

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2012
7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE

Present: Chair William (Bill) Chapman, Tracy Lee Murphy, Geoffrey Parker and Kenneth McKinley. Absent was Vice Chair, Charlton Ames. Also present: Robert Peabody, Jr., Town Manager, Department Head: Molly Larson, Library Director and members of the public

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Bill Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7: 05 P.M.
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the Monday, September 10, 2012 meeting of the Select Board

Kenneth McKinley moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 10, 2012 meeting of the Select Board. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 – FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 1 ABSTAINED (BILL CHAPMAN)
 - b. Approval of the minutes of the Tuesday, October 9, 2012 meeting of the Select Board – **Tabled to the next meeting.**
 - c. Next Regular Select Board Meeting on Monday, December 10, 2012
 - d. Announcements
 - e. Upcoming Workshop Dates: Committee By-Law & Mission Review on Thursday, December 6th and Agenda Setting Workshop on Monday December 3rd.
 - f. Committee Openings
 - g. Agenda Changes – move the GA Public Hearing and vote to the end of the meeting.
 - h. Public Comment - None
- II. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT
- III. LIAISONS’ REPORTS
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Request to Purchase Town-Owned Property:

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- Anne Perschon, 25 Warrenton Street to purchase property owned by the Town of Rockport adjacent to her property (Tabled) – will hear this item in December

V. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

Tracy Murphy moved to stop being the Select Board and start being Wastewater Commissioners. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

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

Kenneth McKinley moved to commit the September 2012 Sewer User Rates, pages 1 through 8, totaling \$103,075.25 to the Treasurer for collection. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Geoffrey Parker moved to exit as Wastewater Commissioners and reenter as the Select Board. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VI. Public Hearing

- a. Public Hearing on General Assistance Ordinance Amendments – moved to end of meeting

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of General Assistance Ordinance Amendments
- b. Committee Application: Timothy Hoffman appointment to the Harbor Committee

Geoffrey Parker moved to appoint Tim Hoffman to the Harbor Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2015. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- c. Closing of Pascal Avenue on December 1 from 4 to 8 PM for 2nd Annual Holiday by the Harbor sponsored by village businesses

Geoffrey Parker moved to approve the closure of Pascal Avenue to through traffic between its intersection with West Street and its intersection with Main Street on the following conditions: residents and guests living in the neighborhood shall not be restricted; emergency vehicles shall not be restricted; and any debris shall be cleaned up on or prior to the street being re-opened. Use of the RES East parking lot and the Town Office parking lot for the event are hereby approved. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE 4 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

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d. Discussion of two requests for additions to the Ordinance Review Committee Work Plan

Request #1 – Jack Lane, Molly Sholes and Alexander Krausse

Kenneth McKinley moved to amend the fall and spring 2012-13 work plan on Land Use Ordinance revisions by including the Rural District High Elevation Performance Standards. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Request #2 – Richard Remsen

Geoffrey Parker moved to amend the fall and spring 2012-13 work plan on Land Use Ordinance revisions by including the Road Acceptance Ordinance and drive through. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 2 FOR (PARKER & MCKINLEY) – 2 OPPOSED (CHAPMAN & MURPHY) - MOTION FAILED

e. Request by Mary Orear to have the ZBA fee waived

Tracy Murphy moved to waive the Appeals Board Fee for Mary Orear for an Administrative Appeal. Bill Chapman seconded the motion. VOTE: 0 FOR – 4 OPPOSED (MURPHY, CHAPMAN, MCKINLEY AND PARKER)

f. Confirmation of re-ordered Select Board Goals for 2012-13

Tracy Murphy moved to approve the 2012-13 Select Board Goals with the Town Manager's rank ordered 1-11 and for his evaluation to be based on 1-11 being completed. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

g. FY13-14 Budget Guidance to the Town Manager

Budget Goals –Kenneth McKinley – Personnel first, with Police Department being priority, followed by Harbor, Library, and Assessing. This should be considered first before things.

Tracy Murphy – discussed the concept of buying asphalt before approving new roads.
William Chapman – asked the Town Manager to look at the tonnage of asphalt laid in the last ten years.

h. MRC Board of Directors Election Ballot

Geoffrey Parker moved to cast Rockport's vote for Tony Smith to serve on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Review Committee. Tracy Murphy and Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

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VIII. Executive Session

a. No Executive Session

Tracy Murphy left the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened by Chair. – In favor – None; Opposition to amendment – None – neither for nor against – none. Closed the public hearing

New Business – a

Kenneth McKinley moved to approve Appendix C to the General Assistance Ordinance. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

IX ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth McKinley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY