



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen
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BOS Open Session Minutes of
June 20, 2023

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

In attendance: Chairman Michael O'Loughlin, Members Tiffanie Needham, John Ellard, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, and Assistant Town Administrator Jennifer Constable; via zoom Member Lori Childs.

Not in attendance: Member Donna Shortall.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements-

-Recognition of Julia E. Shaffer – Finance Committee member for 21 years-Town Moderator Kevin Henderson introduced Julia Shaffer, her family, and the Finance Committee members. Mr. Henderson, Finance Chair John Pumphrey, and former member Rich Penney each thanked Mrs. Shaffer for her years of service. Citations were presented by BOS Chair O'Loughlin, State Rep. David DeCoste, and the office of Senator John Keenan. Mrs. Shaffer thanked everyone one for the recognition and the great turnout.

-12th Annual Walking Tour & Music Event -June 21-24

3. Minutes of 6/6/23

MOTION to approve Minutes of 6/6/23, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval

4. New Business

- Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – Stephen Galley- 5 year term – Alternate to Permanent Member

MOTION to approve Stephen Galley to the Zoning Board of Appeals, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval.

- 7:15pm Pole Hearing-National Grid-Pole#66 to be located on Hingham Street, beginning at a point approximately 300 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Forest Street.

MOTION to open National Grid hearing, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard. Roll Call Vote.

The National Grid representative said this request is for an additional pole (#66) and Mr. Lapp confirmed Highway Superintendent Taylor is aware of the project.

MOTION to adjourn National Grid hearing, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard. Roll Call Vote.

MOTION to approve National Grid-Pole#66 to be located on Hingham Street, beginning at a point approximately 300 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Forest Street, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval.

- Common Victualler License – Spicy Edamame -434 Union Street-Owner Kaien Huang with legal assistance.

MOTION to approve Common Victualler License for Spicy Edamame, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval.

-Discussion of Potential Special Town Meeting – November 6, 2023-Mr. Lapp said this is a preliminary discussion for the Board to be aware of the background issues for a STM 11/6/23 with the main driving force a possible zoning change at Union Point. He presented the draft Warrant and briefly reviewed the potential Articles.

-Discussion and Possible Vote to Accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022- An Act Relative to Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Retirees-Mr. Lapp explained the State law Chapter 269 of the Article of 2022 (backup included to the Board). Plymouth County Retirement Executive Director Padraic Lydon spoke about the process/rationale of the votes and is requesting the Board accept the Act. The Board commented and thanked Mr. Lydon.

MOTION to accept Chapter 269 of the Article of 2022 one time increase to COLA, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –Mr. Lapp announced Assistant Town Administrator Constable is moving on as the Town Manager for another community. She has been a tremendous assistant and will be greatly missed. He is requesting the Board allow the Town Administrator position and HR Director to vet candidates for the Asst. TA position and present their final decision to the Board. The Board held a discussion and agreed for the TA to start the vetting process, but they will want to be involved in the final decision.

5. Old Business - none

6. Town Administrator's Report & Correspondence

-Received a successful bid for the King Philip Hand Tub Restoration Project- Thank you to Chief Duffey and Lt. Williams

-At the last Department Head meeting had a fun team building exercise – appreciative to all the Department Heads

-Applied for a \$15,000 grant that would defer the cost of the 2 Town electric vehicles

-Working on the "Turn Over" section in the Financial Policies with the Financial Team & DOR- update at the next meeting

-Will be attending the 6/27 Charter Review Committee meeting with his "Recommendations for Conditions"-asked the Board to review and forward comments back to him before next week

-Ms. Constable will attend the 6/27 Planning Board meeting to discuss MBTA Community Zoning

-Participated in the Fire Station Committee meeting last week-discussed the potential direction to move forward with station improvements; will present to the Board at a later date

7. Selectmen's Comments

Mr. Ellard –Congratulations to Jen Constable

-Thank you to all the volunteers who put together Rockland Day, great event

-Please step up and join the Rent Control Board

Ms. Childs-Rockland Day was fantastic.

-Good Luck to Jen & Julia on their future endeavors

-Fundraiser August 26 for "WRPS Scholarship Fund" with a movie & performance by The Dogmatics

Ms. Needham-Congratulations to Jennifer: thankful to have worked with her.

-Congratulations to Julia Shaffer

-Rockland Day was great; ton of hard work to reschedule; thank you to all

-Last week was the last day of school; have a safe summer

Mr. O'Loughlin-Thank you to John Lucas and the Rockland Day Committee, great community.

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard. Roll Call Vote



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

TOWN CLERK, ROCKLAND
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Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 7/11/23.