



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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BOS Open Session Minutes of
July 12, 2022

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

In attendance: Chairman Michael O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Members Tiffanie Needham, Donna Shortall, Lori Childs, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, Chief Scott Duffey, and Recreation Director Jeanne Blaney.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements –

-Pack 12 Cub Scouts Sign-Up -Cub Scout Leader Adam Heckman request permission to use Town Hall Plaza for Scout sign-ups on 9/10/2022.

MOTION to approve Pack 12 Cub Scouts request to use Town Hall Plaza on 9/10/22, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Roll Call Vote.

3. Minutes-Open Session Minutes of June 21, 2022

MOTION to approve the Minutes of June 21, 2022, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Roll Call Vote. Ms. Childs abstained.

4. New Business –

- Board Reorganization-

MOTION to re-appoint Mr. O'Loughlin as Chairman, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval.

MOTION to re-appoint Ms. Nyman as Vice Chairman, by Mr. O'Loughlin, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-One-Day Liquor License Request-Farmers Market-Homestead Beverage-7/23,9/10, 9/24,10/8

MOTION to approve Farmers Market One Day Liquor License- Homestead Beverage, dates as requested, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-Reappointment- Peter Dow-Registrar of Voters

MOTION to approve the reappointment of Peter Dow, Registrar of Voters, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval.

-New Appointments- Melissa Burgio-Cultural Council

MOTION to approve the appointment of Melissa Burgio, Cultural Council, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval.

-ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) Requests: Mr. Lapp provided a brief overall intro with updated numbers, always evolving, and is recommending the funding of two items that have been in the works for a while:

- Fire Station Building Project Consultant Fees for ZBA Special Permit Application
- Recreation Department Building Project Consultant Fees for Feasibility Study

Chief Duffey reviewed the proposal for architects/engineering services for the Town's Site Plan Review to submit the ZBA Special Permit Application and said ARPA funds would be a great use for this project to continue to move forward. The Board discussed and thanked the Chief.

MOTION to move forward with the Feasibility Study utilizing ARPA funds as recommended, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Unanimous approval.

Mr. Lapp summarized the history of the Recreation McKinley building's lack of upkeep and the needs to keep it safe. He said we are now at the point where decisions must be made to maintain the building and listed options as: Invest a "ton" of money to rehabilitate the current building, designate the Recreation Department to a small available office space & cut the current programs, or constructing a new building at Hartsuff Park. Mr. Lapp is recommending utilizing ARPA funds to hire an architect to conduct a feasibility study for the Hartsuff Park location. Ms. Blaney provided an overview of the McKinley Building and the number of renovations needed. The Board briefly commented and thanked Jeanne for the incredible job she is doing.

MOTION to approve utilizing ARPA funds for a feasibility study at the Hartsuff Park location, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-Remote Participation in Public Meetings State Legislative Update -Mr. Lapp reminded the Board & the public under current State Law the flexibility to hold remote public meetings is expiring July 15, 2022 and waiting on word of an extension; there is lots of activity at the State House with different bills pending.

Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

5. Old Business-

-McKinley Building/Community Center Feasibility Study Follow-Up & Discussion- no further discussion

Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated – none

6. Town Administrator's Report & Correspondence

- Police Chief interviews will be conducted with himself next week; BOS interviews scheduled for the 8/9/22 meeting

-Joint Water Commission opening due to a resignation; Commissioners will present their recommendation to fill the vacancy until next election to the BOS and a joint meeting will be held.

-Several Town staffing positions have been filled with many positions still open.

-Will be constructing two small offices in half of the lower conference room.

-Opioid settlement payment should be arriving shortly.

-Recognizes retiring COA Director Peggy Bryan - Congratulations

7. Selectmen's Comments

Ms. Childs-Thank you to the Board for keeping her informed during her vacation.

-Stopped in Washington DC and participated in a rally/protest.

Ms. Needham-Thank you to the First Congregational Church & Rockland CARES for co-sponsoring the Rockland Races which are held every Monday thru-out the summer.

Ms. Shortall-Thank you to Peg who made the Senior Center a great place; best wishes to her.

Ms. Nyman-Thank you to her colleagues for trusting her to serve another year as Co-Chair and to Mike for his leadership.

-Congratulations to Peg on her retirement.

Mr. O'Loughlin-Congratulation to Peggy.

-Wants to recognize Regulatory Secretary Deb Shettlesworth for the amazing job.

-Thank you to his fellow Board members for their faith in him as Chair for another year.

MOTION to adjourn to Executive Session, not to reconvene:

- To discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Town of Rockland and the chair so declares pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(3) to wit: Thomas Ruble v. Christopher Falco, et al.
- To investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(5).
- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – all units: AFSCME Clerical, AFSCME Highway/Park/Tree, Police Officers, Police Superior Officers, and Firefighters pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(3).

by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Roll Call Vote



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 8/9/22