



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of
July 13, 2021

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

In attendance: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Member Larry Ryan, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Assistant Town Administrator Jennifer Constable, Recreation Director Jeanne Blaney, and Zoning Board Chairman Rob Rosa. Not in attendance: Members Rich Penney and Tiffanie Needham

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements

-Rockland Day – John Lucas provided an update about the Rockland Day concerts that will go on throughout the summer and the fireworks scheduled for August 6th. He thanked all the sponsors, especially AW Perry and Canna Vana, for their generous donations.

MOTION to approve all Rockland Day events, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

3. Minutes-Open Session Minutes of June 15, 2021

MOTION to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2021, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

4. New Business –

-Board Reorganization – postponed until a future meeting

-Local Rapid Recovery Plan Presentation & Adoption – postponed until a future meeting

-Community Preservation Act Application – NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, owners of Copley Garden-105 Market Street - Ms. Constable reminded the Board of the CPA funds previously approved to go towards affordable housing that were not used and recommends these funds be redirected. NeighborWorks Housing Solutions Associate Noelle Humphries provided a presentation on their project application requesting CPA funds to assist in the redevelopment of Copley Gardens. The Board asked a couple of questions and thanked Ms. Humphries.

MOTION to support the NeighborWorks Housing Solutions application, as presented, to be forwarded to the Community Preservation Committee, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Unanimous approval.

-One Day Liquor Licenses:

-Barrel House Z – Request Rockland Farmers Market dates: 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 8/28, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9. Ms. Blaney and Farmers Market Coordinator Allison Lee explained the set up in place for serving

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alcohol along with police detail.

MOTION to approve Barrel House Z dates, as requested, for Rockland's Farmers Market, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval.

Ms. Blaney and Ms. Lee thanked the public for making the opening day at the Farmers Market a huge success and they provided the Board the plans in place regarding some parking issues. The Board thanked Ms. Blaney and Ms. Lee for their tremendous effort.

-Forage Forward, Inc. / Rockland Golf Course 276 Plain Street - Seltzer Tasting Event - Saturday July 24

MOTION to approve Forage Forward One Day Liquor License, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

-Addition to Existing Entertainment License Request –Lucca South Shore, 933 Hingham Street- Owner Sean Williams requested permission to have live soft music a couple nights a week.

MOTION to approve a revised Entertainment License for Lucca South Shore, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Unanimous approval

-Change of Manager Request – 99 Restaurant, 29 Accord Park Drive – Michael Risotti

MOTION to approve change of the 99 Restaurant manager to Michael Risotti, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

-Charter Maintenance Committee Appointment – 7-year term - Judith Hartigan

MOTION to appoint Ms. Hartigan to the Charter Maintenance Committee, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – 5-year term - Alternate Bob Baker to Member- Mr. Baker provided the Board his background/experience on various Town boards and his work in the Highway Department. Mr. Rosa highly recommends Mr. Baker for the permanent ZBA position.

MOTION to appoint Mr. Baker as a Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

5. Old Business-

-Special Town Meeting – Adopt Emergency Resolution; Set Town Meeting Date as 9/13/21; Open Warrant – Mr. Lapp spoke with Moderator Kevin Henderson and recommends the Board adopt an emergency resolution and set a STM date of 9/13/21. There are several Articles that need to be addressed now and cannot wait until the Annual May 2022 Town Meeting such as: Flood Plain Bylaws and an opportunity for the Town to acquire open space land.

MOTION to adopt Emergency Resolution and set STM date of 9/13/21, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

Mr. Lapp provided and reviewed a “draft” list of Articles and said, after discussing with the Moderator, the quorum will revert back to 150. He then made the recommendation to open the STM Warrant.

MOTION to adopt Emergency Resolution, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

MOTION to set the Special Town Meeting date of September 13, 2021, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Unanimous approval

MOTION to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Roll Call Vote.

-Vote to Refer Flood Plain Bylaw Zoning Amendment to Planning Board for Review and Public Hearing for Inclusion on 9/13/21 STM Warrant- Ms. Constable requested the Board refer the Flood Plain back to the Planning Board with a Planning Board Public Hearing scheduled for July 27th, 2021, at 7:00pm at the High School.

MOTION to refer Flood Plain Bylaw Zoning Amendment back to Planning Board for review, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

-Action Item-Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with Police Superiors Union, New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 175 and Rockland Clerical Union AFSCME Council 93- Mr. Lapp reminded the Board this is a public announcement only and is consistent with all other Union agreements.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. Town Administrator's Report & Correspondence

-LAND Grant of \$400,000 will be submitted electronically tonight. Special thanks to Ms. Constable and the Open Space Committee: Don Cann, Mike Bromberg, Pam Titus and Lorriane Pratt.

-Request to Senator Keenan's office for State fund of \$50,000 is through the final budget and is waiting for the Governor to sign.

-Town has been awarded a MA DOT Shared Street and Spaces Grant for \$184,000. Thank you to Ms. Constable and Highway Superintendent Dave Taylor.

-ARPA Funds will be received in two parts with the first received: School \$493,000, Town \$84,000, and General Fund \$364,000. 2nd part will be received later this summer.

-Thank you to COA Custodian Brian O'Neil for the excellent paint jobs throughout the Town Hall.

-In watching the horrible destruction of the condominiums in Miami recently, we should be reminded how Town Departments "condemn buildings/remove occupants" for the safety of all residents. Commends all those Departments.

7. Selectmen's Comments

Mr. Ryan-Enjoy the summer and looking forward to the fireworks.

Ms. Nyman- no comments

Mr. O'Loughlin-On June 23rd, met with the "Concerned Residents Group" and came away with a better understanding. Take away: transparency and more coordination between departments. Urged residents to join the Charter Review Committee.

8. MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session for:

Purpose No. 3- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, Rockland Firefighters IAFF Local 1602

by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Ms. Nyman, 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 8/10/21