

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 10, 2011
7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair William (Bill) Chapman, Vice-Chair Tracy Lee Murphy, Thomas Farley and Alexandra (Sani) Fogel. Absent was Dale Landrith, Jr. Also present: Robert Peabody, Jr., Town Manager, Department Heads: Mark G. Kelley, Chief of Police, Steve Beveridge, Public Works Director and Tom Ford, Planner and Director of Community Development, the press and members of the public

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Bill Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

a. Approval of the minutes of the Monday December 13, 2010 meeting of the Select Board

Sani Fogel moved to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting as presented. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 1 RECUSED (Bill Chapman was absent at that meeting)

b. Next Regular Select Board Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2011, televised on Channel 22

c. Announcements:

d. School Meeting Announcements:

e. Committee Vacancies:

f. Public Comment

II. AGENDA CHANGES – New Business – Parks & Recreation add to appoint new member

III. Town Manager's Report

IV. Liaisons' Reports

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of the revisions of the Town of Rockport Municipal Purchasing Policy

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Tracy Murphy moved to table this item to the February 14th meeting. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VI. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

Sani Fogel moved to exit as Select Board and enter as Wastewater Commissioners. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

a. Commitment of Commercial Sewer User Rates for the period of November 2010

Tracy Murphy moved to commit the November 2010 Sewer User Rates totaling \$32,735.63 to the Treasurer for collection. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

b. Request to Amend Agreement and Write Off Late Charges – Almar, Inc.

Bill Chapman recused himself as he has a relationship with the owners of Almar, Inc. and stepped down as Chair of the meeting.

Tracy Murphy, Vice Chair took over chairing the meeting.

Sani Fogel moved to direct the Treasurer to amend the current agreement with Almar, Inc subject to the following terms and/or conditions: that the incurred interest be forgiven provided the monthly payments are met and that the applicant will cover the attorney and recording fees. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED– 1 RECUSED (BILL CHAPMAN)

Tracy Murphy moved to exit as Wastewater Commissioners and reenter as the Select Board. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Tracy handed the gavel back to Bill Chapman.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

a. No Public Hearing

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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- a. Proposal to Lease a portion of RES East for a small Gymnastics Academy – Jonas and Stacey Contakos

Thomas Farley moved to inform the applicant to go through the REQ process with the RES East Committee. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- b. Appoint members to the Salary & Benefits Ad Hoc Committee

Sani Fogel moved to approve the following Rockport residents (Peter Ralston, Gordon Best, John (Jan) Dolcater, Kay Warren, Mary Garretson, Patricia Egan, Robert Moors, Geoff Parker and Gene Graves) to serve on the Salary & Benefits Ad Hoc Committee pursuant to the Mission Statement, Purpose and Membership provisions approved by the Select Board on December 13, 2010. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE 4 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

- c. Appointment of a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Mark Masterson

Thomas Farley moved to appoint Mark Masterson to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term expiring June 30, 2013. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- d. Appointment of a member to the Planning Board – Steven Watts

Tracy Murphy moved to table this agenda item to the February 14th meeting. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- e. Reappointment of Linda M. Greenlaw as Registrar of Voters for a two year term, January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2013

Sani Fogel moved to appoint Linda M. Greenlaw as Registrar of Voters for a two year term commencing January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- f. Park & Recreation Committee appointment (added item)

Thomas Farley moved to appoint Anthony Hutcheson to the Parks & Recreation Committee to the longest term available (2012). Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- f. Discussion of Downtown TIF Proposed Development Program

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Tracy Murphy moved to go forward with the Proposed Downtown TIF Development Program that was presented tonight. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 1 OPPOSED (FARLEY)

g. Other New Business

IX. Executive Session

a. Discussion regarding the Police Department and Public Works Union Negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 406(6) (D)

Tracy Murphy moved to go into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 406(6) (D). Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

At 10:30, Sani Fogel moved to come out of Executive Session. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

X ADJOURNMENT

Tracy Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY