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## TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
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Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

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BOS Open Session Minutes of  
September 19, 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, Lori Childs, John Ellard, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp. Not in attendance: Member Donna Shortall

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. Community Announcements

- Recreation & Community Center Building Project Public Outreach Meeting – Wednesday, September 20
- Holiday Stroll – Pam Murphy & Dan Biggins – Saturday November 25

### 3. Minutes of 9/5/23

MOTION to approve Minutes of 9/5/23, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval

### 4. New Business-Taken out order

- One Day Liquor License Request –4<sup>th</sup> Floor Artists, Food & Art Masquerade Ball 10/28/23 6:00pm – 10:00pm

MOTION to approve One Day Liquor License for 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Artists, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval.

- Union Point/Southfield Redevelopment Authority/NAS Board of Appeals, 3 year term – Rob Rosa

MOTION to approve Rob Rosa to the Union Point/Southfield Redevelopment Authority/NAS Board of Appeals, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

- Announcement of New Hires– Mr. Lapp announced the Town has filled two key positions in hiring Town Planner Allyson Quinn and Assistant Town Administrator Courtney Bjorgaard. Both are scheduled to start October 10<sup>th</sup> and will attend a future BOS meeting.

- One Day Liquor License Request –Buzz'd Meadery Fall Festival 9/30/23 1:00pm – 5:00pm

MOTION to approve One Day Liquor License for Buzz'd Meadery, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval.

- 7:15pm Public Hearing – National Grid Pole Location Requests-

MOTION to open the Public Hearing, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Roll Call Vote.

A representative from National Grid requests permission to install two new poles on Division Street and Hingham Street. Mr. Lapp said the Highway Superintendent has approved.

MOTION to close the Public Hearing, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ellard. Roll Call Vote.

MOTION to approve the National Grid poles relocation as requested, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-License Requests-167 Union Street LLC dba The Banner 167 Union Street, Bill Barry – Common Victualler, Entertainment, Innholder, Automatic Amusement -Attorney Eugene Richards, with owner Bill Barry, said the intent is to keep the overall operation the same as the previous owner.

MOTION to approve License requests for The Banner, pending all obligations are met, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval.

-Appointments: Union Point/Southfield Redevelopment Authority Joint Appointment, 3 year term – Monica Horan, Historical Commission, 3 year term- Nancy Davis. -SRA Chairman Tom Henderson and SRA Rep Kelli McKinnon recommend the joint appointment, with Weymouth, of Monica Horan.

MOTION to approve the Joint appointment w/Weymouth of Monica Horan to the Union Point/Southfield Redevelopment Authority Appointment, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

Mr. Henderson reminded the Board that Tuesday 9/26 is the Joint Public Meeting with Rockland Planning Board & SRA re: proposed zoning changes. He said the SRA are in the process of putting together a presentation for BOS on 10/17.

MOTION to approve Nancy Davis to the Historical Commission, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval.

-Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Request re: FEMA Flood Plain Maps- Crocker Design Groups' Josh Green & Gabe Crocker, with AW Perry Mark Flaherty and team, are seeking the Boards support of Map Revision (LOMR) FEMA Flood Plain Maps. Mr. Lapp said he and pertinent Town departments reviewed the material and supported AW Perry's request.

MOTION to approve letter of support as requested, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

MOTION to authorize Town Administrator Lapp to sign a letter on behalf of the Board, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ellard. Unanimous approval

-Historical Commission Update – Chairman Jim Paul introduced the Commission members in attendance and provided their tentative plans for Rockland's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration next year. He updated the Board of the Commission's projects currently in process. The BOS thanked Mr. Paul and the Commission.

-Recreation Department Update – Recreation Director Jeanne Blaney updated the Board on the past summer events and thanked Joe Ambrose who provided funding for 10 families who could not afford the summer programs. She said the overall attendance numbers were tremendous and reminded the Board of the Recreation Center Community Outreach Public Meeting on 9/20. Market Manager Alyson LePhipps said they had a successful Open Market season and gave an update on the upcoming Fall Festival. The Board thanked Ms. Blaney & Ms. LePhipps.

