

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair, Robert Nichols, Vice-Chair Robert Duke, Alexandra (Sani) Fogel, Alex Arau and Thomas Murphy. Also present: Robert Peabody, Jr., Town Manager, Department Heads, Mark Kelley, Chief of Police, Kenny Kooyenga, Harbor Master and Tom Ford, Director of Planning & Community Development and members of the public

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Robert Nichols, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

a. Approval of the minutes of the Monday, December 10, 2007 meeting of the Select Board

Robert Duke moved to accept, as presented, the minutes of the December 10th, 2007 meeting. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

II. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

III. LIAISONS' REPORTS

IV. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Murphy moved to exit as Select Board and enter as Wastewater Commissioners. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

a. Commitment of Commercial Sewer User Rates for the period of October and November 2007

Thomas Murphy moved to commit the October 2007 Sewer User Fees totaling \$15,601.24 and the November 2007 Sewer User Fees totaling \$30,488.54 to the Treasurer for collection. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

Thomas Murphy moved to exit as Wastewater Commissioners and reenter as the Select Board. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

V. PUBLIC HEARING

a. A new Malt, Spirituous & Vinous Liquor License for Habanero Grill, Alma Baines, 5 Country Inn Way, Rockport

Thomas Murphy moved to approve a Malt, Spirituous & Vinous Liquor License for Habanero Grill. Robert Duke seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VI UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. No Unfinished Business

VII NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Police Consolidation
- b. Approval of renewal of J.C. Wood Lease with changes

Sani Fogel moved to approve the lease between the Town of Rockport and J.C. Wood Lobster Company, Inc. commencing January 14, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2009. Robert Duke seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- c. Approval of Rockport Harbor Rules

Sani Fogel moved to approve the Rockport Harbor Rules and update the Rockport Codes accordingly. Alex Arau seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- d. Approval of the Town of Rockport to allow the Town of Washington to join the Knox County Regional Micro-Loan Program

Robert Duke moved to amend the Knox County Regional Micro-Loan Program Interlocal Agreement to include the Town of Washington as a participating community. Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

- e. Request by Maine Media Workshops to consider adding an additional task to the Ordinance Review Committee Work Plan with regard to schools in District 907

Robert Duke moved to add to the Ordinance Review Committee Work Plan for consideration a discussion of adding non-residential schools to District 907. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE – 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- f. Other New Business - None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Poverty Tax Abatement pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 841(2) (E)

Robert Duke moved to go into executive session at 8:02 p.m. to hear a poverty tax abatement, 36 M.R.S.A Section 841 (2) (E). Alex Arau seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Robert Duke moved to come out of executive session at 8:50 p.m. Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Alex Arau moved to grant an abatement in the amount of \$1,632.05 pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 841 (2)(E). Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Robert Duke moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY