



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of
January 19, 2021

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday January 19, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements –

-Annual Town Warrant opens January 20, 2021

-Annual "Top Dog Contest" through the Town Clerk's office announced

-Rockland Healthcare Worker of the Week – Wisdarline Jean of Webster Park Rehabilitation

-New Town Website is live; Mr. Lapp provided a brief overview of the functions; thanked IT Director Gingras

-Annual Town Report Photo Contest announced; submission deadline February 19, 2021

3. Minutes – Open Session Minutes of January 5, 2021

MOTION to approve Open Session Minutes of January 5, 2021 by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

4. New Business

-CDBG Subordination Request -Case #18-220- to provide a former housing rehabilitation client a lower mortgage rate. CDBG Program Director Wayne Darraugh recommends the BOS approve the request and authorize the Chairman to execute a subordination agreement on behalf of the Town of Rockland.

MOTION to approve the request as stated and authorize the Chairman to execute a subordination agreement on behalf of the Town of Rockland by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Mullen. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

-MassDOT Rt..3 Billboard Invitation to Bid – Mr. Lapp first stated there is no action for the Board to take; this is informational only and no vote is needed. He shared the Mass Department of Transportation Invitation to Bid of the Route 3 billboard layout with a tentative schedule. Reminded the Board a Zoning By-law was adopted at a previous Town meeting and again noted this is informational only.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

5. Old Business-

-CARES Act Funding Update – Mr. Lapp reminded the Board the funds received is not "Free Cash". It is used for reimbursement of COVID related monies spent. He shared information on the Plymouth County CARES Act reimbursement request breakdown that Ms. Zaleski reviews before submitting. The Board

asked a few questions and Ms. Zaleski briefly explained the different phases of the CARES Act funding.

-Town Charter Amendments Update -Mr. Lapp reported to the Board and residents the first round of Charter amendments voted on at Town Meeting have been approved by the State and signed off by Governor Baker. He also said, due to the resignation of several members, the current Charter Maintenance Review Committee needs volunteers for a full Committee. Mr. Penney commented that due to COVID many residents are reluctant to join Boards/Committees but encourages all to volunteer.

-FY22 Budget Update – Mr. Lapp had no updated budget numbers at this time; the next update will be at the BOS meeting on February 2nd. He and Ms. Zaleski are continuing to explore the option to adopt an “Enterprise Fund Policy” for public utilities, health care, recreation and transportation at a future date.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- Annual Town Warrant opens January 21st and closes March 12th.
- Starting to schedule Union negotiations.
- Attending the MMA Conference via ZOOM Thursday 1/21 & Friday 1/22; participating in several workshops.
- Working with Treasurer Ellard and Town Counsel on hiring a professional auctioneer for the sale of Town properties such as 49 Custer Street and 1088 Union Street.
- Working with the Board of Health, looking at the possibility of holding a COVID testing site in Rockland.
- Holy Family School site in the process of a “friendly 40 B project” which works with Town support – 27 units for low income seniors – no Town funding.
- Working with Human Resources & Asst. TA Constable on the Department Head evaluations – very proud of the staff for the great customer service during these difficult times.

Mr. O’Loughlin asked the Board members to complete their Town Administrator reviews.

7. SELECTMAN’S COMMENTS

Mr. Mullen- No comments.

Mr. Penney –Reminded residents of the many positions open, both elected and non-elected.

Mr. Ryan- Thank you to all Town workers.

Ms. Nyman- Thank you to Jared Valanzola who has resigned from Town Committees.

Mr. O’Loughlin -Read a letter from Dr. John Rogers who has resigned from the Housing Authority Board. Thanked John for the tremendous work he has done over the years for the Town.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Penney, 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 2/2/21