



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of
June 15, 2021

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

In attendance: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Members Larry Ryan, Rich Penney, Tiffanie Needham, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Assistant Town Administrator Jen Constable, Highway Superintendent Dave Taylor, Sewer Superintendent Keith Nastasia and Town Counsel John Clifford.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements

-Farmers Market at Hartsuf Park – Recreation Director Jeanne Blaney and Children's Gardening Program Leader Allison Lee announced the Farmer's Market will run for eight Saturdays, 10am–2pm, July thru October. Any vendors and sponsors interested should contact the Recreation Department.

3. Minutes-Open Session Minutes of June 1, 2021

MOTION to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2021, by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Ms. Nyman.
Unanimous approval

4. New Business –

-Common Victualler License -Anita Marie's Breakfast & Lunch -Jessica Duran -349 Union Street

MOTION to approve the Common Victualler License for Anita Marie's Breakfast & Lunch, by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Unanimous approval

-CDBG Project Cap Waiver for Case #18-295

MOTION to approve the CDBG Project Cap Waiver for Case #18-295, by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Unanimous approval

-Annual Appointments, continued – Mr. O'Loughlin read the list of Appointments for approval.

MOTION to approve the Appointments by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval.

-Annual Rockland Races- Bicentennial Park – July 12 thru August 23 – 6:00pm –7:30pm

MOTION to approve the Annual Rockland Races at Bicentennial Park by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval.

-Billboard Proposals per Zoning Bylaw §415-21.3, Route 3 Corridor Sign Overlay District – Mr. Lapp reminded the Board according to Town Bylaw “415-21.3 Route 3 Corridor Sign Overlay District” the Town is allowed one double-sided billboard. The BOS approves the Host Agreement, and the winning proposal is required to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals. The criteria had been previously set by the Board and two billboard vendor proposals were received.

Each vendor provided PowerPoint presentation:

- WN Realty, Inc. – Owner Richard Walker accompanied by representative Guard Law LLC Mr. Steve Guard – billboard location 61 Accord Park Drive
- OUTFRONT Media - Representative Angela – they will be leasing a portion of Mass DOT property

The Board asked both candidates several questions. After the Board had an open discussion, a decision was made for the acceptance of the Billboard proposal.

MOTION to accept the Billboard proposal from WN Realty, Inc., contingent on the Town bylaws and State guidelines, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Mr. Penney. Unanimous approval.

-Comprehensive Wastewater Treatment Plant Assessment and Evaluation- Wright-Pierce Engineering Project Manager Kevin Olsen and Lead Project Engineer Doug Hankins provided a Power Point presentation of the “Comprehensive Wastewater Treatment Plant Assessment and Evaluation”. Included: Current/Future Wastewater Flows/Loads; Evaluation of Existing Equipment/Unit Processes; Identification/Screening of Potential Treatment Alternatives; and Recommended Plan/Project Costs. Mr. Olsen said they can assist the Town in obtaining funding opportunities. The Board discussed and asked questions throughout the presentation with comments from Mr. Taylor and Mr. Nastasia. The Board thanked Mr. Olsen and Mr. Hankins for their time.

Mr. O’Loughlin asked Sewer Commissioner Chuck Heshion if he had anything to address with the Board or Mr. Lapp. Mr. Heshion stated “I owe Doug and the Board of Selectmen an apology. I shared an email I should not have, and I was definitely in the wrong and to you people I apologize. I fell into traffic trying to please everyone. No excuse for it and to you guys, I apologize for it.”

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –none

5. Old Business-

-Marijuana Host Agreement (Canna Vana)- Recommended use of Donation Funds for Education and Prevention Program – Ms. Constable requested approval from the Board for the \$25,000 funds received be allocated to: High Point Treatment Center - \$10,000 and Rockland CARES - \$15,000.

MOTION to approve the allocation of funds as: High Point Treatment Center \$10,000 and Rockland CARES \$15,000 by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval.

- Senior Affordable Housing Project – Massachusetts Local Initiative Program (LIP), a.k.a. “Friendly 40B” – 403 Union Street/6 DelPrete Ave. (Holy Family Church site) – Ms. Constable recommended the item be held off until the July 13th BOS meeting.

-Summer 2021 Special Town Meeting – no updates

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- Going before the Finance Committee on Wednesday - Seeking reserve fund transfer of \$30,000 – the library requires some extensive repairs.

-Highlighting, again, what was shared with the Chamber of Commerce on Economic Recovery. He and Ms. Constable appreciate the great relationship with the South Shore Chamber and Rockland Chamber.

-Under Ms. Constable’s leadership, meetings have started on Infrastructure with the Superintendents of Highway, Sewer and Water.

-- Good Energy Community Electrical Aggregation Program has been renewed with a fixed rate for three years - the program has been a success.

-New holiday - Juneteenth, June 19th - has been signed by the Governor- Town Hall, Senior Center and Library will observe the holiday on Friday, June 18th.

7. SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Ms. Needham-Congratulations to her daughter and classmates graduating from Rockland Pre-K – Thank you to all the teachers.

Mr. Penney-With all the Town projects going on, the resident's "loss of trust" in Town Boards is not justified. The BOS Chairman is one of the most caring and ethical people and what is going on is not fair. Members of some Boards and some residents are wrong to think the BOS are not working in the best interest of the Town. Further from the truth, is the BOS is "on the take". Boards in Town are elected to do what is best for the Town – let us do our job.

Mr. Ryan-Great time at the Annual Fishing Derby on Reeds Pond last Saturday

-We must ignore the negative people and move on and continue to make the right decisions for the Town.

Ms. Nyman-We have a great Town leadership team in place, especially the leadership of Chairman O'Loughlin.

Mr. O'Loughlin-no comments

8. MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session for:

Purpose No.3-Litigation Strategy -Craig Erikson vs. Rockland Fire Department

Purpose No. 3- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, Police Superiors Union, New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 175 & Rockland Clerical Union, AFSCME Council 93.

not to reconvene, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Penney, Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

9. Adjournment



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 7/13/21