



# TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
242 Union Street  
Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

*Chairman:*  
Michael P. O'Loughlin  
*Vice Chairman:*  
Kara L. Nyman

*Selectmen:*  
Tiffanie Needham  
Donna Shortall  
Lori Childs

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BOS Open Session Minutes of  
February 21, 2023

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room  
Town Hall, 242 Union Street, Rockland

In attendance: Chairman Michael O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Member Lori Childs, Fire Chief Scott Duffey, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, and Asst. Town Administrator Jennifer Constable.  
Not in attendance: Members Tiffanie Needham and Donna Shortall

## 1. Pledge of Allegiance

## 2. Community Announcements

- "Rockland's Best" Announcement- "Rockland MaD Dancers" founders Marie Austin and Dianne Banks
- Town Cleanup Day – 4/15/23- Open Space Members Don Cann and Kathy Kirby

MOTION to approve Town Cleanup Day - 4/15/23, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval

-“Art UnBoxed” Initiative Accepting Applications-Ms. Constable announced applications are being accepted

## 3. Minutes of 2/7/23

MOTION to approve Minutes of 2/7/23, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval

## 4. New Business

-Proposed 5K Road Race Fundraiser for Rockland Veterans April 15, 2023-Article Fifteen Brewing Co.-406 VFW Drive  
Owner Laramie Struble said they have spoken to and received approval from Fire, Police and Highway Departments.

MOTION to approve 5K Road Race Fundraiser for Rockland Veterans on April 15, 2023, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval

Taken out of order-

-Billboard Host Community Agreement Extension-W.N. Realty LLC-Applicant Representative Steve Guard requested an extension, as permitted, to the Host Community Agreement; the MassDOT decision is still pending.

MOTION to approve an extension as requested to the Billboard Host Community Agreement, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval

-Proposed New Fire Station Building Project/Vote to Place on Ballot & Town Meeting Warrant- Presentation from Chief Duffey, Architect and Mr. Lapp provided the final presentation of the Proposed New Fire Station Building Project.

MOTION to place new Fire Station Building Project on Ballot & Warrant, read into record as “Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to construct, equip, and furnish a new Rockland Fire Station located at 99 Church Street, which will include the demolition of the Lincoln School and all associated site work and infrastructure?”, by Ms. Childs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval

Mr. Lapp said they will continue to have Public Outreach programs for residents.

-Announcement of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement – Police Patrol Union, NE Police Benevolent Assoc. Inc, Local 65- Mr. Lapp said the Police Patrol Union has been completed.

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-“Boards, Committees and Commissions Handbook -January 2017” Discussion- Mr. O’Loughlin is asking BOS Members to review the current handbook material included in their packet and submit suggestions/changes to Mr. Lapp which will be discussed at a future meeting.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

#### 5. Old Business

- FY24 Budget-Mr. Lapp said he has no new updates on the FY24 budget; working closely with Town Accountant.

-May 1, 2023 Town Meeting Warrant – Warrant closes March 10, 2023- Mr. Lapp provided the latest draft of Warrant Articles, which is continuously changing. He highlighted the “Bylaw Cap on Number of Marijuana Dispensaries” recommending the Board discuss the direction they want to go.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

#### 6. Town Administrator’s Report & Correspondence

-Working collaboratively with the Sewer Commissioners re: Sewer FY24 Budget, Warrant Articles, and Procurements; Commissioner Heshion will be at next BOS meeting to request funding

-Next TA Q&A video interview will be with Water Department first week in March

-Signed on with additional Opioid settlements

-Selectman Needham, Highway Superintendent Taylor & I met with resident George Grass re: Dyer Street housing development- went well with all parties

-Mt. Pleasant Cemetery update: continuing the transition of the administrative work to Hanover DPW; big thank you to Historical Commission Member Pamela Ryan who has volunteered to digitize all paper index cards

-Reached a tentative agreement with the Police Superiors Union

-Participated in a Zoom meeting with SS Vo-Tech Superintendent Tom Hickey & other Town Managers/Administrators re: possible agreement with Marshfield – update to be discussed at next BOS meeting

#### 7. Selectmen’s Comments

Ms. Childs- Would like change “Selectmen” to “Select Board” sooner than later – Mr. Lapp said a process must be followed

Ms. Nyman- Announced she will not be seeking re-election this April

-Thank you to all the residents- it has been a great honor to serve

Mr. O’Loughlin- no comments

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. 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 3/7/23.