meeting

-Fire Station Committee has been working over 7 years in developing the plan for a new station

-Thanked residents for staying at Town Meeting to maintain a quorum

-The Board and all involved work thru-out the year putting the Warrant together

- Has been in contact with Abington Selectmen with the most recent train track tragedy. At a future meeting wants to discuss submitting a letter of support for Abington to the MBTA for additional safety measures.

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

Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 5/16/23.