



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of
May 18, 2021

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday May 18, 2021
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE

Via Zoom: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Member Rich Penney, Tiffanie Needham, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Assistant Town Administrator Jen Constable and Water Superintendent Joe LaPointe.
Not in attendance: Vice Chairman Kara Nyman and Member Larry Ryan

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Community Announcements –
-Mr. Lapp highlighted Governor Baker's announcement of re-opening the State
3. Minutes-Open Session Minutes of May 4, 2021

MOTION to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2021 by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Penney, Roll Call Vote.

4. New Business –
-Annual Appointments- Mr. O'Loughlin read the list of Appointments to be approved.

MOTION to approve the Annual Appointments by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Penney, Roll Call Vote.

The Taxation Committee re-appointment of Patti Penney is tabled until next meeting.

-Appointment Vacancies – Mr. Lapp said the Charter Review Committee has several openings, where there is a lot of work to be done. He also stated there are vacancies on the Rent Control Board, Plymouth County Advisory Board, and the Sewer Commissioner. He encourages residents to volunteer and participate in their community Boards and Committees.

-CDBG Subordination Request -passed over by request of the consultant.

-Luke's Liquor – 167 Market Street – Request approval of a "Change of Manager".

MOTION to approve Luke's Liquor Change of Manager Request by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Penney, Roll Call Vote.

-Rockland Golf Course – 276 Plain Street – One Day Early Opening - 7:30am Saturday June 26, 2021

MOTION to approve Rockland Golf Course – One Day Early Opening at 7:30am on Saturday June 26, 2021 by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Ms. Needham, Roll Call Vote.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –
Abington/Rockland Joint Water Superintendent Joe LaPointe gave a brief update regarding Rockland’s water supply/capacity and water levels. He said there is currently a “Supply and Demand Study” in progress, a water ban is in effect and encourages residents to continue to conserve water. He also stresses that people should not listen to “social media” and to call the Water Department with any questions. The Board thanked Mr. LaPointe for the information.

5. Old Business-

- Senior Affordable Housing Project – Massachusetts Local Initiative Program (LIP), a.k.a. “Friendly 40B” – 403 Union Street/6 DelPrete Ave. (Holy Family Church site) –Request of Letter of Intent – Mr. Lapp reminded the Board of the developer’s, Connolly and Partners, LLC, previous presentation and that he and Ms. Constable believe this is a wonderful project for the Town. Ms. Jennifer Connolly provided the status of the project and informed the Board that the recent Community sessions went well while working closely with the Rockland Housing Authority. The Board and Ms. Constable asked a few questions for clarification. Mr. O’Loughlin said he is reluctant to sign a letter of intent without a full Board and tabled the decision until a future meeting. Ms. Connelly thanked the Board and looks forward to returning.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

-Working with DOR and the Finance Team to finalize Rockland’s “Comprehensive Financial Policies” Thank you to Town Accountant Zaleski.
-COVID Vaccine Clinic with the BOH – May 20 at Town Hall
-Met with Senator Keenan’s Chief of Staff – earmarked \$50,000 in the State Budget to go towards manholes/catch basins
-Rockland Fire Department received a “National Grid Pipe Training Award” – all members of the Department completed the training.

8. SELECTMAN’S COMMENTS

Ms. Needham- none

Mr. Penney- none


Mr. O’Loughlin– Hopes to start meeting with residents soon.

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session for:

Purpose No.3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position
-AFSCME Clerical Unit

Review and Approval of Executive Session Minutes-April 20, 2021 & May 4, 2021

by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Ms. Needham, 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 6/1/21