-School Department Request for Additional SPED Funding– Superintendent Alan Cron and Asst. Superintendent Jane Hackett explained the need for additional unanticipated SPED funding and asked for the Boards approval to place an article on the STM. Mr. Lapp said this expense is out of the school's control and recommended the request.

MOTION to place a School Article for additional unanticipated SPED funding on the STM 11/7/23 as requested, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-Sewer Department Update– Chairman Chuck Heshion opened the Sewer meeting. Mr. Heshion thanked the Board and Mr. Lapp for their previous approval of ARPA funds. He provided a "Sewer Update Presentation" with a "New Connection Moratorium – effective October 1, 2023". In response to Mr. Heshion's comment about the indirect cost allocation charges to the Sewer Department, Mr. Lapp said with indirect costs we follow the DOR guidelines on enterprise fund accounting and do not charge other Town departments fees. All funding comes from the taxpayer, and it does not make sense to charge another department. "We are all part of the same organization." Mr. Lapp asked the Sewer Commission to revisit and rescind Section 7.0 of the 2023 New Connection Moratorium in its entirety. The BOS has authority over all ARPA funding and has verbally committed \$2.515 million to the Sewer Department which would cover all town related costs. Ms. Childs said it would have been nice if the Commissioners had come to the Board sooner with this moratorium information. Mr. Lapp's public comment is "he respectfully requests the Sewer Commission to completely delete Section 7.0 from the New Connection Moratorium in its entirety." Mr. O'Loughlin reminded Mr. Heshion the Sewer Board is in open session and they can discuss the change request right now. Mr. Heshion said he did not want to discuss it now and would prefer to discuss it with his board later. Ms. Childs said Sewer has been allotted a lot of money and there is still \$820,000 of ARPA funding not applied and this Board can flip their previous decision. Mr. Ellard said he backs Mr. Lapp saying, "Section 7.0 through 7.3 needs to be removed" and his strong recommendation is for the Sewer Commissioners to revisit their decision. The Board continued to briefly discuss and thanked Mr. Heshion for his time. Mr. Heshion closed the Sewer meeting.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –none

5. Old Business –

-Billboard Update-Letter to State Division of Administrative Law Appeals-Mr. Lapp updated the Board on the Electronic Billboard Application Appeal Hearing last week which Mr. O’Loughlin observed virtually and Ms. Childs attended in person: the Board had a brief discussion. Mr. Lapp recommends the Board vote to authorize the Town Administrator to draft a letter to continue to support the billboard placement and allow the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

MOTION to approve as recommended, by Mr. Ellard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Unanimous approval.

-11/7/2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant-Mr. Lapp provided an update on the STM Warrant Articles with ten articles (as of now).

MOTION to close the STM Warrant, by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Childs. Roll Call Vote.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated –none

6. Town Administrator’s Report & Correspondence

-Town Monthly Newsletter published

-Has been working with Accountant Curtis on ARPA funds and will wait and see what the outcome of the Sewer Commissioners revisions are before continuing with any more Sewer ARPA applications to Plymouth County. Given the discussion that was just had with Mr. Heshion and with the consensus of the Board, he will hold off on submitting new ARPA requests for the Sewer Commission.

-Working with HR Director Callahan to submit a \$40,000 State Grant to help with “Wage & Classification.”

-Surplus Vehicle Auction is live online; vehicles can be viewed at the Town Landfill

-Gave testimony last week virtually at the Cannabis Control Commission Public Hearing

-Will be attending the ICMA Conference in Texas – September 30 – October 4

7. Selectmen’s Comments

Mr. Ellard –Rent Control Board is looking for a few more members.

Ms. Childs-Reminded people “Please do not dump on the Rail Trail.”

Ms. Needham-Thanked Mr. Lapp for all his hard work; looking forward to working with the new Town Planner and Asst. TA

-Happy Birthday to my daughter Cadence “8 is great!”

Mr. O’Loughlin-Great turnout for Police Appreciation Day last week

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Needham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ellard. Roll Call Vote



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 10/3/23.