



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of February 4, 2020

H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

Present: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Larry Ryan, Members Mike Mullen, Rich Penney, Kara Nyman, Town Administrator Douglas Lapp and Assistant TA Jennifer Constable.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Community Announcements – none
3. Minutes - Open Session Minutes of January 21, 2020

MOTION to approve Open Session Minutes of January 21, 2020, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Mr. Ryan Unanimous approval.

Taken Out of Order

5. New Business –
Alcohol License Change of Officer at Porter's Pub -363 Union Street

MOTION to approve Alcohol License Change of Officer at Porter's Pub -363 Union Street, by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Penney. Unanimous approval.

Class II License Approval - Hajj Auto Trade – 240 Centre Avenue

MOTION to approve Class II License for Hajj Auto Trade at 240 Centre Avenue, by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Penney Unanimous approval.

Department Head Updates –

Park Department Superintendent Peter Ewell briefly updated the Board and residents on the many functions of the Park Department. He has the best “top notch” crew working with him and a great working relationship with other Departments. The Board had a few questions and thanked Mr. Ewell, also known as “Peter Park”, and his staff for their hard work. The Park Department is always there for everyone.

Water Department Superintendent Joe LaPointe was promoted to Water/Joint Water Superintendent in July 2019 and gave the history of the Water Department with a description of the many functions. Mr. LaPointe updated the Board and residents on the numerous projects that are completed and ongoing. He thanked his colleagues, Mr. Lapp, Ms. Constable, and Ms. Zaleski for their support. The Board asked a few questions and thanked Mr. LaPointe for the departments tremendous work.

4. Old Business -FY21 Budget-

Mr. Lapp submitted a Power Point presentation of the “Town Administrator FY21 Budget Update”. Thanked all Departments for their cooperation and assistance working with himself and Ms. Zaleski.

- Updated the 12/17 initial budget submission
- Conservative revenue and expense assumptions
- Requested level service budgets from all departments – no increase in personal
- Added additional expenses to more prudently budget
- Calculated 70/30 split for School Department
- Governor’s budget came out January 22, 2020
- Revised revenue assumptions
- Updated 70/30 split calculation
- Preliminary Budget vs Latest Budget
- Change in net State aid – still over 1 million revenue
- Eliminating from Preliminary Budget – OPED contribution, new line item for contractual buyout, new line item for snow & ice, highway material & equipment
- Kept from Preliminary Budget – increase to snow & ice budget
- Included pie charts of sources of revenue and expense categories
- Use of Certified Free Cash breakdown – copy of the detailed budget included in package
- Personnel– no increase in Town personnel, Collective Bargaining agreement in effect for unions, Department Head contracts
- Included future Long-Term Staffing Goals (additions)
- Next steps -continue to refine budget numbers, continue to communicate with Schools, Finance Committee and Capital Planning, and to continue to update the BOS

Mr. Ryan stated this was one of the better presentations ever put before the Board; Mr. Mullen thanked Mr. Lapp and Ms. Zaleski for their hard work. The Board members made some brief comments.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - None

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- Met with Architect and OPM on the School Building Project regarding permitting/variances.
- Town Website new function - Board/Committee Database–thanks to Donna & Geno.
- Received a letter from Verizon regarding Cable TV Contract negotiations set to begin for 2022.
- Town Hall had security training today – thank you to the Police Department – very effective
- John Ellard & Jen Constable received \$9,000 from State revenue for “uncashed check funds”
- Attended the Veterans Breakfast today at the Senior Center
- Received \$1,500 Rockland Day donation from National Grid.
- Attended the Charter Review Committee meeting last night – interviewed two firms to help with the Town Charter - Community Paradigm Associates and UMass Collins Center – decision to go UMass Collins Center

7. SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Mullen – No comments

Ms. Nyman – Remember “Kindness Day” February 14th

Mr. Penney –no comment

Mr. Ryan –Get outside and enjoy the weather – be safe

Mr. O’Loughlin- Remember “Kindness Day” started by the Memorial Park School students

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Penney, Roll Call Vote



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 2/18/20