

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair, Robert Duke, Vice-Chair Thomas Murphy, Alexandra (Sani) Fogel, William (Bill) Chapman and Thomas Farley. Also present: Robert Peabody, Jr., Town Manager, Departments Heads (Stephen Beveridge, Public Works Director and Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director), and members of the public

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Robert Duke, Chair called the meeting to order at 7: 01 p.m.

a. Approval of the minutes of the Tuesday, October 14, 2008 meeting of the Select Board

Thomas Murphy moved to accept the minutes of the October 14th, 2008 meeting as presented. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

b. Approval of the minutes of the Monday, November 10th, 2008 meeting of the Select Board

Thomas Murphy moved to accept the minutes of the November 10th, 2008 meeting with a correction to page 3 under New Business (i) to Thomas “Murphy” moved. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

c. Approval of the minutes of the Monday, November 18th, 2008 meeting of the Select Board

Thomas Murphy moved to accept the minutes of the November 18th, 2008 meeting with a correction “to exit not adjourn the Executive Session” and that “Bill Chapman was absent”. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 1 OPPOSED – 1 ABSTAINED (CHAPMAN)

f. Public Comment – Ralph Field remarked that the State and Federal Government should use the Town of Rockport as an example and praised the Board for a great job managing the Town affairs.

II. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

III. LIAISONS’ REPORTS

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. None

V. 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 2008

Bill Chapman moved to commit the October 2008 Commercial Sewer User Rates totaling \$27,906.83 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. Bill Chapman seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR –0 OPPOSED

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment of John Anders to the Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee

Bill Chapman moved to appoint John Anders to a position on the Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee with a term ending of June 30, 2011. Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

b. NDS Server Upgrade Approval

Presented by Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director and Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

Sani Fogel moved to approve the funding to upgrade the NDS server with \$6,000 being paid from the current year's budget and the remaining \$5,796 to be appropriated in the upcoming budget (FY 09/10) and to also send a letter spelling out a wish list to NDS with our expectations. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 1 OPPOSED (CHAPMAN)

c. Municipal Performance Measurement Program Overview

Presented by Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director

d. Opera House Flooring Expenditure Approval

Robert Duke recused himself as this item had a monetary concern for his company and Thomas Murphy, Vice-Chair took over the meeting.

Sani Fogel moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$6,135.43 from the Opera House Building Reserve to repair and refinish the meeting room floor and entry-way of the Opera House and to contract with Floor Magic to perform the work. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR– 0 OPPOSED- 1

RECUSED (DUKE)

Robert Duke resumed his position as Chair of this meeting.

e. Discussion and decision on Provider Agency Funding for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Thomas Murphy moved to adopt a volunteer plan, similar to the Town of Hope, for the Billing Year of 2009-10. A list of Provider Agencies will be selected by the Select Board based on certain criteria to be developed at a workshop. Bill Chapman, Thomas Farley and Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

f. Reappointment of Registrar of Voters, Linda M. Greenlaw for a 2- year term, January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010.

Thomas Murphy moved to appoint Linda M. Greenlaw as Registrar of Voters for a two year term commencing January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2010. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

g. Signing of the Town of Rockport Community School District Referendum Election Warrant date January 27, 2009.

Thomas Murphy moved to sign the Community School District Referendum Election Warrant for the Community School District Referendum Election to be held January 27, 2009 at the Rockport Town Office at 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Bill Chapman seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

h. Other New Business

Discussion of the pollution in the area of the Patterson Mobile Home Park. Some of the causes of this is a big deer herd in that area and a huge number of seagulls on the roof at Wal-Mart.

Discussion of the Budget for 2009-2010 regarding wages, insurance, etc. This year will be “leaner and meaner”.

Discussion of email. A member of the Select Board attended an Elected Officials Workshop by MMA and it was mentioned that if anyone uses their personal email account for town business, their computer could be use for discovery purposes. It was suggested that we should look into the possibility of using the town’s email account for the Select Board and possible the Budget Committee.

VII ADJOURNMENT

Sani Fogel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Minutes of December 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY