

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012
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: Robert Peabody, Jr., Town Manager; Department Heads Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master, Molly Larson, Library Director, and Stephen Beveridge, Public Works Director, Public Works employee, Mike Young, press and members of the public

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – William (Bill) Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

a. Approval of the minutes of the Monday, May 14, 2012 meeting of the Select Board

Charlton Ames moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 Meeting as presented. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 2 ABSTAINED (MURPHY AND MCKINLEY)

b. Approval of the minutes of the Monday, June 25, 2012 meeting of the Select Board

Geoffrey Parker moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2012 Meeting as amended. Page 2 regarding adding *Parliamentary Procedure - Roberts Rules* and page 4 adding the motion for the acceptance of George Benson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

c. Approval of the minutes of the Monday, July 9, 2012 meeting of the Select Board

Kenneth McKinley moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 Meeting as presented with some additional information regarding parking on Mechanic Street, the possible renaming of RES East and the Glen Cove Park and regarding Mack Point and page 5 add to the motion made by Geoffrey Parker the words regarding the Parks and Recreation Committee. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

d. Next Regular Select Board Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012

e. Announcements

f. Upcoming Workshop Dates

g. Committee Openings

h. Agenda Changes: None

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i. Public Comment –

Sani Fogel wanted to discuss the relationship between four groups (The Garden Club, Parks and Recreation Committee, Conservation Committee and the Opera House Committee) and to have it clarified. She does not like the three changes made to the park (the fencing made of pressure treated wood, the garish sign and the bench).

David Jackson endorsed what Sani said and feels that it is totally inappropriate.

Steve McAllister agreed with both. The four groups need to work together.

Louise Cadogan stated that the bench is being used and is a most delighted addition to the park. It is a treasure.

Sally Cook feels that the park needs better maintenance and better oversight.

Linda Posson felt that there needs to be more communication between the Select Board and the Committees.

Bonnie Schmidt, the Heron, feels that it is very important to know what is going on at the Harbor before making any changes the Commercial Use Policy and to follow procedures, treating everyone equally.

David Jackson – regarding the use of a catamaran, that is as wide as it is long and using a lot of space, non-resident.

Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master – it is a gray area. He has an outer harbor mooring and is allowed to pick up and drop off passengers at the dock. We do have his brochure in the office.

Bonnie – he sits there for an hour with his sign advertising his business.

Kenneth McKinley moved to refer this matter to the Harbor Committee and have them report back to the Select Board before their October Meeting. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

II. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

III. LIAISONS' REPORTS

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. No Unfinished Business

V. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

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- a. No Wastewater Business

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. No Public Hearing

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Geoffrey Parker moved to accept with regrets the resignation of Thomas Murphy from the Board of Assessment Review. He is ineligible as his wife is a member of the Select Board. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- a. Committee Application:

Lynda Clancy – C-R Pathways Committee

Tracy Murphy moved to appoint Lynda Clancy to the C-R Pathways Committee to a term expiring June 13, 2013. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- b. Request to Purchase Town Owned Properties:

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

Kenneth McKinley moved to refer this to the Conservation Committee and the Planning Board for an updated recommendation and to direct the Town Manager to notify any other abutters about selling the property and to put this back on the agenda for the September Meeting. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- Richard Strong, 200 Mystic Avenue, to purchase a property owned by the Town of Rockport adjacent to his property

Kenneth McKinley moved to notify the abutter's and bring the results back to the Select Board at their next meeting. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 1 OPPOSED (CHAPMAN)

- c. Parks and Recreation Committee presentation and request regarding Maine Department of Transportation highway garage and property on West Street adjacent to the Marge Jones Recreation Field (Steve Alex, Chair, Parks & Recreation Committee)

Kenneth McKinley moved to task the Parks & Recreation Committee to have a dialog with the State about the property. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.

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Tracy Murphy moved to amend the motion to have Robert Peabody, Town Manager, himself or someone in the Town Office (staff) as his appointee to be part of this process. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VOTE ON MOTION: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- d. PAWS (f/k/a Camden Rockport Animal Rescue League) update on expansion

Jean White gave a history of the Shelter. They plan to have a new isolation room, separate housing for dogs (7-15) and cat condos (60-76). They will also have a public Dog Park. This will be a 1+ million dollar expansion.

- e. Approval of seasonal fees for new river dinghy float

Kenneth McKinley moved to approve a \$75 seasonal permit fee for two river dinghy floats. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- f. Discussion of issues raised at the July 25 meeting of the Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation (MCSWC) Board of Directors Meeting – Bill Chapman

Discussion regarding their last meeting and the Town of Hope's announcing the possibility of withdrawing their membership with MCSWC and joining another town.

- g. Discussion of the mission and role of the Rockport Opera House Committee (requested by John Priestly, chair, Rockport Opera House Committee)

Bill Chapman, Chair gave the gavel to Charlton Ames, Vice-Chair for this discussion per Geoff's suggestion.

- h. Discussion and vote for support of a feasibility transit study for the mid-coast area

Charlton Ames moved to an appropriation of up to \$1,650 as Rockport's share of the funding for a transportation feasibility study. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- i. Review proposed Road Acceptance Application and vote to place on the Monday, September 10th Agenda as a Public Hearing Item for the Tuesday, November 6, 2012 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Charlton Ames moved not to place Ashley Terrace and Hawthorne Drive on the November Special Town Meeting ballot for acceptance. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- j. Appointment of a new Select Board representative to Legacy Rockport

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Geoffrey moved to appoint Charlton Ames to the Legacy Rockport Board of Directors to term expiring June 30, 2015. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

k. Transfer of Encumbered Funds to Legacy Rockport

Geoffrey Parker moved to approve the transfer of the outstanding encumbered fund balance to Legacy Rockport. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

l. Discussion of the ranked Capital Improvement Plan projects list

m. Discussion of the ranked Select Board Goals list

VIII. Executive Session

a. No Executive Session

IX ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth McKinley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 P.M. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY