



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen
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BOS Open Session Minutes of
May 4, 2022

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

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements

-National Grid Donation -\$2,500 for the Rockland Teen Adventure Program – Recreation Director Jeanne Blaney also thanked Adele Leonard for her assistance with receiving a \$1,200 grant for the Garden Club.

3. Minutes-Open Session Minutes of April 19, 2022

MOTION to approve the Minutes of April 19, 2022, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Needham. 4-0
Abstained: Ms. Childs

4. New Business –

-Town Accountant Interviews- Mr. Andrew Vanni and Mr. Scott Curtis

Mr. Lapp briefly recapped the previously approved Town Accountant screening process, with the top two applicants present for the Board to interview. The first candidate, Mr. Vanni, was asked to provide a description of his background & work experience and the Board followed with a series of questions. They thanked Mr. Vanni for his time, and he left the room. The second candidate Mr. Curtis was also asked to provide a description of his background & work experience and the Board followed with a series of questions. They thanked Mr. Curtis who then left the room. The Board held an open discussion considering both candidates. Mr. Lapp stated in the first round of the screening process, the Consultant Accountant provided several technical questions which assisted in the screening. Mr. Lapp also offered feedback from himself, Ms. Constable, and HR Director Stacy Callahan. The Board unanimously agreed to offer Mr. Curtis the Town Accountant position.

MOTION to offer the Town Accountant position to Scott Curtis, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Roll Call Vote

Mr. Lapp recommended the Board delegate the authority to him to finalize the terms of employment with Mr. Curtis. The Board agreed, no vote necessary.

-Fire Station Building Project-Chief Duffey reviewed the Fire Station Building Project for the new Board members, including the 10/19/21 "Fire Response Time Study". He briefly provided an update of the Fire Station Building Committee's progress and said a vote was taken at their last meeting to go with the recommendation of a single fire station building, with the Lincoln School as the primary site. Chief Duffey also spoke of the safety concerns for firefighters with the conditions of the current Fire Station

and the room a new modern station would provide for “customized” fire vehicles. The Chief is requesting the Board’s approval to continue to move forward with the project.

MOTION to approve the continuation of the Fire Station Building Project, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – Mr. Lapp reminded the Board the Town will be seeking a new Council of Aging Director. He suggested the Board delegate authority to him to follow the same hiring procedures as the Town Accountant process. The Board agrees to allow Mr. Lapp to conduct the same hiring procedure for the Council of Aging Director, no vote necessary.

Mr. O’Loughlin assured the public the Town Accountant applicants were screened for qualifications before the initial interviews were conducted.

5. Old Business-

-May 2, 2022, Town Meeting Recap – Mr. Lapp was pleased with the Town Meeting turnout and the support of the Town budget. A total of 266 residents were in attendance with great questions and the Town providing the necessary answers; the tone was very “respectful”. Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Town Administrator at any time with questions and concerns.

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. Town Administrator’s Report & Correspondence

-Letter received from the Secretary of Allied Veterans Council inviting the Board to attend the Memorial Day ceremonies on May 30th

-Union Negotiations are in process

-Police Station Roof Project complete

-Working with Ms. Constable and Highway Superintendent Taylor on potential infrastructure grants

-McCarthy Farm Grant moving forward and following State compliance; due before June 1st

7. Selectmen’s Comments

Ms. Childs-Glad the Town Meeting went well

-Would like to change “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board” – must follow procedures

Ms. Shortall-Thank you to all the residents who came out to Town Meeting

-Hope this is a sign more people will get involved

Ms. Needham-Tonight reenforced the word teamwork; happy we are all here together as a Board

-“May the 4th be with us”

Ms. Nyman-no comment

Mr. O’Loughlin-Impressed with the Town Meeting attendance; pleased with the results.

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Nyman, 2nd 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 5/17/22