

TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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Select Board Open Session Minutes of
September 16, 2025

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

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Community Announcements -Rockland Emergency Food Pantry 2nd Annual Golf Tournament 10/10
3. Minutes-9/2/2025

MOTION to approve the minutes of 9/2/2025, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval

4. New Business
-Appointment to Council on Aging – Alternate to Full Member 3 year term– Sandra Collins

MOTION to appoint Sandra Collins to the Council on Aging from an Alternate to Full Member, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval

-One Day Liquor License Requests: Fall Festival – 394 Union Street - 9/27 1:00pm – 5:00pm (Rain Date 9/28)-Break Rock Brewing, Players Sports Bar & Grille, Abington Depot – Recreation Event Coordinator Olivia McCormack

MOTION to approve Fall Festival One Day Liquor License as requested, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Mr. O'Donnell. Unanimous approval

-Health Agent Update- Health Agent Delshaune Flipp provided an update on behalf of the Health Department including Public Outreach re: Mosquito & Tick awareness, Kratom sales in retail establishments, SS5 Public Health Alliance Host Community, Rockland Recycling Center, and Health office duties/concerns moving forward.

-Vote to Adopt Town of Rockland Marijuana Equity Policy per State Cannabis Control Commission Requirements- Mr. Lapp requests the Board adopt the Rockland Marijuana Equity Policy. He said the town has had policies in place, but the CCC has enacted regulations requiring towns to formally adopt policies to promote Social Equity in the cannabis industry. Mr. O'Loughlin stated his dissatisfaction with the CCC, and the Board briefly commented.

MOTION to adopt the Town of Rockland Marijuana Equity Policy per State Cannabis Control Commission Requirements, by Mr. Ellard, 2nd by Ms. Needham. 4-1 (O'Loughlin).

-Collective Bargaining Agreements – Public Announcement: IAFF Local 1602/Fire – Mr. Lapp publicly announced the final union contract has been completed.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

5. Old Business-
-9/13/2025 Special Election Results/Follow-Up – Mr. Lapp said the 9/13 Special Election passed both ballot questions: the purchase of a new fire ladder truck and the construction of a new fire station. He thanked the Town Clerks office and election workers for the excellent work done in the past few months and also, thanked the Town residents who came out to vote. He said many social media comments were made leading up to the election and he assured residents that the Town Charter process was followed and provided a brief overview of the charter. Mr. O'Donnell thanked Andrea Davis, Tom Henderson, Julie & Rick Snee for their hard work getting the word out and especially Chief Duffey, who worked



tirelessly showing what a great leader does. Mr. Ellard said thank you to everyone who came out to vote although it was disappointing that 4 out of 5 residents did not show up to vote in an election that matters most to taxpayers. The Board and Mr. Lapp continued with a short discussion.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

6. Town Administrators Report & Correspondence

-Lincoln School update-hazardous material removal contract signed, demo of structure will happen at a later date, contractor will begin work on 9/22, safety flyer will be mailed to abutters 9/17

-Town Charter update – changes are at the State Legislature

-Applied to become a “Credentialed “ ICMA Manager – will let Board know if approved and will be going forward

7. Select Board Comments

Mr. O'Donnell-Commends Doug for ICMA application - professional growth is important

-Thank you to everyone's hard work on Election Day and to the voters

-Attended Police Appreciation Day at the Police Station – thank you to all our 1st responders

-Hope to see everyone at the Fall Festival Saturday 9/27

Mr. Ellard-Thank you to the grassroots committee that got the election word out

-Thank you to Mary Parsons for being on top of the issues and reaching out

-Proud to have been part of Police Appreciation Day – thank you to the Police force

Ms. Needham-Thank you to the community for coming together in support of our Fire department

-Thank you to Andrea Davis for working so hard on getting the word out

Ms. Childs-Thank you to the grassroots swell working together

-Thank you to Julie & Rick Snee, Rob Lynch, Tom Henderson, Andrea Davis,

-Rent Control Board is looking for members – encourages residents to apply

-Happy to hear Rockland has engaged a Social/Mental Health Worker working with the Health Department

Mr. O'Loughlin-Thank you to Chief Duffey, the firefighters and the residents who came out to vote

-Fire Station Project puts Rockland in a good place for the future

-Thank you to Chief Zeoli for always maintaining integrity at the Police Department

8.Executive Session

MOTION to enter into Executive Session the following - Per M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(3) – National Opioid Litigation, Per M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(7) for the review and approval of Executive Session minutes: 9/2/2025

not to reconvene by Roll Call Vote - Unanimous approval



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 10/7/25