



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Select Board
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Select Board Open Session Minutes of
July 8, 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, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp.

1. 6:30pm – Executive Session-Meeting with Special Town Counsel pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(3) and Suffolk Construction v. Brait Builders Corporation et al. v. Town of Rockland, Bristol Superior Court C.A. No. 2473CV00289B, and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(7) “[t]o comply with, or act under authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements,” specifically the Public Records Law, G.L. c.4, s. 7(26) (discuss privileged communications from Special Counsel re litigation)

2. 7:00pm – Open Session - Pledge of Allegiance

3.Community Announcements-

-Special Election: Saturday 9/13/25 re: Fire Dept. Ladder Truck & Fire Station.

Go to:<https://www.rockland-ma.gov/594/Fire-Station-Building-Project---NEW-April> for more info

4.Minutes-6/17/25

MOTION to approve the minutes of 6/17/25, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

5.New Business

-One Day Liquor License Request-Adult Teen Center Night, 394 Union Street, Friday 7/18/25 (no rain date) 7:00pm-10:00pm, Players Sports Bar & Grille – Event Manager Olivia McCormack

MOTION to approve One Day Liquor license for Players, Adult Teen Center Night, 394 Union Street, 7/18/25 by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated- none

6. Old Business –

-Continuation of Public Hearing pursuant to General Laws, c. 138, Sec. 64: Potential modification of 90-day suspension of Innholder's License to sell alcoholic beverages, to wit: 167 Union Street, LLC, d/b/a/ the Banner, William T. Barry Manager.

MOTION to reopen the Public Hearing, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. O'Loughlin. Unanimous approval.

Town Counsel John Clifford said the continuation of the Public Hearing is 90 days after the April hearing. The Select Board requires the Banner to demonstrate that they have fulfilled all Town requirements to bring the property into compliance before the Board approval is granted to have the alcohol license reinstated. Banner Attorney Walter Sullivan informed the Board of the work that has been completed and said Mr. Barry is asking to open the first floor restaurant only, keeping the second & third floors blocked off. Mr. Clifford said the Board may grant the return of the liquor license with the opening of the first floor restaurant subject to approval from the Board of Health. He said this would limit operations to the first floor restaurant with restricted access to the second & third floors until all applicable codes have been met. Building Inspector Tom Ruble said the first floor does not include the café area. The Select Board, Electrical, Building & Fire Departments commented.

MOTION to reinstate the Banner Alcohol License to the first floor restaurant area only, subject to conditions the 2nd & 3rd floor access be restricted and with opening subject to the Board of Health, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Mr. O'Loughlin. Unanimous approval.

MOTION to close the public hearing, by Mr. Ellard, 2nd by Mr. O'Loughlin. Unanimous approval.

-9/13/2025 Special Election - Early Voting/Vote by Mail/Polling Hours/Active Voting List Update – Town Clerk Liza Landy - Postcard Mailing – Town Administrator – Ms. Landy provided a summary of: Vote by Mail, In-Person Early Voting Schedule, and the printing of the Ballot timeline.

MOTION to opt in for Early Voting, Wed 9/3 – Wed 9/10 with some Saturday hours by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval

Ms. Landy provided a brief explanation of the “Confirmation Notices” that were mailed to residents who have been placed on the non-active voting list. She said this happens when people do not respond to their Census and stresses the importance of returning the Census. The Board thanked Ms. Landy for providing all the information. Mr. Lapp asked the Board for a consensus to mail Special Election postcards, as previously done, and the Board agreed with the mailing.

-Name ADA Park @ East Water & Union Streets – Update - Previously Voted at the 12/3/2024 Meeting “In Honor of [fallen firefighter] William N. Mullen”- Mr. Lapp, working with Dave Taylor & Mike Mullen, Jr., provided the preliminary details of the podium style steel granite bronze plaques for the ADA Park and the Board agreed with the plans. A tentative ribbon cutting date of September 25th was set.

-Collective Bargaining Agreements – Public Announcement - New England Police Benevolent Assoc., Inc., Local 65 (Police Patrol), New England Police Benevolent Assoc., Inc., Local 175 (Police Superior)- Mr. Lapp made a public announcement of the two police final contracts as listed above.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated- none

7. Select Board Reorganization

MOTION to approve Ms. Childs as Select Board Vice Chair, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Mr. Ellard/O'Loughlin. Unanimous approval.

MOTION to approve Mr. O'Loughlin as Select Board Chair, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval.

8. Select Board Liaison Update & Assignments – tabled until further notice

MOTION to appoint Member John Ellard as the Plymouth County Advisory Board representative, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

9. Town Administrators Report & Correspondence

- Highway/Parks & Fire Union negotiations later this week – looking forward to wrapping things up
- Finance Committee meeting tomorrow to review Accountants' year-end transfer requests
- Met with Parks Commissioners and contract approved with the Bicentennial track engineer
- Hired an architect to help us develop the plans & spec for the public bidding for the demolition of the Lincoln School

10. Select Board Comments

Mr. O'Donnell-Acknowledged the passing of Rockland legend Scott MacKinlay.

- In remembrance of Mr. MacKinlay, asks that residents apply for Town Boards & Committees
- There has been a recent decline in volunteers

Mr. Ellard-Congratulations to Lt. Charlie Williams on his retirement after 36 years in the Rockland Fire Department

- Lost a great man, Scott MacKinlay – served with Scott for many years – Rockland “Mount Rushmore”
- Agree with Steve for the need of residents to volunteer

Ms. Needham-Rockland lost a very prominent leader with Scott MacKinlay

- Hopes everyone has a safe summer

Ms. Childs-Rest in peace Mr. MacKinlay

- Congratulations to Charlie on his retirement – outstanding career
- August 22nd “WRPSestival” at Players

Mr. O’Loughlin-Great lose, Scott MacKinlay – was high school principal and worked with him volunteering

- Mr. MacKinlay showed the value in volunteerism and giving back to the community

MOTION to enter into Executive Session the following, -Per MGL c.60 s.64A: To consider the retention or sale of real property after tax foreclosure: 12 Linden Street; Per M.G.L. c.30A, s.(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with unions: Clerical, Highway/Parks, Fire

not to reconvene by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Mr. O’Donnell. Unanimous approval.



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 8/12/25