



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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Select Board Open Session Minutes of
May 20, 2025

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

Chair:
Tiffany Needham
Vice Chair:
Lori Childs

Members:
Michael P. O'Loughlin
John J. Ellard, Jr.
Steven G. O'Donnell, Jr.

TOWN CLERK: ROCKLAND
JUN 5 25 AM 9:19

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 Tiffany Needham

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements- Veterans Agent Tim White announced the Rockland's Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, 5/26/25 at the Veterans Stadium. Mr. White provided a brief update on the Veterans Department.
-Town offices closed Memorial Day, Monday May 26th.

3. Minutes-5/6/25

MOTION to approve the minutes of 5/6/25, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

4. New Business

-Annual Reappointments:-Americans with Disabilities Act Committee-Anton Materna, Richard Laurie; Capital Planning Committee-Richard Harris; Conservation Commission-Lorraine Pratt; Council on Aging -Cynda Childs, Andrew McCarthy, William Sutherland; Cultural Council -Amy Lynch; Director of Emergency Management - Scott Duffey; Fence Viewer - Thomas Ruble; Forest Fire Warden - Scott Duffey; Historical Commission- Tom Reagan; Inspector of Animals - Ian Davidson; Memorial Committee -Jeffrey Najarian, Tony Materna, John Melvin, Richard Lauria, Sr.; Southfield Redevelopment Board - Tom Henderson; Sealer Weights & Measures Inspector - Thomas Ruble; Tree Warden - Dave Taylor; Zoning Board of Appeals- Robert Baker, Jr.

MOTION to approve reappointments as read by Mr. O'Donnell, 2nd by Mr. O'Loughlin. Unanimous approval. Ms. Childs abstained from: Council on Aging -Cynda Childs appointment.

-Appointments: South Shore Recycling Cooperative – one open position, Incumbent Delshaune Flipp and new applicant Robert Stevens, Council on Aging -Sandra Collins, Cultural Council - Lilliana DeCarvallo.

There is one opening for Rockland on the SSRC with two applicants, Incumbent Delshaune Flipp and new applicant Robert Stevens. Ms. Bjorgaard said Ms. Flipp has been on the SSRC Board for nine years and is currently the Chair. Mr. Stevens introduced himself and provided his background and interest in applying for the SSRC Board. The Select Board members asked questions and commented.

MOTION to appoint Delshaune Flipp to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

Sandra Collins introduced herself and the Board thanked her for volunteering.

MOTION to appoint Sandra Collins to the Council on Aging Board by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

Ms. Bjorgaard said the application for the Cultural Council has been withdrawn.

-Rogers Middle School Civics Project Presentation –Students Alice De Oliveira and Kareen Fernandes presented their 8th grade civics project titled "Inclusivity & Involvement of Immigrants in the Community" which included: an introduction bio of both students, steps taken for the project, data from the survey, and purpose & solutions. The Board thanked Ms. De Oliveira and Ms. Fernandes for the informative presentation. They encouraged both students to continue with the work and to reach out to

the Board at any time. Alice's father, Mr. De Oliveira, told the Board he is very proud of his daughter and his family loves living in Rockland.

-CDBG Project Cap Waiver Requests– Case #22/23-320; Case #22/23-319

MOTION to approve CDBG Project Cap Waiver Requests– Case #22/23-320; Case #22/23-319 by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated- Ms. Bjorgaard addressed the Rockland/Abington Water Department boil water order issued on Friday May 16th. She encouraged residents to sign up for the Smart911 alert system which can be accessed through the Town website. The Water Superintendent and Water Commissioners were invited to come to tonight's meeting and, while they were unable to attend, they anticipate attending a meeting on a future date. Ms. Bjorgaard said the Town forwarded legitimate questions from residents to the Water Department and she is hopeful they will address them. Ms. Bjorgaard also said there is a misconception that the Town & Select Board has control over water situations and stressed the Rockland/Abington Water Department is a separate agency operating independently. The Board commented and looked forward to seeing the Water Superintendent and Water Commissioners soon.

5. Old Business –none

6. Select Board Liaison Update(s)-none

7. Assistant Town Administrators Report & Correspondence

-TA Lapp will be back in the office on May 27 and we look forward to his return

8. Select Board Comments

Mr. O'Donnell-Looking forward to the Veterans Memorial Day Service on Monday 5/26

- Rockland Recreation has many Spring/Summer programs scheduled – check out their website

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month

- Invited to throw out the first pitch at the Cranberry League Rockland Cardinals home opener Thursday

- Rockland Cardinals double-header on Sunday at the Veterans Memorial Stadium

- Teacher Appreciation Week was May 5th – heartfelt thanks to all the teachers

Mr. Ellard-Thank you to all who attended the Library's Book & Bake Sale-huge success raising \$1,500

- Thank you to Tim White for everything he does for Rockland's veterans

- Thank you to tonight's two students: encouraging to see future leaders willing to speak out

Mr. O'Loughlin-High School Junior/Senior Prom is on Friday; have a good time and remain safe

Ms. Childs-Attended the 5th grade DARE ceremony this week with Mr. O'Donnell; congratulations to the graduates and the students attending the DARE summer camp

MOTION to enter into Executive Session, not to reconvene, per M.G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Unions: Clerical, Police Patrol, Police Officers.

by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 6/3/25