



# TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of  
May 4, 2021

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday May 4, 2021  
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE

Via Zoom: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Members Larry Ryan, Rich Penney, Tiffanie Needham, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Assistant Town Administrator Jen Constable and Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski.

## 1. Pledge of Allegiance

## 2. Community Announcements –

- Holy Family re-development group Connolly & Partners is conducting a Zoom Public Forum May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm regarding the 27-unit senior housing project.
- Lydia Square Apartments lottery now thru June 29<sup>th</sup> with 44 apartments available. Details and applications on the Town Website.

## 3. Minutes-Open Session Minutes of April 20, 2021

MOTION to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan, Roll Call Vote, 4-1. Mr. Penney abstained.

## 4. New Business –

-Cub Scout Yard Sale – Town Hall Plaza- Saturday June 19, 2021

MOTION to approve Cub Scout Yard Sale – Town Hall Plaza- Saturday June 19, 2021 by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Nyman, Roll Call Vote.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

## 5. Old Business-

-May 3, 2021 Town Meeting Recap– Mr. Lapp stated all Articles passed except the 9 Zoning Articles on the Flood Plain Overlay District and the Gateway Mixed Use Overlay District. While he was pleased Articles 1-45 passed and disappointed the Zoning Articles 46-54 did not, he was surprised at the level of concern raised about the Flood Plain Overlay District Articles.

Mr. Penney said last night was a great example of the Towns people dictating the way the Town is run. He said it is discouraging so few people get engaged and understand the Articles. Residents will be negatively impacted by the votes – not the best decisions were made.

Ms. Nyman listened to many resident's comments. Thank you to the Town team for a job well done; they are greatly appreciated.

Ms. Needham said the resident's voices have been heard and more engagement is needed with Town officials. She is looking forward to a possible forum for the people to participate in.

Mr. O'Loughlin said this is the first time he feels he did not know what the residents want. He has always encouraged additional commercial businesses in Town, and the opportunity of potential millions of business dollars was lost last night. Articles are placed on Warrants, not for the Board of Selectmen, but for the residents. As Chairman, he would like to set up a future Zoom meeting forum for residents to ask questions and voice concerns.

Mr. Lapp said Town Meeting highlighted the need for a Town Planner.

Mr. Ryan said it is the job of the Board of Selectmen to present projects to "plan for the future" and it is up to the residents to vote at Town Meetings. There were no winners with last night's votes. He understands residents' frustrations but does not understand their lack of trust.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

#### 6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

-Acknowledged several staff changes and congratulated the employees

- The Bid to restore the "King Phillip Fire Apparatus" has been awarded to: Firefly Restoration from Hope, Maine – a nationally renowned company. Two years ago, CPA monies were approved to complete this project.

#### 8. SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Ms. Needham-Looking forward to working and getting involved with everyone

Mr. Ryan-Congratulations to his granddaughter, Kate Ryan, who is graduating from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. Penney- no comment

Ms. Nyman- no comment

Mr. O'Loughlin– no comment

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session with the Open Space Committee for:

-Purpose No.6-To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Map 82, Lots 2 & 16.

by Mr. Penney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan, 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 5/18/21