

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2012
7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair, William Chapman, Vice-Chair Charlton Ames, Tracy Lee Murphy, Geoffrey Parker and Kenneth McKinley. Also present: Robert Peabody, Jr., Town Manager, Department Heads: Kerry Leichtman, Assessor and Tom Ford, Director of Community Development, Craig Cooley, EMA and Police Department and members of the public

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

a. Approval of the minutes of the Tuesday, October 9, 2012 meeting of the Select Board

Geoffrey Parker moved to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting with corrections to page 1, Vice Chair Charlton Ames and page 3 should be Charlton Ames (delete Parker). Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 1 ABSTAINED (McKinley, not present at meeting)

b. Approval of the minutes of the Tuesday, November 13, 2012 meeting of the Select Board.

Geoffrey Parker moved to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting with corrections to page 1, Tuesday (not Monday) and Vice Chair, Charlton Ames. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 1 ABSTAINED (Ames not present at meeting)

c. Next Regular Select Board Meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013, televised on Channel 22

d. Announcements:

e. Upcoming Workshop Dates

f. Committee Openings:

g. Agenda Changes – None

h. Public Comment

II. Town Manager's Report

III. Liaisons' Reports

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
DECEMBER 10, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Request to Purchase Town Owned Property:

- Anne Perschon, 25 Warrenton Street, to purchase property owned by the Town of Rockport adjacent to her property (Tabled)

Geoffrey Parker moved to table this item to next month's meeting. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

b. Continuation of discussion on whether or not to continue Agenda Setting Workshops vs. scheduling the 2nd Select Board Monthly Meeting (4th Monday of the month)

Geoff – Chair sets the agenda, we should discuss the agenda items at the usual scheduled meeting. If a board member is unable to attend the premeeting, they would be at a disadvantage.

Bill – we are looking for additional input from each individual.

Ken – finds value in the pre-meeting. The meeting should be the same date as regularly schedule Select Board meetings.

Geoff – does not support this idea.

Tracy – agrees with Geoff. We should do what we do in public as it is part of the process. Does not feel that we need to meet to discuss what we are going to talk about. If we need two meetings a month, I trust that you can make that decision. We do not need a planning meeting.

Charlton – doesn't feel we need two formal meetings a month. We should meet a couple more times to see if the pre-meetings work.

Will Gartley – agrees with Tracy and Geoff.

Bill – we will hold one in January, we should try this method one more time. Feels the need for input and discussion before setting the agenda.

c. Discussion of Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) agenda setting process: when does the Select Board express its thoughts on specific agenda items

Discussed having the Kumbaya meeting again. The ORC, Select Board and Planning Board should hold a workshop as part of the discovery process.

V. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
DECEMBER 10, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Tracy Murphy moved to commit the October 2012 Sewer User Rates totaling \$27,339.13 to the Treasurer for collection. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

a. No Public Hearing

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Committee Resignations:

- Jim Chalfant – Conservation Commission

Tracy Murphy moved to accept with regret the resignation of James Chalfant from the Conservation Commission. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE 5 FOR - 0 OPPOSED

It was decided that Charlton will conduct an exit interview and thank him for his service on the Commission.

b. Committee Application: None

c. Abatement for Camden Printing for 2010 & 2011 – Assessor Kerry Leichtman

Kenneth McKinley moved to abate \$637.58 assessed in error against Katherine and George Tripp, Map 14 Lot 11, Account Number 5645RE, File Number 31-2011, for Tax Year 2011. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Tracy Murphy moved to abate \$650.37 assessed in error against Katherine and George Tripp, Map 14 Lot 11, Account Number 5645RE, File Number 30-2010, for Tax Year 2010. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
DECEMBER 10, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

- d. Approval and Signature on the 2012 Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for Knox County – Rockport EMA Director – Craig Cooley

Tracy Murphy moved to approve the Resolution of Adoption of the 2012 Knox County Maine Hazard Mitigation Plan. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- e. Overview on Comprehensive Plan Implementation (Tom Ford)

Tom – The Comprehensive Plan is important. It needs to be revised in 2016 to stay consistent with the state growth management law. The last time it was revised was December 13, 2004 and should be done every twelve years.

- f. Appointment of Planner/CDD Tom Ford and Town Manager Robert Peabody to serve as the two ad hoc representatives to the Micro Corridor Plan for Old County Road

Tracy Murphy moved to appoint Community Development Director/Planner Tom Ford and Town Manager Robert Peabody to the committee developing recommendations for Old County Road to be submitted to the Maine Department of Transportation. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR 0 OPPOSED

- g. Approval for the Town Manager to sign the approved sub grant for the Police Department, “2013 Drive Sober, Maine!” Impaired Driving Project

Kenneth McKinley moved to direct the Town Manager to sign the “Drive Sober, Maine” Impaired Driving contract. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- h. Set a date for follow-up on Listening Tour Workshop

A tentative date of January the 28th was set.

- i. Meeting with selected, representative town businesses: do it or not?

Tracy – feels that this is reverse lobbying and is not appropriate. It makes her uncomfortable and she feels that it is wrong. She does not want to participate in this process and is against approaching big business and asking “What can we do for you?”.

Geoff - feels that it is best executed in a formal plan and would behoove us to hold two more meetings, inviting the CEO and serving refreshments. We should do the same with non-profits – the purpose is to formalize and create two more listening events.

Charlton – it will be well planned.

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
DECEMBER 10, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

Tracy – have a problem with selected businesses as presented.

Charlton – the purpose is to promote and advocate for the town.

Geoff – should send invitation asking “What is of concern to you?” Should discuss payment in kind for non-profits.

Ken – part of the problem is “what can we do for you?”. This is not what we should ask.

Bill – we should invite the new Director for the Chamber of Commerce.

j. Review and approve minor change to Select Board By-Laws

Tracy Murphy moved to approve the revision to the Select Board By-Laws. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE – 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VIII. Executive Session

a. Pursuant to Title 1M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter

Tracy Murphy moved to go into Executive Session at 9:13 p.m. pursuant to Title 1M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (A). Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

At 10:20 p.m., Tracy Murphy moved to come out of Executive Session. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

IX ADJOURNMENT

Tracy Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:21p.m. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY