

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY MARCH 19, 2014  
7:00 P.M.  
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair William (Bill) Chapman, Vice-Chair Charlton Ames, Tracy Lee Murphy, Kenneth McKinley and Geoffrey Parker. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Town Manager, Department Heads: Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director and Bill Najpauer, Planner and Community Development Director and members of the public

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Bill Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
  - a. Candidate Nominations
  - b. Agenda Changes – NONE
  - c. Public Comment - NONE
- II. Town Manager’s Report – No report this meeting
- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No Unfinished Business
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING -. No Public Hearing
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Consensus Votes on the FY 14/15 Budget

**Geoffrey Parker moved to approve the FY 14-15 Budget in the amount of \$4,707,391, \$1,551,532 for revenues, leaving a bottom line of \$3,155,858. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

- b. Review of proposed land use articles for the warrant – Bill Najpauer, Planner

Warrant Article # 1

Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance repealing the Rockport Land Use Ordinance Section 900 and replacing it with an amended Section 900 which reorganizes the contents, creates a chart of permitted uses, creates dimensional charts, and makes some other minor revisions” be enacted?

The Committee spent the bulk of their time reorganizing Section 900. Bill recommends repealing the present ordinance and adopting the new one.

Warrant Article # 2

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Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance amending the Rockport Land Use Ordinance through adding new definitions and making changes to existing to Section 300 Definitions be enacted?”

Bill N. – we will be redefining the definitions.

Warrant Article # 3

Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance amending the Rockport Land Use Ordinance Section 1400 Shoreland Zoning Overlay District be made in subsection 1415.3 and 1415.16 to clarify that a 75-foot setback is required for all water bodies other than a great pond” be enacted?

Bill N. – mostly technical clarifications.

Warrant Article # 4

Shall an ordinance entitled “Ordinance amending the Rockport Land Use Ordinance Section 1400 Shoreland Zoning Overlay District be made in subsection 1416. 2 e to state that the provisions in Section 1415.16.2 shall not apply to the Rockport Harbor located on Map 29B Lots 091 and 309” be enacted?

Bill N. – this section concerns the clearing of vegetation.

Warrant Article # 5

Shall the Rockport Zoning Map be amended by changing the designation of the wetland located at West Street Extension from Resource Protection to Another Shoreland District” be enacted?

Bill N. – this section deals with amending the setbacks on West Street Extension, proposed Business Park. We have clarified this with DEP already.

Warrant Article # 6

Shall an ordinance entitled “ Ordinance amending the Rockport Land Use Ordinance Section 800 General Standards of Performance be made by creating standards for noise in subsection 801.6, creating standards for lighting in subsection 801.7; and by placing the dimensional requirements for Cluster Subdivisions contained in Section 900 into Subsection 804 .1 .E” be enacted?

Bill N. – this section deals with performance standards, noise standards, lighting standards, reorganization of cluster subdivisions which is better suited with the section on Cluster Subdivisions, and a few other modifications.

Bill N. – discussed amending of chart. Golf Courses are only allowed in one district; however, we have them in several districts. We have made some minor changes to make the process easier for the Board and for applicants. We had more work to do but not enough time.

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Charlton – had a question on the noise decibels.

Bill N. – it will be based on the area and time of the day. I have put into the budget the cost for a noise meter.

Geoff – can police use it and where will it be stored?

Bill N. – in my office.

Charlton – what about lighting?

Bill N. – we will use a full standard with a cut-off internally and externally. The light will be directed down so that we don't have a glare from the bulb.

Geoff – will this be retroactive?

Bill N. – no, only going forward. LED lighting is harsher so we will use full cut-off for maximum benefit for the area. We will be able to direct the light where we want it to be. Foot candles will be limited at the property line. This will apply to both commercial and institutional areas.

c. Vote to Place Articles on a Public Hearing and Set that Hearing Date for Monday, April 14, 2014, 7:00 P.M., Opera House, TV

**Geoffrey Parker moved to set the public hearing date for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 7:00 P.M., Opera House, TV and to place the Land Use Ordinance Articles on the Public Hearing Notice. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

VI. Liaison Report – No reports this meeting

VII. Executive Session – No executive session

VIII ADJOURNMENT

**Tracy Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P.M. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW  
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY