

Dear Dr. Risolo,

Thank you for your email to the Board of Selectmen.

It is so unfortunate that you did not attend our last meeting as I provided an extended update on the Long beach lease situation. Those in attendance found it very helpful. I would recommend that you watch the recording of our meeting which can be found here on the Town website:

<https://www.rockportma.gov/covid-19-updates/pages/recorded-zoom-meetings>

All Town Zoom meetings are posted here usually within a few days of the meeting occurring.

As most of the items on your list are actually questions and not appropriate agenda items I am happy to answer them below or explain how the Board can address them:

1. The most appropriate time to ask this is during one of the Public comment portions of our meeting (there is one at the beginning and end of each meeting). If you attend and ask the questions I will make sure that each Board member has ample time to answer them if they choose to do so personally.
2. There is no exact date or timeline. As I explained during the last meeting we will present the new lease when we have completed our work and it is ready to be presented.
3. There will NOT be any meeting of lessees that is not open to the public. I am not sure where that came from, but if a meeting is held to release the new lease it will be public.
4. You can see my comments on this at our last meeting. In addition, I commented on why property/lease discussions occur in Executive Session to protect the town's negotiating position. If you would like more information on this you might find the Mass General Laws website helpful. Here is a link to that: [G.L. c. 30A, § 21](#)
5. Town Counsel is KP Law. You can find their specific expertise on their website. Here is a link to their website: <https://k-plaw.com/>.
6. BOS Minutes are taken by an individual who takes the minutes, sends drafts to the BOS to approve and then once approved they are posted. It is a process that has to occur during public meetings which is timed with when we receive the draft minutes. The full meeting recordings are typically posted to the website within a few days of a meeting and is the quickest most direct way (besides attending of course) of seeing what has occurred.

I hope this is all helpful to you. I always encourage residents to attend our meetings as it is the easiest and most direct way to observe the Town business that the Board is doing. And with two public comment periods there are two different times for the public to give their input as well. It has been great to see so many people attending and asking great questions.

I hope to see you at a meeting soon!

Best,
Sarah Wilkinson
Chairwoman, Board of Selectmen