

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD**  
**(Budget Committee Invited)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY MARCH 16, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**  
**MEETING ROOM**

Present: Chair, William Chapman, Vice-Chair Kenneth McKinley, Tracy Lee Murphy, Geoffrey Parker and Owen Casas. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Town Manager; Megan Brackett Interim Finance Director; and Helen Shaw, Budget Committee Member.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – William Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M.
  - a. Upcoming Budget Workshops and Meetings:
    - Budget Committee Meeting and Votes, **Tuesday, March 22, 2016, and (if necessary) Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 6:00 p.m. on both dates**, Rockport Town Office Richardson Room
    - Planning Board Public Hearing and recommendation votes on Land Use Ordinance changes, **Wednesday, April 6, 2015, 5:30 p.m.**, Rockport Opera House meeting room, to be televised on Channel 22 streamed at <http://livestream.com/Rockportmaine>
    - Select Board Public final votes on the Budget and Ordinance changes, **Monday, April 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**, Rockport Opera House meeting room, to be televised on Channel 22 streamed at <http://livestream.com/Rockportmaine>
    - Budget Committee Meeting and Re-Votes (if necessary), **Tuesday, April 12, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**, Rockport Town Office Richardson Room
    - Candidate Nominating Papers available, **Monday, March 21, 2016**. See the Town Clerk. Papers are due back no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, April 29, 2016**. Positions up for election in June are:
      - One 3-year term for Select Board: Ms. Tracy Lee Murphy
      - Three 3-year terms for Budget Committee: Ms. Sharon Stone, Messrs. Jan Rosenbaum and John Viehman
      - Two 3-year terms for Library Committee: Ms. Stephanie Kumble and Cathy (Cate Monroe)
      - One 3-year term for Director of MSAD #28/CSD: Ms. Gretchen Richards
  - b. Agenda Changes
  - c. Public Comment – As this is a “special” meeting, general public comment will not be taken this evening. Public comment will be accepted at the next scheduled board meeting, at which a Public Hearing regarding budget and ordinance changes will be held) on April 11.

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II. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT –

a. None this evening

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. None this evening

IV. PUBLIC HEARING –

a. None this evening

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Committee Resignation(s)

- None this evening

b. Committee Application(s):

- None this evening

c. Consensus Votes in Fiscal Year 16-17 (FY 16-17) Budget (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)

**Kenneth McKinley moved to approve expenditures of \$5,552,824, revenues of \$1,788,826 and a net budget of \$3,763,998 for the Fiscal Year 16-17 (FY 16-17) Budget (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). Tracy Murphy seconded the motion.**

Bill – next the Budget Committee will look at the numbers and vote on them.

Geoff – these are raw numbers. We are over \$387,084 from a flat line last year. \$300,000 of the increase is for the ability to have fiber town wide. The remaining \$87,084 is for increase in wages and various other items.

Ken – the question is what is the actual percentage of the increase?

Geoff – we could be over by \$500,000.

Bill - \$99,000 is for the property next to the fire station in West Rockport. We need more space to store the new truck in that building. We only have a few inches to spare once it is in the bay.

Tracy – we have been working on this budget for 9 ½ half hours in the last three days. Rick made some very hard decisions and made cuts in the budget. We have put back some of these items and made some very conservative revenue increases.

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Owen – as a result of the cuts that have been made, I feel that we have never compromised the health and safety of our residents.

**VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

d. Review of proposed non-land use articles for the warrant

Bill – at our regular Select Board Meeting on Monday night we reviewed the first and second proposed articles. The citizen petition article has been correctly certified by the Town Clerk. If passed this item would be in effect until we (the residents) vote something else.

Geoff – the property that we have discussed for expansion at the West Rockport Fire Station is right next door.

Tracy – the Fire Chief will put together a one page fact sheet on why and how that property will be used.

Bill – on the April 11<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting we will vote on the final wording of the articles.

Ken – feels that it is a good purchase at a very reasonable price.

Bill – the Planning Board will be reviewing any changes to the property.

e. Vote to Place Articles on a Public Hearing and Set that Hearing Date for Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Rockport Opera House

**MRC/FibeRight**

“Shall the Town accept the recommendation of Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation (MCSWC) for handling the disposition of the solid waste after the termination of the current contract with Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation (PERC) on March 31, 2018?” **Check wording**

**1 Limerock St.**

“To see if the Town will vote that any reconstruction, expansion, improvement, renovation or replacement of the Rockport Public Library be limited to its current location at 1 Limerock Street.”

**647 Rockland St.**

“Shall the Town vote to approve the purchase of the property at 647 Rockland Street for \$99,000.00 to facilitate the expansion of the West Rockport Fire Station?”

Changes for the wording on the first item is in the second row delete, the first “the” and replace it with “municipal.”

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Changes for the third item is to add the word “possible” in the second row after the words “facilitate the” and to close the quote at the end of the sentence.

**Kenneth McKinley moved to place on the warrant for the June election the Articles presented and on a Public Hearing and to set that Hearing Date for Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Rockport Opera House. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

VI. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

a. None this evening

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

a. None this evening

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. None this evening

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Tracy Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW  
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY