



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
242 Union Street
Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

Chairman:
Michael P. O’Loughlin
Vice Chairman:
Kara L. Nyman

Selectmen:
Tiffanie Needham
Donna Shortall
Lori Childs

BOS Open Session Minutes of
January 3, 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, Donna Shortall, Town Clerk Liza Landy, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp

Not in attendance: Vice Chairman Kara Nyman and Member Lori Childs

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements

-Nomination Papers for 4/8/2023 Annual Town Election will be available on 1/4/2023

3. Minutes of 12/14/22 & 12/20/22 – Minutes of 12/14/22 by-passed until a future meeting.

MOTION to approve minutes of 12/20/22, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval

4. New Business

- Public Hearing – Town Clerk Liza Landy Recommendation to Opt-Out of Early Voting Requirements for Local Town Election per MGL c. 54, s. 25B

MOTION to open the Public Hearing, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Roll Call Vote.

Ms. Landy recommends to “Opt-Out” of early voting for local elections due to the expense, workload, and low voter turnout for local elections.

MOTION to dissolve the Public Hearing, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Roll Call Vote.

MOTION to Opt-Out of Early Voting for Local Elections, by Ms. Shortall, 2nd by Ms. Needham. Roll Call Vote.

- Board of Registrars Appointments – Christine Campanile & Theresa Buffum
The Board interviewed Ms. Campanile & Ms. Buffum and had a brief discussion.

MOTION to appoint Christine Campanile to the Board of Registrars, by Ms. Shortall., 2nd by Ms. Needham. Unanimous approval.

- Discussion of “Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict-of-Interest Form” as Required by MGL c. 268A s. 23(b)(3) and Determination by the Board of Selectmen – Charter Review Committee Members Judy Hartigan & Robyn Day – Mr. Lapp gave an explanation for the request with Ms. Hartigan & Ms. Day reinstating their interest in the committee. Mr. Lapp reminded the public it is the Charter Committee’s job is to make recommendations, not decisions; decisions are up to the Town voters.

MOTION to accept “Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict-of-Interest Form” for Judy Hartigan and Robyn Day, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval.

-265 Plain Street Construction Update-Mr. Lapp provided the Board a general summary of 265 Plain Street. Owner Shawn Harris updated the Board of his plans and timeline projections for the property. Two residents asked a couple of questions with Mr. Harris responding. Mr. O'Loughlin requested Mr. Harris provide an update at a Board of Selectmen's meeting in the spring.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

5. Old Business

- FY24 Budget- Mr. Lapp updated the Board on the FY24 Budget and FY24 Capital Planning.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

6. Town Administrator's Report & Correspondence

-Fire Station Building Project will be on the 1/17/23 Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda

-Town Website has a page dedicated to the proposed Fire Station Project

-Fire Department received a grant for "Fire Safety Education Efforts" – congratulations

-Continuing to work on Recreation & Community Center Feasibility Study

-Congratulations to Officer Sue Llewelyn- retiring 1/5/23

7. Selectmen's Comments

Ms. Shortall-Sue Llewelyn has served the Town well – congratulations

-Everyone have great New Year

Ms. Needham-Happy New Year

- Congratulations to Officer Sue Llewelyn

-Exciting first day with the opening of the new Phelps Elementary School – thank you to all

Mr. O'Loughlin- Congratulations to Sue Llewelyn – great career

-Everyone keep an eye on each other; lots of covid & flu going around

-Offering office hours starting Tuesday 1/10, 10am-12pm at Town Hall; please come by

MOTION to adjourn, by Ms. Shortall, 2nd by Ms. Needham. 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 1/17/23