



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Select Board
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Select Board Open Session Minutes of
May 6, 2025

Select Board Meeting
H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room
Town Hall, 242 Union Street, Rockland

In attendance: Vice Chair Lori Childs, Members Michael O'Loughlin, John Ellard, Steven O'Donnell, and Assistant Town Administrator Courtney Bjorgaard. Not in attendance: Chair Tiffanie Needham

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements-

May is Mental Health Awareness Month; Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale on May 10th; Kiwanis Fishing Derby at Reeds Pond on June 7th

3. Minutes-4/15/25

MOTION to approve the minutes of 4/15/25, by Mr. O'Donnell, 2nd by Mr. O'Loughlin. Unanimous approval.

4. New Business

-One Day Liquor License – Players Sports Bar & Grille, Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5/10/2025 (rain date 5/11/25)
6:30pm – 9:30pm, Recreation Department Program Adult Easter Egg Hunt

MOTION to approve One Day Liquor License – Players Sports Bar & Grille, Adult Easter Egg Hunt, 5/10/2025 (rain date 5/11/25) 6:30pm – 9:30pm by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

-Town Meeting Follow-Up- Ms. Bjorgaard said the Town meeting was well attended, and she appreciates the residents engaging and participating. All the STM/ATM Warrant articles were approved and Ms. Bjorgaard thanked everyone for supporting the Town's operating budget and the Charter changes to continue to move the town forward. With the passing of the Fire Station Building Project and the Fire Ladder truck articles, the Select Board now have the ability to consider a special election which, per MGL, must be held prior to November 15th, 2025. Ms. Bjorgaard said the Town Clerk requires all ballot question wording be submitted 35 days before an election date and recommends the Board add this item to a future agenda for discussion. The Board commented and thanked the residents for attending Town meeting.

Taken out of order – Recreation Department Olivia McCormack requests a revised rain date of 5/16/25 for the previously approved One Day Liquor License for Players Sports Bar & Grille, Adult Easter Egg Hunt.

MOTION to reconsider One Day Liquor License, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

MOTION to approve One Day Liquor License – Players Sports Bar & Grille, Adult Easter Egg Hunt 5/10/2025, with rain date of 5/16/25, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –none

5. Old Business –

-Update on Required Improvements to 167 Union Street, LLC d/b/a The Banner-As previously requested by the Board, Ms. Bjorgaard spoke to various department heads/officials and provided an update on the status of the improvements required from the Banner. Banner owner Bill Barry gave a brief summary of his plans and hopes to continue to move forward.

-Appointments to the Open Space & Recreation Plan Update Committee: Americans with Disabilities Act Commission- John Melvin, Select Board- Steve O'Donnell, Conservation Commission- Lorraine Pratt, Council on Aging- Gary Shwartz, Open Space Committee- Donald Cann, Recreation- Jeanne Blaney, School Committee- Michele Bissonnette,

Youth Commission- Jeanne Blaney, Parks Commission- Joe Reis, Resident – George Anderson- Ms. Bjorgaard said as presented at a previous SB meeting and voted on at Town meeting, the Open Space & Recreation Plan is expiring and needs to be updated. Town Planner Allyson Quinn is requesting the Board appoint members to the OSRP Committee.

MOTION to appoint John Melvin, Steve O'Donnell, Lorraine Pratt, Gary Shwartz, Donald Cann, Jeanne Blaney, Michele Bissonnette, Joe Reis, George Anderson, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –none

6. Select Board Liaison Update(s)-none

7. Assistant Town Administrators Report & Correspondence

-While the TA is out, please reach out to her directly with any questions/issues

8. Select Board Comments

Mr. O'Donnell-Thank you to everyone who attended Town meeting

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month; several Town buildings are hosting public events

- Community Preservation Committee has one Select Board opening with another coming in June; applications are on the website or at the Town Hall Select Board office

- There are also a number of Board & Committees openings looking for volunteers

Mr. O'Loughlin-Great turnout at Town Meeting; Town works best when residents are participating and getting the work done

Mr. Ellard-Thank you to everyone that attended Town Meeting; nice to see the auditorium packed

- Library Book & Bake Sale on Saturday 5/10

Ms. Childs-Great to see such diversity at Town Meeting; thank you to everyone; it was a true essence of democracy

MOTION to adjourn, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 5/20/25