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BOS Open Session Minutes of
February 2, 2021

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday February 2, 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, Assistant Town Administrator Jen Constable, Town Moderator Kevin Henderson, and Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski.

1.Pledge of Allegiance

2.Community Announcements –

-Rockland Healthcare Workers of the Week

-Rockland School Nurses: Bernadette Hannigan, Shani McGarry, Fleur Pang,
Kathi Ryan, and Julie Wilson

-Fire Chief Scott Duffey

-Firefighter Thomas Henderson

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

-Announced Charter Review Committee members needed

3.Minutes – Open Session Minutes of January 19, 2021

MOTION to approve Open Session Minutes of January 19, 2021 by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

4.New Business

-Finance Committee Vacancies- Mr. Henderson is looking to fill Finance Committee vacancies and asking for interested residents to apply. Mr. Penney reiterated the importance of the involvement of new members on all Town committees.

-Players Sports Bar & Grille – Owner Jacqui Berardi requested Board approval for early opening on Saturday February 13th and Sunday February 14th to serve brunch.

MOTION to approve Players request of early opening Saturday February 13th and Sunday February 14th by Mr. Penney, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

-County Update- Newly elected Plymouth County Commissioner Jared Valanzola gave a brief overview on the functions of the County Commissioner’s office. The Board thanked Mr. Valanzola.

-National Grid Easement Approval re: School Building Project – Mr. Lapp recommends approval of National Grid’s request.

MOTION to approve National Grid Easement re: School Building Project by Mr. Mullen, 2nd by Mr. Ryan. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

5. Old Business-

-Vote to Execute Deed for Sale of Assessor’s Parcel No. 3-1A at the Intersection of Abington & Weymouth Streets

MOTION to Execute Deed for Sale of Assessor’s Parcel No. 3-1A at the Intersection of Abington & Weymouth Streets by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Penney. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

COVID-19 Update- Mr. Lapp provided the COVID numbers in Town and stated the Health Agent working overtime to provide up-to date information. Town of Rockland will be holding drive thru COVID testing site this weekend at the Memorial Elementary School: vaccines have been ordered for the Town and State guidelines will be followed for distribution. Dedicated phone extension for COVID vaccine information 871-1874 ext. 8- reminded the public best way to stay update is to sign up for the BOH.

-FY22 Budget Update –Mr. Lapp updated the Board with a PowerPoint presentation of the most recent FY22 budget. He and Ms. Zaleski meet with Finance Committee weekly and will update the Board with the continuously changing numbers. The Board thanked Mr. Lapp and the Finance Team for their hard work.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- Busy week with department meetings leading up to Annual Town Meeting.
- Making progress with AW Perry zoning on the overlay district – thank you to Ms. Constable.
- Health Circle - 21 Commerce Road, the Town’s 2nd Marijuana Facility, opening soon.
- Thank you to HR Director Stacy Callahan on assisting the Sewer Commissioners with the hiring process of the new Sewer Superintendent - 1st round of interviews with 4 candidates has been completed.
- Zoning Board of Appeals hearing a case on a “Use variance” for 511 Union Street – once approved, Kevin McGee will request a Class II License before the Board.
- Treasurer John Ellard reported:
 - Tax Title option for 320 concord Street has closed.
 - W2s and 1099s have been sent out; notify Treasurer’s office if not received.
 - Stale check list has been published on website
- New Town Website up and running

Ms. Constable - Town has received a “Local Rapid Recover Grant” which pairs the Town with a consultant to develop baseline data how the Town is impacted by COVID. It will start by focusing on Union Street and along with the “Signage and Wayfinding” Program, funding sources will be available to help the community.

7. SELECTMAN’S COMMENTS

Mr. Penney –no comments


Mr. Mullen- no comments

Mr. Ryan- bumped into old Town friend in Vermont – “small world”

Ms. Nyman- no comments

Mr. O'Loughlin – no comments

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Mullen, 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 2/16/21