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BOS Open Session Minutes of
January 17, 2023

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

In attendance: Chairman Michael O'Loughlin, Vice Chairman Kara Nyman, Members Tiffanie Needham, Donna Shortall, Lori Childs, CDBG Director Wayne Darraugh, Assistant Town Administrator Jen Constable, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Community Announcements-Openings on the Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee
3. Minutes of 12/14/22 & 1/3/23

MOTION to approve minutes of 12/14/22, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. 3-0, Mr. O'Loughlin and Ms. Needham abstained.

MOTION to approve minutes of 1/3/23, by Ms. Needham, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. 3-0, Ms. Nyman and Ms. Childs abstained.

4. New Business

-One Day Liquor License Request-Sandpaper Factory, 83 West Water Street – Saturday 2/4/23 6:00pm – 10:00pm

MOTION to approve One Day Liquor License for Sandpaper Factory, 83 West Water Street by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval

Taken out of order.

-Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Update- Mt Pleasant Cemetery is located at Liberty St./Pleasant St. – Mr. Lapp said the previous caretakers are no longer able to continue with the upkeep of the cemetery and reached out to the Town to accept the maintaining of the cemetery. The BOS met in Executive Session and agreed to accept, contingent on a vote at Town Meeting. In the interim, an MOU was created, and an agreement made with a neighboring town to assist with the administrative work involved; more discussions will be held at a future date.

-Marijuana Host Community Agreements' Non-Profit Education & Preventative Program Donations-Mr. Lapp reminded the Board the Town has four executed Host Agreements with two facilities open for business. Both facilities voluntarily agreed payouts for "Education & Preventative Programs". Previous funds have been directed to Rockland CARES and Highpoint Treatment Center in Brockton; Mr. Lapp and Ms. Constable recommend we continue to fund both of these programs. Mr. O'Loughlin said the Board is comfortable with the recommendation.

- CDBG Public Hearing- Proposed CDBG Grant Application

MOTION to open the CDBG Public Hearing, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Nyman. Roll Call Vote.

Community Opportunity Group Director Wayne Darraugh requests Rockland to apply for the potential of additional Community Block Grant funds. He also reported on the progress of the current CDBG programs, community development, and issues facing the Town.

MOTION to close the CDBG Public Hearing, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Childs. Roll Call Vote.

MOTION to approve the proposed CDBG Grant application of \$1.35 million, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Needham.

Roll Call Vote.

-CDBG Single Waiver Request-Case #20-240

MOTION to approve CDBG Single Waiver Request-Case #20-240 of \$75,000, by Ms. Nyman, 2nd by Ms. Shortall.
Unanimous approval

-Town Administrator Review Process-Mr. Lapp reminded the Board of a previous memo from Town Counsel on the "Town Administrator Performance Review Process". Mr. O'Loughlin is asking the members to return their review to Counsel by 2/6.

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

5. Old Business

-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update-Mr. Lapp provided an update with the recent ARPA funding listing and reviewed the Plymouth County ARPA funding allocations highlighting the changes made by the County.

- FY24 Budget-Mr. Lapp gave a brief budget update, work in progress.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

6. Town Administrator's Report & Correspondence

-Asst. Veterans Agent Stephen Joyce has resigned – thank you to Steve

-Veterans Agent Tim White will become Rockland's full time agent – great news

-RPD Custodian Richard Welch is retiring 1/20 after over 19 years of service – Thank you Richard

-State Department of Advertising still have not made a decision on billboards and have not provided a time frame; Chairman O'Loughlin has sent a letter of concern to Mass DOT and the Secretary of Transportation

-Met with Animal Control Officer Ian Davidson on a dangerous dog and working to set a date for a public hearing

-Attended the Sewer Commission meeting with Ms. Childs – very productive

-Fire Station Project is ongoing – Reminded the Board this project goes to Town Meeting vote before any decisions are made; all the information for the Fire Station is on the Town Website

-Attended "Active Shooter Training" with 1st Responders at the Memorial Park School – "very realistic"-Fire & Police were amazing

-Recreation Building Feasibility Study Outreach Meeting Monday 1/30

-Recommends the Board begin to consider if the Town wants to cap the number of Marijuana facilities

-Will be attending the MMA Annual Conference, Friday 1/20 & Saturday 1/21

7. Selectmen's Comments

Ms. Childs-Thank you to Stephen Joyce and congratulations to Tim White

-Attended the ribbon cutting for the new Phelps Elementary School – exciting

-Reminded residents nominations papers are available

Ms. Shortall-Encourages residents to respond to their census'; important to provide updated information

-Thank you to all 1st Responders

Ms. Needham-Attended the ribbon cutting for the new Phelps Elementary School– inspiring & powerful for the Phelps family

- Thank you to Stephen Joyce and congratulations to Tim White and Richard Welch

Ms. Nyman-Congratulations to Officer Sue Llewelyn on her retirement

- Will be attending the MMA Annual Conference, Friday 1/20 & Saturday 1/21

Mr. O'Loughlin- Attended the Phelps School ribbon cutting-tremendous work by a lot of people in Town; special thanks to former colleague Rich Penney – great job

-Holding office hours Tuesday 1/24, 10am-12pm at Town Hall

MOTION to adjourn, 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 2/7/23