



## TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
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Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

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BOS Open Session Minutes of  
March 7, 2023

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

TOWN CLERK, ROCKLAND  
MAR 27 '23 PM 3:49

In attendance: Chairman Michael O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Members Lori Childs, Tiffanie Needham, Donna Shortall, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Asst. Town Administrator Jennifer Constable, and Town Accountant Scott Curtis.

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. Community Announcements- New Fire Station Project Presentation @ Senior Center- Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30am

### 3. Minutes of 2/21/23

MOTION to approve Minutes of 2/21/23, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval

### 4. New Business

-Entertainment License Request-Top Shelf Bistro, 120 Bill Delahunt Parkway- Rep. Paul Turano – indoor only

MOTION to approve Top Shelf Bistro Entertainment License, by Ms. Nyman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval

-School Committee Vacancy-Joint Appointment w/School Committee per M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 11 – Dr. Julie Minahan & Mrs. Belinda Ranstrom

MOTION to open the School Committee meeting. Unanimous approval

Applicants Ms. Ranstrom and Ms. Minahan were asked to provide a brief bio and why they are interested in the position. The Board asked a few questions to each candidate. Ms. Maroney and School Committee recommends Ms. Ranstrom to fill the one year term position.

MOTION to appoint Belinda Ranstrom to fill the School Committee vacancy, by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Roll Call Vote.

MOTION to close the School Committee meeting. Unanimous approval

-South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School Update -Rockland Rep Bob Mahoney – Superintendent Tom Hickey provided an update on the SSVT and gave an overview of the Town Meeting Warrant Article to revise the current agreement to accept the Town of Marshfield into the District. The Board thanked Mr. Hickey for his presentation.

-Announcement of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement – Mr. Lapp formally announced the Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for Police Superiors Union, New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Local 175.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

### 5. Old Business

- FY24 Budget-Mr. Lapp gave a Power Point presentation of the FY24 Budget including General Budget Highlights, Increases to Reserve from Operating Budget, FY24 Capital Articles Requests, and the next steps in the process. Mr. Lapp thanked Mr. Curtis for his continued hard work.

-May 1, 2023 Town Meeting Warrant – Warrant closes March 10, 2023 – Mr. Lapp provided the most recent Town Meeting Articles, reminding the Board the Warrant closes on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board can vote to re-open the Warrant if necessary.

-“Boards, Committees and Commissions Handbook -January 2017” Discussion-Mr. O’Loughlin would like to update the current handbook and is requesting the Board members review the handbook and send their comments/suggestions to Mr. Lapp. The revisions will be discussed at a future meeting.

--Billboard Host Community Update – Mr. Lapp announced the State denied the WN Realty Billboard application. The applicant will appeal the State’s decision.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

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

-Attended the soft opening of the new marijuana facility -GreenRock Cannabis, 1015 Hingham Street

-Fire Station Project Presentation at the Senior Center - Wednesday 3/8

-Fire Station Project Presentation at Leisurewoods - Friday 3/10

-Fire Station Project Public Outreach with the Architects at the High School Auditorium- Wednesday 3/22

-2024 will be Rockland’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday

-Thank you to John Lucas with 11 plus years on the Building Department- “true gentleman”, wishing John well in retirement

-The Senate released FY23 Proposal to continue with remote meetings until 2025

#### 7. Selectmen’s Comments

Ms. Childs-Attended the Charter Review Committee meeting; happy with their decision to add an Article for “Gender Neutral Boards”

-Congratulations to John Lucas

-Reminded residents to volunteer for Boards & Committees

Ms. Shortall-Congratulations to John Lucas; great guy

-Condolences to the family of Ruth Kelly; wonderful woman

Ms. Needham-Congratulations and thank you to John Lucas

-Thank you to Lori for working towards changes of Board member titles

Ms. Nyman-Wishes John Lucas a long & happy retirement

Mr. O’Loughlin-Congratulations to John Lucas; great gentleman

-Met with the residents of Leisurewoods last week to address questions & concerns; great meeting

-Attended the Open Space meeting Monday; very hardworking Board; Thank you

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session with the Board of Health: per M.G.L. c. 30A §21 (a)(3) – to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, Tom Ruble v. Christopher Falco, et al, not to reconvene 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 3/21/23.