



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Select Board
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Select Board Open Session Minutes of
January 21, 2025

Select Board Meeting
H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room
Town Hall, 242 Union Street, Rockland

In attendance: Chair Tiffanie Needham, Vice Chair Lori Childs, Members Donna Shortall, John Ellard, Assistant Town Administrator Courtney Bjorgaard, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp. Not in attendance: Member Michael O'Loughlin

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements

-South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School (SSRVTS) Building Project (\$276 million total)-
SSRVTS Regional Special Election Ballot Vote on 1/25/2025; Town of Rockland Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote on 1/25/2025 -
Variable Cost Over time; Approx. \$35 million to Start.
-Rockland Fire Station Building Project (\$26 million)-Annual Town Election Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote on 4/12/2025-Annual
Town Meeting Vote on 5/5/2025

3. Minutes-1/7/25

MOTION to approve the minutes of 1/7/25, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval

4. New Business

- Change of Manager Request – The 99 Restaurant, 29 Accord Park (Rt. 228)
99 Manager Lacey Jetter requested the Board's approval for request to be forwarded to the ABCC for review/approval.

MOTION to approve Change of Manager, 99 Restaurant request to be forwarded to the ABCC, by Ms. Childs,
2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval

-Town Planner Update: Accessory Dwelling Unit (Proposed Planning Board By-Law Amendment), Problem Properties,
Blight and Nuisance (Proposed Select Board General By-Law), Problem Properties Task Force (Proposed Select Board
General By-Law), Rental Registration Requirement (Proposed Select Board General By-Law), General update re:
various grant applications – Town Planner Allyson Quinn provided an update on the items listed; the Board commented
and thanked Ms. Quinn.

-Town Administrator Performance Review Process -Mr. Lapp said Town Counsel John Clifford has recommended the
Board vote to establish a TA performance review process which is critical in maintaining a productive & collaborative
relationship. General guidelines for the Board to follow were provided in the packet by Attorney Clifford.

MOTION to approve the TA Performance review process recommended by Town Council, by Ms. Childs, 2nd
by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval.

Ms. Needham recommends utilizing the date of February 14th for members to complete the Town Administrator Performance
Review/Professional Development Plan and return to Attorney John Clifford, who will compile the census which will be
shared at the March 4th SB meeting. The Board agreed with Ms. Needham's recommendation.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

5. Old Business –

- South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School (SSRVTS) Building Project - 1/25/2025 Special Election Ballot
Vote – Mr. Lapp provided an overview of the SSRVTS project/upcoming election along with the numerous public
informational outreaches the Town has offered. He also reviewed the financial impact the project would have on the
Town, stressing the voters have the final say. Ms. Needham reminded everyone Rockland is one of several communities

voting on the project with the majority presiding, which makes the Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote so important. SSRVT Rockland Rep Bob Mahoney and the Board commented.

-FY26 Budget-Mr. Lapp provided the current draft of the FY26 Budget and said he will continue to update the Board.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. Select Board Liaison Update(s)-

-Ms. Childs provided an update on the recent Board of Health meeting and urged residents to watch on WRPS.

-Mr. Ellard requested if the Select Board discuss another board, that board should be invited to be placed on the SB agenda

-Ms. Needham said the Select Board will continue to discuss

7. Town Administrators Report & Correspondence

-Per the Rockland Day Committee, Rockland Day has been set for Saturday June 14th

-Town Clerk Liza Landy reminded residents, when there are 2 open 3-year positions, there is one set of nomination papers for candidates and the top 2 vote getters win.

-Update on the Camp Alice Carlton; continuing to work with Whitman; pre-application has been submitted to the CPC

- Fire Department received a \$19,000 Safety Equipment Grant

-Planning on holding another surplus vehicle auction soon with Town vehicles past their usefulness

- Recent MBTA Supreme Court case does not affect Rockland- the Town is still in compliance

8. Select Board Comments

Mr. Ellard-Reminded everyone to get out and vote on Saturday – pro or con – very important

-Nomination papers are available-encourages residents to run for open positions-

Ms. Shortall-Asks residents to be informed and get out and vote; every vote counts

Ms. Childs-Everyone get out and vote

-Please be mindful of people crossing the streets especially at the flashing crosswalks

Ms. Needham-Please vote on Saturday 1/25

MOTION to adjourn, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval.



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 2/4/25