

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 19, 2012
7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair William (Bill) Chapman, Vice-Chair Tracy Lee Murphy, Alexandra (Sani) Fogel and Geoffrey Parker. Charlton Ames was absent. Also present: Robert Peabody, Jr., Town Manager, Department Head: Tom Ford, Planner and Director of Community Development, Susan Dates, Public Works Employee, and members of the public

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Bill Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02P.M.

a. Approval of the minutes of the Monday February 27, 2012 meeting of the Select Board

Geoffrey Parker moved to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting with two corrections (II b. by adding three words to the motion, “after much discussion” and II f., it should be “wiring” not lighting). Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

b. Next Regular Select Board Meeting on Monday, April 9, 2012, 7:00 PM, Rockport Opera House, TV

c. Announcements:

d. Committee Openings:

e. Agenda Changes – None – Not holding the Executive Session tonight.

f. Public Comment

II. Town Manager’s Report

III. Liaisons’ Reports –

IV. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

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

a. Commitment of Commercial Sewer User Rates for the period of January 2012

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Sani Fogel moved to commit the January 2012 Sewer User Rates totaling \$29,145.41 to the Treasurer for collection. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR –0 OPPOSED

Tracy Murphy moved to exit as Wastewater Commissioners and reenter as the Select Board. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Update on Rockport Elementary School ~~West~~ East Demolition

Discussion – Tom Ford, Robert Peabody and Kenneth McKinley

- b. Update on the cooperative effort between Rockport and Rockland concerning the impact of Wal-Mart closing on the south end of Commercial St (in Rockport) and Camden St (in Rockland)

Discussion – Tom Ford

- c. Discussion regarding Opera House rental fees and policy under which they can be waived

Discussion – Susan Dates – Will bring back to the Board on April 9th

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. No Public Hearing

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Committee Application: - Art Zur Muhlen – Investment Committee

Geoffrey Parker moved to appoint Art Zur Muhlen to the Investment Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2013. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- b. Request for Abatement of 2009-2010 taxes – Thomas Swartz, d/b/a Hot Wax Auto Detailing Center, 495 West Street

Geoffrey Parker moved to approve an abatement request pursuant to MRSA 36 §841 for the 2009-2010 real estate taxes assessed against Map 25 Lot 123 owned by Thomas Swartz. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 0 FOR – 4 OPPOSED

- d. Cell Phone Usage and Reimbursement Policy Revisions

Tracy Murphy moved to approve the Cell Phone Usage and Reimbursement Policy Revisions as presented. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

d. Vote to Place Articles on a Public Hearing and Set that Hearing Date for Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7:00 PM, Opera House

Sani Fogel moved to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7:00 PM, at the Rockport Opera House for the following proposed Warrant Articles: Ordinance amending the Rockport Land Use Ordinance Section 600 – Administration; Ordinance amending the Rockport Land Use Ordinance District, District 907 Modified – Mixed Business and Residential, District 910 Traditional Village District Rural and District 913 – Rockport Downtown; Ordinance Amending the Ordinance amending the Rockport Land Use Ordinance Section 1100 – Signs; Amending Rockport Zoning Map by revising that portion of Tax Map 8 Lots 15, 15-1,17,19,21 and 23 currently in Districts 904 and 908 to District 902; Ordinance amending the Coastal Waters and Harbor Ordinance Section 200 – Definitions; and Ordinance amending the Municipal Road Acceptance Ordinance Section 400 – Preliminary Requirements and Section 500 – Application Process and Review Procedure for the Dedication and Acceptance of Municipal Roads. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

e. Consensus Votes on the FY 12/13 Budget

Geoffrey Parker moved to call for a consensus on the budget as amended this evening prior to 7:00 PM. Sani Fogel seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VIII. Executive Session

a. Discussion of Town Manager's Annual Review process pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, Section 405(6)(A)

The Board set a new date and time to hear this item. It will be Monday, March 26th at 4:40 PM to be held at the Rockport Town Office.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Sani Fogel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY