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

II. PUBLIC HEARING
   a. Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance Articles Three (3) through Twelve (12) of the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant*

*Please note that all Warrant Article Numbers are subject to change with the addition or deletion of an article item.

The public hearing started at 7:03 p.m.

**Article 3.** Shall an amendment to the Section 913 zoning district in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to change Hotels/Inns to a permitted use in the Downtown “core” area identified in subsection 913.3, subject to a cap of *40 sleeping* rooms total, in the aggregate, to be permitted on a first-come, first-served basis?

In Favor – None
In Opposition - None
Neither for nor against

Robert Duke – would like to see the village vital again. It looks like we are selling forty parking spaces for one business. Is it spot zoning for one hotel? “It is a concern of mine.”

**Article 4.** Shall amendments to Section 300 in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to add definitions for Heavy Landscaping, Landscaping, Storage and Mini-Storage?

In favor – None
In opposition – None
Neither for or against - None
**Article 5.** Shall an amendment to the Zoning Map be enacted to expand the Section 906 Mixed Business Residential zoning district on the following parcels located in West Rockport and currently designated as Section 902 Village zoning district, primarily to (identified by Map/Lot numbers as 17/19, 17/23, 17/25, 17/107, 17/107-1, 17/113, 18/73, 18/73-1, 18/73-2, 18/73-3, 18/73-4), as well as add two small areas (identified by Map/Lot numbers as part of 17/26 and part of 17/27) to the adjacent Section 904 Residential and 908 Rural zoning districts?

In favor – None
In opposition – None
Neither for nor against - None

**Article 6.** Shall an amendment to the Zoning Map be enacted to expand the Section 907 Rockport Mixed Business/Residential zoning district to include a parcel located behind 465 West Street and currently designated as Section 904 Residential zoning district (identified by Map/Lot number 25/133).

The attorney for the property owner who would benefit from this article has requested that this article be dropped.

Bill – since we have someone here who wants to speak to this issue we will let them speak.

In favor – None
In Opposition -

Emily Lusher – I live on Park Street and wish to go on the record. I spoke to the Planning Board about this article and it was probably dropped at the moment because of my concerns. My concern is that it is a noisy operation. They are grinding and dropping rocks. Last summer they ran the machinery all night. The attitude I have from the owners are that they can do whatever they want to. It is disturbing that we create more land use ordinances for them to do their business. Beware when you cut granite that it gives off silica, which is a very dangerous substance. Another concern for me is the dust.

Neither for nor against - None

**Article 7.** Shall an amendment to the Section 1003 Architectural Review standards in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to clarify several provisions regulating non-residential development?

In favor – None
In Opposition – None
Neither for nor against

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Article 8.  Shall an amendment to the Section 900 Zoning Districts in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to standardize numbering and formatting throughout this chapter?

In favor – None
In Opposition – None
Neither for nor against

Article 9.  Shall amendments to the Section 917 Permitted Use Table in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to change the applicable zoning districts where the following uses are Permitted, whether by Special Exception or as-of-right: Affordable Housing; Art Galleries; Barber Shop/Salon; Boat Storage Commercial; Boat Storage/Shipyard & Sales; Outdoor Recreation; and Restaurants?

In favor – None
In Opposition – None
Neither for nor against

Article 10. Shall an amendment to the Section 918 Dimensional Tables in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to correct certain minimum street frontage requirements applicable to the Section 907 Rockport Mixed Business/Residential zoning district?

In favor – None
In Opposition – None
Neither for nor against

Article 11.  Shall the Town accept the dedication in fee simple of all of Bayberry Lane (considered part of Ashley Terrace on the Bay Ridge subdivision plan first approved by the Planning Board on December 10, 2003) and part of Hawthorne Drive comprising approximately 1,600 feet of private right-of-ways located off of Old County Road, as shown on the subdivision plan recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds at Book 16, Page 179, as amended, and to accept and establish such ways as municipal roads to be Town-owned and maintained?

Explanation: The Town Manager’s Office is holding a check from Richard Nightingale, developer of the Bay Ridge IV Subdivision, in the amount of $7,602.00 (Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Two Dollars) to cover the costs of final repairs and improvements to the roadways in question, to be completed as soon as possible. This cost estimate was provided in a memo dated April 4, 2017 by Public Works Director
Michael Young. If approved, this work must be completed to his satisfaction.

In favor –

Jonathan Duke – he is the representative for the neighbors of Hawthorne Drive. He thanked the ORC, the Planning Board, the Town Manager, Jamie, this Select Board and previous Select Boards. It should have been accepted a long time ago. He has had conversations on what kind of town we are and what we want to be. Where are we going as a community? I hope that you will approve this article tonight and to place it on the June ballot. A lot of work has been done. “It is the right thing to do.”

In opposition – None  
Neither for nor against - None


In favor – None  
In opposition - None  
Neither for nor against – None

Bill closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – See agenda

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Vote to place Land Use Ordinance Articles Three (3) through Twelve (12) on the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

b. Recommendation votes by the Select Board on Land Use Ordinance Articles Three (3) through Twelve (12) of the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

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Kenneth McKinley moved to place Article 3 on the warrant as read. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 0 ABSTAINED

Owen – Mr. Duke, you are not saying that 40 parking spaces will be sold?
Bob Duke – it was a metaphor about parking. I would recommend that you tread carefully.

Bill – on Central Street there is a limit for 2-hour parking that we will enforce.

Geoff – they already own their parking spaces that we are also allowed to use.

Jamie – the Planning Board could waive parking. There are no guarantees.

Geoff – why 40 spaces? I don’t favor the first and only hotel to apply.

Ken – the hotel will add vitality to our downtown area.

Owen – how many rooms do they have on Bayview Street in Camden?

Stuart Smith – about twenty to twenty-two sleeping rooms. 16 Bayview Street has twenty-one rooms and the Lord Camden has thirty-six rooms. We own a parking lot behind the block which has seventy spaces. Only half of the people staying in the rooms use parking as they are usually visiting family or friends and don’t have their vehicle with them.

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 4. Shall amendments to Section 300 in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to add definitions for Heavy Landscaping, Landscaping, Storage and Mini-Storage?

Kenneth McKinley moved to place Article 4 on the warrant. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Geoff – is mini storage allowed in that zone?

Ken – the ORC came up with a definition. They were concerned with the appearance of them.

Jamie – mini storage is not presently defined.

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

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Jamie – explained the areas on the map that are on Route 90 and Route 17 in West Rockport that are to be rezoned (expanded).

The Board had a discussion on this item. Owen asked if the owners had been notified of the proposed change.

Jamie – no, but we can advertise it in the newspaper. He reported that he had handed out the notices to the residents on Robinson Drive, Hammond Brae Lane and the Ames properties.

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

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Geoffrey Parker moved to place Article 6 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 0 FOR – 4 OPPOSED

The attorney for the property owner who would benefit from this article has requested that it be dropped.

Owen – the noise from the work that is done with Rockport Granite was not an issue when it was Rockers. They use a bigger saw and it is much nosier.

Jamie – the ORC put a lot on work into this one. The Select Board did not assign it to the ORC, the Planning Board did. It should flow from the Select Board. It was done in reaction to a site plan.

Geoff – apparently, there is a release of silica in the air. These are airborne particles.

Owen – they have taken every effort to keep the dust down.

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Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 7 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley
seconded the motion.  **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Geoff – the ORC has looked at several towns in the area regarding this article. There are no teeth in what we presently have. It needs to be clarified.

Owen – I remember that an auto mechanic wanted to build a metal structure on Route 1.

Ken – they are not prohibited, but they cannot look like one.

Bill – can we not use concrete for a foundation as a result of this?

The Board and Jamie – it is not applicable for a commercial foundation.

**Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED**

**Article 8.** Shall an amendment to the Section 900 Zoning Districts in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to standardize numbering and formatting throughout this chapter?

Geoffrey Parker moved to include Article 8 in the June warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

The Planning Board put in a lot of work on this to organize the numbers.

**Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED**

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Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 9 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Ken – what about affordable housing?

Jamie – In the ordinance the use is not defined. If affordable housing is not then we are in violation of the ordinance.

Terri Mackenzie, Planning Board – we do not have a current definition.

Bill – talked about little (tiny) houses.
Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 10. Shall an amendment to the Section 918 Dimensional Tables in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to correct certain minimum street frontage requirements applicable to the Section 907 Rockport Mixed Business/Residential zoning district?

Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 10 on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Jamie – this is another type of hand off that was not on the work plan. It was brought to us by a resident, Gregg Haining. There is an error in the frontage table that needs to be corrected.

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

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Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 11 on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Owen – will the explanation be on the ballot?

Jamie – yes, it will be in full.

Kenneth McKinley moved to amend the amount of money to $6,100. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Kenneth McKinley moved to amend the wording in the explanation by deleting the last two words “his satisfaction” to “the satisfaction of the Public Works Director.”
Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.  **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

**VOTE ON THE AMENDED MOTION: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Break 8:50 p.m. to 8:57 p.m.

**Article 12.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Emergency Management Ordinance,” be enacted?

*Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 12 on the warrant.  Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.  VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED*

**Article ??** Do you support allowing retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs to operate in the Town of Rockport and the development of amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to regulate the location and operation of those uses?

Owen – on the state level that has been discussion if you have to keep “social club,” but decided that it is not necessary.

Rick – that was the terminology that was being used.

Owen – social clubs confuses it. Retail marijuana establishments is a very broad term.

Ken – I don’t think that it is a problem the way it is worded.

Owen – should it say that this is a non-binding article?

*Geoffrey Parker moved to add the statement “This article is a non-binding advisory question” and to place this article on the warrant.  Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion.  VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED*

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

- c. Final Discussions and decisions on the Budget Articles Thirteen (13) through Twenty-one (21) and votes by the Select Board to place these Articles on the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

- d. Recommendation votes by the Select Board on Budget Article Thirteen (13) through Twenty-one (21) of the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as
Revenue from the following sources to be used in reducing the property
tax assessment for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:
A. General Government........................................................$1,056,968
B. Public Assistance.............................................................$12,880
C. Public Safety.................................................................$223,188
D. Public Works.................................................................$107,310
E. Culture and Recreation...................................................$120,227
F. All Other – Cemeteries ....................................................$16,050
G. Unassigned Fund Balance..............................................$0
H. Special Assessments ......................................................$125,023

Total .................................................................................$1,661,646

Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 13 on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker
seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Kenneth McKinley moved to change line g to be $110,000 and the total to
$1,771,646. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for
General Government for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:
A. Administration...............................................................$36,430
B. Town Manager...............................................................$278,260
C. Town Clerk..................................................................$230,546
D. Planning & Community Development..........................$268,410
E. Finance.........................................................................$134,710
F. Assessing......................................................................$188,848
G. Town Office Building...................................................$83,089
H. Insurance......................................................................$65,798
Total $1,286,091

Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 14 as read on the warrant. Geoffrey
Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for
Public Assistance for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:
A. General Assistance......................................................$27,335
Total $27,335
Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 15 as read on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.  **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:
A. Police Department ...............................................................$607,330  
B. Fire Department .................................................................$384,271  
C. West Rockport Fire Station .....................................................$5,749  
D. Other Public Safety Services ..................................................$257,216  
E. Animal Control .................................................................$5,349  
F. Harbormaster ....................................................................$192,162  
G. Public Safety Building .........................................................$32,156  
H. Emergency Management .....................................................$3,010  
Total .................................................................................$1,487,243

Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 16 as read on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion.  **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:
A. Public Works ....................................................................$1,534,946  
B. Sanitation ............................................................................$176,879  
Total .................................................................................$1,711,825

The Board had a discussion regarding Mt. Pleasant Street and if it should be a separate article. They decided to put more money in the Public Works budget to cover some road work on that road.

Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 17 on the warrant and to change the public works line to $1,725,506 and the total to $1,902,385. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.  **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:
A. Library .................................................................................$454,806  
B. Conservation Commission .....................................................$8,410  
C. Parks and Recreation ..........................................................$81,237  
D. Opera House ....................................................................$142,862  
E. Library Building (1 Limerock) .................................................$2,830  
Total ....................................................................................$690,145
Bill Chapman moved to place article 18 on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.  **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Geoffrey Parker moved to amend item A. Library to $479,806. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion.  **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Geoffrey Parker moved to amend item C. Parks and Recreation to $76,237 making the total $710,145. Owen Casas seconded the motion.  **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

**VOTE ON AMENDED MOTIONS: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

**Article 19.**  To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. Debt
   $152,875
   Total $152,875

Owen Casas moved to place article 19 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

**Article 20.**  To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. County Service E-911
   $60,514
B. County Service Dispatch
   $29,816
   Total $90,330

Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 20 on the warrant. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

**Article 21.**  To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries, Provider Agencies, RES East and Special Assessments for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. Cemeteries
   $56,075
B. Provider Agencies
   $9,556
C. RES East
   $6,132
D. Special Assessments
   $6,800
   Total $78,563

Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 21 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**
Select Board Votes:  4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

e. Vote to place Article Twenty-two through Thirty-Nine on the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

f. Recommendation votes by the Select Board on Articles Twenty-Two (22) through Thirty-Nine (39) of the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2017/2018 budget to be taken from fund balance?

Owen Casas moved to place article 22 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion.  VOTE:  4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes:  4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?

Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 23 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion.  VOTE:  4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes:  4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 24. Shall the Town vote to confirm and ratify the following reserve accounts in the amounts as shown below, all being amounts that have been maintained in the associated accounts from prior town meeting appropriations, proceeds from vehicle sales or the sale of goods, or from the undesignated fund balance, and authorize the Select Board to make expenditures from those accounts in accordance with the Rockport Reserves Account Policy dated February 27, 2017?

1. Police Vehicle and Equipment Reserve - $19,483.73
2. Police Department Career Development Reserve - $82,864.72
3. Federal Forfeiture Reserve - $7,764.67
4. Fire Apparatus Reserve - $330,632.52
5. Public Works Equipment Reserve - $20,347.76
6. Video Equipment Reserve - $383.95
7. Opera House Building Reserve- $48,531.90
8. Harbormaster’s Boat Reserve - $8,040.06
9. Harbormaster’s Boat Engine Reserve- $4,800.52
10. Marine Park Infrastructure Reserve- $0.00
11. Lime Kiln and Cramer Locomotive Reserve- $0.00
12. Recreation Facilities Reserve- $49,843.24
13. Pathways Reserve - $21,233.91
14. Cemetery Reserve - $0.00

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Owen Casas moved to place article 22 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?

Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 23 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

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21. Opera House Building Reserve- $48,531.90
22. Harbormaster’s Boat Reserve - $8,040.06
23. Harbormaster’s Boat Engine Reserve- $4,800.52
24. Marine Park Infrastructure Reserve- $0.00
25. Lime Kiln and Cramer Locomotive Reserve- $0.00
27. Pathways Reserve - $21,233.91
28. Cemetery Reserve - $0.00
29. Employees Accrued Benefits Reserve - $11,651.54
30. Computer Reserve - $5,079.09
31. Accounting Software and Hardware Reserve - $0.00
32. Solar Power Reserve - $0.00

**Explanatory Note:** The reserve accounts listed in this article are already in place and are funded in the amounts shown. The Town’s auditors have recommended that the status of these reserve accounts be confirmed by Town Meeting vote to ensure they are properly authorized non-lapsing accounts and that the Select Board is authorized to expend funds from these accounts in accordance with the Rockport Reserves Accounts Policy.

**Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 24 on the warrant. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**

**Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of $3,685,351 established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the previous warrant articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the current property tax levy limit. (By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

**Bill Chapman moved to place article 25 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**

**Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town of Rockport will vote to authorize and direct its Select Board or its duly authorized designee of the Town to:

A. Exercise the “Put Option” described in the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of the Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, a Limited Partnership; and

B. To execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such documents, and to take such further actions as the Select Board or said designee may deem necessary or appropriate in order to exercise the above-described “Put Option” and to assign the Town’s limited partnership interest to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company Limited Partnership as contemplated thereby.

The Board made a change to the wording by adding “(PERC)” after the word “Company” in both paragraphs.
Owen Casas moved to place article 26 on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the monies received for its equity interest in PERC to the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Landfill Closure Account.

The Board made a change by adding the words “(Penobscot Energy Recovery Company)” before “PERC”.

Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 27 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2017/2018 budget to be taken from fund balance.

Linda – this is a duplicate of Article 22.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account.

Linda – This is a duplicate of Article 23.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner or in the case of time-share units, reconveyance back to the original owner or the time-share estates association of unit owners; property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 30 on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0**

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED
Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of wastewater thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Bill Chapman moved to place article 31 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to set October 16, 2017 and April 17, 2018 as the tax installment due dates.

Owen Casas moved to place article 32 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to set October 17, 2017 and April 18, 2018 as the tax delinquency dates and to fix the rate of interest on delinquent taxes at 7.00% interest per year.

Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 33 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7.00% interest per year.

Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 34 on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

Kenneth McKinley moved to place article 35 on the warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0

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Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept those conservation easements which the Select Board deem appropriate in the name of the Town of Rockport, provided however, said conservation easements are first considered by the Rockport Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 36 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 37. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. sec. 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Owen Casas moved to place article 37 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0

Select Board Votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 38. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads.

Owen Casas moved to place article 38 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Select Board votes: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes, whereby:

(1) The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year real estate property taxes;
(2) The Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
(3) The Town authorizes the collector to accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
(4) The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) and rate as other taxpayers who are not participating in the tax club;
(5) Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
(6) Taxpayers wishing to participate in the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the Town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Geoffrey Parker moved to place article 39 on the warrant. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

g. Vote to set the town meeting times as stated in the first paragraph of the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Owen Casas moved to set the town meeting times as stated in the first paragraph of the June 2017 Annual Town Warrant. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

h. Vote to sign the Budget Validation Referendum – MSAD #28 and Five Town CSD Warrant and Notice of Election for Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Kenneth McKinley moved to sign the Budget Validation Referendum for MSD #28 and Five Town CSD Warrants and the Notice of Election for Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR - 0 OPPOSED**

i. Vote to sign the MSAD #28 Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 to construct and equip a grade 5 through 8 middle school on the site of the existing Camden-Rockport Middle School

Kenneth McKinley moved to sign the MSAD #28 Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 to construct and equip a grade 5 through 8 middle school on the site of the existing Camden Rockport Middle School. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

j. Quit Claim Deed from the Municipality of the Town of Rockport to Richard Benner, Map 026, Lot 217, 407 West Street

Kenneth McKinley moved to sign the Quitclaim Deed from the Municipality of the Town of Rockport to Richard Benner, Map 026, Lot 217, 407 West Street. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

V.  ADJOURNMENT

Owen Casas moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**
Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY