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TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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Select Board Open Session Minutes of
June 3, 2025

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

In attendance: Chair Tiffanie Needham, Vice Chair Lori Childs, Members Michael O'Loughlin, John Ellard, Steven O'Donnell, Assistant Town Administrator Courtney Bjorgaard, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements- Rockland Day, Veterans Memorial Stadium, Saturday June 14th, 2:00pm – 9:30pm

3. Minutes-5/20/25

MOTION to approve the minutes of 5/20/25, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Approved 4-0, Ms. Needham abstained.

4. New Business

-One Day Liquor License Request – Rockland Day, 6/14, 2:00pm – 9:30pm (Rain Date 6/15)-Players Sports Bar & Grille, Black Hat Brew Works, 10th District Brewing Co. – Organizers Allison Sullivan & Robert Whitman

MOTION to approve One Day Liquor Licenses presented for Rockland Day, 6/14/25 by Mr. O'Donnell, 2nd by Mr. O'Loughlin. Unanimous approval.

-Reappointment – Robert Mahoney, South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School Committee (3-year term)

MOTION to approve the reappointment of Robert Mahoney SSRVTS by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Mr. O'Loughlin. Unanimous approval.

-Housing Production Plan Committee Appointments: Cultural Council - John Cheney, Rockland Chamber of Commerce - Jeff Phelps, Housing Authority - Margie Carr, Resident - George Anderson, Resident - Rick Snee, Planning Board-TBD, Rent Control Board or Rockland Renter – TBD. Working with Town Planner Allyson Quinn, Mr. Lapp said this committee will be helpful in establishing Rockland's Housing Production Plan. Mr. Lapp recommends the Board appoint Mr. Phelps and Ms. Carr as ex officio non-voting members since they are not Rockland residents but represent important organizations in town. The residents' candidates would be full voting members.

MOTION to approve Housing Production Plan Committee members as recommended by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-Abington & Rockland Joint Water Works Update – Water Superintendent Kristel Cameron provided an update on the recent boil water order issued on 5/16/25 and she addressed residents' questions received by the Water Department. The Board commented and thanked Ms. Cameron for being on top of the situation.

Mr. Lapp & the Board received a memo from Rockland's Board of Water Commissioners Chairman Robert Corvi regarding a vacancy on the Board of Water Commissioners. He requested the Board start the process to fill the vacancy term until the 2026 April Town Election. Ms. Cameron will start the advertising process and Mr. Lapp said the Select Board & Board of Water Commissioners will hold a joint meeting to approve the applicant.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated- none

5. Old Business –

-Discussion & Potential Vote to Hold Special Election on Saturday 9/13/2025: Fire Department Ladder Truck Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion and Fire Station Building Project Debt Exclusion- Mr. Lapp provided a summary of the previous process and the Board held a discussion.

MOTION to hold a Special Election on Saturday 9/13/2025 by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated- none

6. Select Board Liaison Update(s)

Ms. Childs – Re: Board of Health – there are currently several outstanding permits that require the majority of the Boards' signatures – encourages the Board of Health members to come in & sign the permits and keep the Town moving forward.

7. Town Administrators Report & Correspondence

-Thank you to Courtney for filling in while TA was out of the office

-Town of Whitman voted to authorize the sale of the Camp Alice Carlton property – will keep the Board updated on the next steps

-Follow up on Town Meeting approved articles: Town Charter, Fire Truck & Fire Station Building, demolition of the Lincoln School, Opioid initiatives, Veterans financial articles, and Bicentennial Reed track project.

-Will be out of the office week of June 16th

8. Select Board Comments

Mr. O'Loughlin-Congratulations to the High School Class of '25 – Best of luck in the future

Mr. O'Donnell-Thank you to Asst. TA Bjorgaard for her leadership – wonderful job

-June is "Pride Month" – read a statement how he will show solidarity & support for the LGBTQ community

Mr. Ellard-Thank you to Courtney for the wonderful job

- Congratulations to the Class of 2025 – best of luck

Ms. Childs-Courtney you "rocked" – thank you

-Class of 2025, good luck on your future endeavors and have a great last summer before you go back to work

Ms. Needham-Thank you Courtney

-Good luck Class of 25

-Steve, well said and couldn't agree more – thank you

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



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 6/17/25