



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen
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BOS Open Session Minutes of
April 18, 2023

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

In attendance: Chairman Michael O'Loughlin, Members Lori Childs, Donna Shortall, John Ellard, Town Administrator Doug Lapp, and Assistant Town Administrator Jennifer Constable
Not in Attendance: Tiffanie Needham

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Community Announcements-

- High School Band Boosters Bottle & Can Drive Fundraiser-Saturday 5/13/23, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Town Hall
- Rent Control Board Vacancies – Apply at the Board of Selectmen's Office or Town Website
- Annual Town Meeting: Monday 5/1/23 at 7:00pm at the High School Auditorium
- "Rockland Best" Award – Mr. O'Loughlin announced Mrs. Janet Cann as the recipient of the "Rockland Best" award for her contributions and dedication to the Town. Retired School Principal Scott MacKinlay thanked Mrs. Cann for her commitment & years of service to the Rockland Schools and her relentless work on various Committees. Mr. O'Loughlin presented a "Rockland Best" citation on behalf of the Town. Mrs. Cann thanked everyone for the honor.
- Kathy Kirby thanked the volunteers who came out for Community Clean-up Day on Saturday

3. Minutes of 4/4/23

MOTION to approve Minutes of 4/4/23, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Mr. Ellard abstained.

4. New Business

- One-Day Liquor License Requests –Article Fifteen Brewing, Open Air Market (4/22, 5/6, 9/16)- Event Coordinator Alyson LePhipps announced the start of the "Open Air Market" season with new vendors & events; looking forward to a great season.

MOTION to approve One-Day Liquor Licenses Article Fifteen Brewing, Open Air Market, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval.

- Change of Officer for Ninety-Nine Restaurant & Pub, 29 Accord Park Drive- Mr. Lapp explained the request is a corporate change that has been pre-approved by the ABCC and recommends the Boards approval of the ABCC application.

MOTION to approve Change of Officer for Ninety-Nine Restaurant & Pub, by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Unanimous approval.

-Town Administrator Performance Evaluation – tabled until next meeting

-Other New Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

5. Old Business

- FY24 Budget- Mr. Lapp received the DOR update with the recently approved House Budget and said there were no significant changes to make any budget adjustments in Town Warrant.

-May 1, 2023, Town Meeting Warrant –Mr. Lapp said the Warrant has been posted and briefly highlighted "noteworthy" Articles. He clarified, for the Board and residents, the procedure and reason behind the Fire Station Building Article.

-Other Old Business Not Reasonably Anticipated - none

6. Town Administrator's Report & Correspondence

- Participated in an MMA statewide webinar "The Future of Cannabis Policy and Municipalities: A Briefing on Regulatory Policy Developments Impacting Cities & Towns". Rockland is one of three communities participating.
- Working with Accountant & Asst. Town Administrator on the ARPA Fund Report filing with the State Treasury
- Engaged Bernie Lynch of Community Paradigm Associates to assist in the search for a Town Planner
- Annual Town Reports are available
- Will be out of office May 2 thru May 12

7. Selectmen's Comments

Mr. Ellard-Thank you to the residents who came out to vote.

- Thank you to all who supported him.
- Looks forward to serving the Town for the next three years
- Rent Control Committee & Finance Committee need members; asked resident to step up and get involved
- Reminded all to come to Town Meeting on May 1st

Ms. Childs-Welcomed John to the Board

- Thank you to the volunteers who participated in the Town clean-up
- Shout out to Alison Dowie; her son Huey's band is releasing an album – congratulations
- Does not want to continue the contentious relations with the Sewer Commissioners; wants to see the Town continue to move forward with all the great projects & ideas in the works.
- Officially stepping down as the BOS liaison for the Sewer Commission
- Plans to continue to work diligently for the residents

Ms. Shortall-Reminded voters the importance of Town Meeting; encourages residents to attend.

- Need to be part of the solution and show up and vote

Mr. O'Loughlin-Thank you to everyone who came out to vote.

- Looking forward to serving another three years
- Recreation Department have a lot of great events coming up
- Support your local small businesses

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Childs, 2nd by Ms. Shortall. Roll Call Vote



Minutes by Susan Ide, Executive Assistant

Open Session Minutes approved by the BOS on 5/2/23.