



## TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of  
February 1, 2022

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Remote Video Teleconference

In attendance: Chairman Mike O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman Members Larry Ryan, Rich Penney, Tiffanie Needham, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Assistant Town Administrator Jennifer Constable, Town Clerk Liza Landy, and Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski.

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements-Mr. Lapp thanked the Community for their cooperation during the storm over the weekend.

### 3. Minutes-Open Session Minutes of January 18, 2022

MOTION to approve the Minutes of January 18, 2022, by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote

### 4. New Business –

-Fire Station Building Committee Reappointments-Fire Chief Scott Duffey, Deputy Tom Heaney, Lt. Charlie Williams, Chris DeFilippo, Jeanne Blaney, Jim Killinger and Susan Egan-Tasker.

MOTION to approve the Fire Station Building Committee Reappointments as requested, by Mr. Penney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ryan. Roll Call Vote

-Vote to Accept New Voting Equipment per MGL c.54 s.34 -Ms. Landy requests a vote from the Board of Selectmen to use the new voting equipment, Dominion's ImageCast Precinct Tabulator.

MOTION to approve the Town Clerk's new voting equipment, by Mr. Penney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Nyman. Roll Call Vote

-New Multi-Family Zoning Requirements for MBTA Communities per MGL c.40A s.3A-Mr. Lapp provided a Power Point informational presentation on the MBTA State Zoning. The purpose is to encourage the 175 MBTA communities to adopting zoning districts where multi-family zoning is permitted and that meets other requirements set forth. MBTA communities that fail to create a zoning district that complies with Section 3A would be ineligible from some State funds. The Board briefly commented.

-Town Accountant Transition-Mr. Lapp announced Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski is resigning 2/11/22 and accepting a position in another town. He said we are lucky to have a strong Accounting staff: Sirena Amaral and Megan Fontaine are "top notch" and arrangements have been made to bring in a consultant to assist the office. Ms. Zaleski thanked her staff and is confident they will do well. The Board thanked Ms. Zaleski and wished her well. Mr. Lapp requested the Board delegate the first phase of the accountant hiring process to him. He will work with the Human Resource Director and Assistant Town Administrator to review resumes and recommend the final 2 – 3 applicants to the Board.

MOTION to designate Mr. Lapp to begin the first phase of the Town Accountant hiring process, by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Nyman. Roll Call Vote

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

5. Old Business-

-Sewer Department-Interim Superintendent Update & Commissioners Update -passed over

-American Rescue Plan (ARPA) – General Update/Designate New Plymouth County ARPA Authorized Submitter/Preparer-Mr. Lapp provided a Power Point presentation with an update on where the Town stands with ARPA. He included the Availability of Funds & Payments Schedule; Use of Rockland Funds (thus far); Items Under Consideration, including applications for Water-PFAS Remediation Design & Sewer-Emergency Digester Boiler Repair, and Future Funds for Consideration. The Board briefly commented.

MOTION to appoint Asst. Town Administrator Jen Constable as the ARPA Authorized Submitter/Preparer, by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote

Amended MOTION to remove Ms. Zaleski on 2/11/22 and appoint Asst. Town Administrator Jen Constable effective 2/14/22 as the ARPA Authorized Submitter/Preparer, by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote

Ms. Zaleski updated the Board on the CARES Act – last check should be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Lapp thanked Ms. Zaleski for her work.

-FY23 Budget-Mr. Lapp reported the “Certified Free Cash” came in at \$4,565,826 due to our control of spending which will be helpful at Town Meeting and said the Governor’s budget came out. He is still working on the budget and his goal is to have a final version to present at the next Board meeting. Ms. Zaleski provided detailed information on how this year’s “Free Cash” was achieved. The Board thanked Ms. Zaleski.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. Town Administrator’s Report & Correspondence

-Snow & Ice Budget in deficit.

-Highway & Park did an incredible job during the weekend storm.

-Thank you to Dave Taylor for his leadership and the staff & outside vendors for the great job done.

-A new Marijuana Dispensary has secured a lease at 1015 Hingham Street; on track for the next BOS meeting for a Host Agreement approval.

-Thanks to Plymouth County, 6,300 COVID tests will be provided for residents. Fire Chief Duffey and the CERT Team will announce a drive-thru pick up soon.

-Latest COVID Rockland numbers have decreased

7. Selectmen’s Comments

Mr. Penney- “Hats off” to Dave Taylor, Peter Ewell, Highway & Parks Departments

Ms. Needham- Impressive job this weekend – Thank you to Dave and his staff

Mr. Ryan- Thank you to Dave & his crew

-Former Selectwoman Pauline Pigeon passed away-Condolences to the family

-Joe Waisgerber passed away yesterday, good man & tremendous woodworker

-Request the Board make Friday 2/4/22 “Mary Ryan Day” – Mary is retiring after 27 years of service as the Executive Assistant at the Fire Department

Mr. O’Loughlin entertained a motion to symbolically make Friday 2/4/22 “Mary Ryan Day”

MOTION to approve, by Mr. Penney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Nyman. 4-1 (Ryan abstained)

Ms. Nyman-Thanked all involved with the snow removal  
-Congratulation to Mary Ryan

Mr. O'Loughlin-Reminded everyone we should never take Highway Department for granted. Great work.  
-Message to residents to reach out to us for any issues – 'always transparent'

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session for:

- Per MGL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) – Contract Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel, Police Chief
- Per MGL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(6) – To consider the purchase of real property, Assessor's Parcel 52-63-0
- Review and Approval of Executive Minutes:12/21/21,12/28/21,1/4/22,1/10/22,1/18/22

not to reconvene by Mr. Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2/16/22