

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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, Tom Ford, Director of Community Development & Planning 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 Monday, September 8, 2008 meeting of the Select Board

Thomas Murphy moved to accept, as presented, the minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

II. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

III. LIAISONS’ REPORTS

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. No Unfinished Business

V. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Murphy moved to exit as Select Board and enter as Wastewater Commissioners. Bill Chapman seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- a. Commitment of Commercial Sewer User Rates for the period of August 2008

Thomas Murphy moved to commit the August 2008 Sewer User Rates totaling \$42,442.01 to the Treasurer for collection. Thomas Farley 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. PUBLIC HEARING

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- a. General Assistance Ordinance Amendments

VII NEW BUSINESS

- a. Adoption of the General Assistance Ordinance Amendments for 2008-2009

Sani Fogel moved to approve Appendices A, B and C to the General Assistance Ordinance. Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- b. Miles Ingraham – Eagle Scout Project

Bill Chapman moved to approve Miles Ingraham’s Eagle Scout Project with the work to be overseen by the Public Works Director. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- c. Request of the Rockport Garden Club to meet in the lower level of the Opera House at a reduced rate

Thomas Murphy moved to grant the request of the Rockport Garden Club to meet in the Opera House Meeting Room pursuant to the schedule the Club provided at a rental fee of \$20 per meeting. Bill Chapman seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- d. Request of the Knox County Democratic Committee to receive not for profit fee rental status for their October 19th fundraising concert at the Opera House (“Get out to Vote”)

Sani Fogel moved to the request of the Knox Democratic Committee to be afforded “Rockport not-for-profit” status in regard to their renting the Opera House for an October 19th fundraiser. Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 1 ABSTAINED (Chapman)

- e. Appointment of D. Andrew Eddy – Zoning Board of Appeals

Thomas Murphy moved to appoint D. Andrew Eddy to a position of the Zoning Board of Appeals terminating June 30, 2009. Bill Chapman seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- f. Appointment of Jim Ostheimer – Investment Committee

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Bill Chapman moved to appoint Jim Ostheimer to a position on the Investment Committee terminating June 30, 2010. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

g. Resignation of Doug Miller – Conservation Commission

Thomas Murphy moved to accept the resignation of Doug Miller from the Conservation Commission with regret and to thank him for his time and service. Bill Chapman seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

h. Conservation Commission request to hire an expert regarding the water quality at Clam Cove

Will hold a workshop within 30 days.

i. Ordinance Review Committee Draft Work Plan – Thomas Ford

Sani Fogel moved to instruct the Ordinance Review Committee to commence work on land use ordinance changes based on the list developed by the joint meeting of the Planning Board, Ordinance Review Committee, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Select Board which will be considered by the Select Board for placement on the June Town Meeting ballot. Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

j. Set poll hours from 8 AM to 8 PM and the poll location as the Rockport Town Office

Bill Chapman moved to set the polling hours as 8 AM to 8 PM at the Richardson Room of the Rockport Town Office on November 4, 2008. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

k. Appoint Brenda S. Richardson as the Warden for the November 4, 2008 Presidential Election

Sani Fogel moved to confirm the appointment of Brenda S. Richardson as Warden for the November 4, 2008 Election. Thomas Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

l. Select Board approval & support to prohibit in-person absentee voting on the day prior to Election Day.

Bill Chapman moved to support the Town Clerk's decision to prohibit voting by absentee ballot in the presence of the municipal clerk on November 3,

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2008 providing that the Clerk gives notice pursuant to Title 21-A §621-A. Thomas Farley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

m. Other New Business – None

VIII ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting 8:30 P.M. Bill Chapman seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY