

**MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013  
7:00 P.M.  
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair, William (Bill) Chapman, Vice-Chair Charlton Ames, Tracy Lee Murphy, Geoffrey Parker and Kenneth McKinley. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Town Manager, 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, June 24, 2013 meeting of the Select Board

**Tracy Murphy moved to table the minutes of the June 24, 2013 Select Board Meeting to the August 12, 2013 meeting. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion.  
VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

b. Next Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2013

c. Announcements

d. Upcoming Workshop Dates:

e. Committee Openings:

f. Agenda Changes – None

g. Public Comments – Janet Hall of West Street – I have no complaints with Pop the Cork. They left the area spotless, but Maine Homes and Design left trash flying around. Janet emailed the company to inform them of her concerns and distress of the situation.

This is a small street and the event was very inconvenient to the neighbors. The way they left the site was an insult to our neighborhood, the town and the state. It took six days to clean it up. There should be more parking and traffic control if there is going to be these events. People parked in front of driveways and blocked the mail box, preventing the delivery of mail. It started too early in the morning and stopped too late at night.

“Please do not let this happen again.” If you are going to have events, then you need to oversee them.

The Town Manager asked for a copy of her report and said that he will be sitting up a debriefing meeting with all the parties involved to find a better way to handle these events in the future.

II. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

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III. LIAISON REPORTS

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Committee Liaison Assignments (See attached)

V. PUBLIC HEARING – No Public Hearing

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Committee Resignation – No Committee Resignations(s) this month.
- b. Committee Application – No Committee Application(s) this month.
- c. Judy Wallington or Richard Knowlton, Maine Water Representative, to discuss their proposed increases

Judy explained that the Water Company is going through the process of replacing the aging infrastructure and that this is the prime reason for requesting an increase in the rates. We need to replace two miles of water lines over the seven towns and the old stand pipe in Camden. The increase will be 8 cents per 100 gallons used per day. This would be approximately \$1 per day compared to the present 92 cents. We have not had an increase in three years.

- d. Colin Haley and Fletcher Kittredge, GWI Representatives, to discuss the prospect of extending a fiber option high-speed capacity into Rockport Village

Fletcher Kittredge made the presentation regarding the “3 ring binder”. This will be more reliable, more secure and faster. We would have the local concentration point at the pump station located at the end of the bridge and would be serving the village business area. Maine Media see this as critical for their business and being able to provide on line education. Rockport would be the “High Tech Harbor”. The cost would be too great for the college to handle by itself.

The approximate cost of the project would be around \$70,000 to \$80,000 with GWI paying \$20,000-\$25,000 of the cost. Fletcher proposed that the remaining amount be paid by the town, with the initial funding to be repaid through the revenue generated by the increased customer base. The customer fee for commercial users would be about \$250.00

Geoff spoke in favor of the project and said that it would be possible to make the introduction by April 15<sup>th</sup> next year. He feels that it would bring the town more business and tourism.

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Rick said that we should look at exploring this idea. There is more work to do, however, before we are ready to move ahead.

Ken asked the question that if we front this project, where does the money come from.

- e. Ted Skowronski, chair, Rockport Conservation Committee, to present the idea of an “invasive species” garden at the Town Office – this item was tabled to the August meeting.
- f. Discussion of the rough list of 2013-2014 Select Board Goals (based on the ideas gathered at the July 2 Goal Setting Workshop)

There was a discussion on setting up the goals in categories – Select Board, Town Manager and general goals. Regarding a wage and salary scale, we need to develop one and adopt same. The Town Manager’s goals will help the Board to know what he already sees (policies, etc.) that needs to be changed. We need to review, implement and classify the goals. Talked about Historic Preservation, Outlook as our email, reviewing the Comprehensive Plan, Road Improvements (West Rockport Intersection), Welcome to Rockport Signs, Legacy Rockport 501C Status).

Wage & Salary, Annual Performance Evaluation, Personnel Policy Review and Implementation, Purchasing Policy Review, Purchasing Order System, Road Book Assets, GASP Compliance, NIMS Requirements, Library Discussion Codified, Communication with Residents (WEB), Revaluation, Capital Improvements (RES, Library & Committees), Wastewater (Warrant article on Ballot regarding 2100’ extension), Strategic Plan for Fire Department, RES Plan (Town vote in 2014), Wastewater Budget (hold sooner than in past), Attracting Entities to Vacant Lots

VII. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

**Kenneth McKinley moved to exit as Select Board and enter as Wastewater Commissioners. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

- a. Commitment of Commercial Sewer User Rates for the period of May 2013

**Kenneth McKinley moved to commit the May 2013 Sewer User Rates, totaling \$23,705.85 to the Treasurer for collection. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR –0 OPPOSED**

- b. Update on the status of the Route 1/Commercial Street Sanitary Sewer Extension Project - Discussion

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**Kenneth McKinley moved to exit as Wastewater Commissioners and reenter as the Select Board. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR –0 OPPOSED**

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. No Executive Session

IX ADJOURNMENT

**Tracy Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW  
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY