Present: Chair Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair Owen Casas, Douglas Cole, Thomas Gray and Mark G. Kelley. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Town Manager; Department Head, Michael Young (for first part of the meeting); Lynda Clancy, the press and members of the public

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Kenneth McKinley, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARING
   a. None this meeting

III. MINUTES, MEETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings:
      • Monday, September 11, 2017, meeting of the Select Board
        Thomas Gray motion to accept, as presented, the minutes of the Monday, September 11, 2017 meeting of the Select Board. Mark Kelley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 1 ABSTENTION (McKinley was absent)
        • Monday, September 25, 2017, meeting of the Select Board
        • Tuesday, October 10, 2017, meeting of the Select Board
        • Thursday, November 9, 2017, executive session of the Select Board
        Owen Casas moved to accept the minutes of the Thursday, November 9, 2017 executive session of the Select Board. Thomas Gray seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED
        • Monday, November 13, 2017, meeting of the Select Board
   b. Announcements of upcoming Select Board meeting(s) – See Agenda
   c. Announcements of upcoming Select Board Workshop(s): - None at this time.
   d. Announcements: See Agenda
   e. Committee Openings: See Agenda
   f. Agenda Changes – None this meeting.
g. Public Comment – None this meeting.

IV. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

The manager gave his report.

Ken volunteered to speak for the Select Board at the employees’ sexual harassment training. Owen encouraged all of the Select Board to attend the training. Ken asked what they need to do in the interim for the West Rockport Fire Station. The Board discussed the process.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None this meeting

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Acknowledgment of Gifts to the Town:

- Donation of $400 from Lakeview Orthodox Presbyterian Church for Police and Fire Departments

Owen Casas moved to accept the gracious donation from the Lakeview Orthodox Presbyterian Church and to send them a warm note of thanks. Thomas Gray seconded the motion. **VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

b. Committee Resignation(s):

- Linda Posson, Opera House Committee

Owen Casas moved to accept the resignation, with regrets, of Linda Posson from the Opera House Committee and to send her a letter of thanks. Thomas Gray seconded the motion. **VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

c. Committee Application(s):

- Steve Smith, Keep Rockport Beautiful Committee
- Gretchen Leone, Keep Rockport Beautiful Committee
- Richard Remsen, Keep Rockport Beautiful Committee

Ken – Steve Smith could not make it to the meeting this evening. I have no issue with making these appointments without the applicants being here. We should appoint them for the longer terms. The terms should be staggered.

Doug – let us wait on the terms of the members.

Thomas Gray moved to approve the appointment of Steve Smith, Gretchen Leone and Richard Remsen to the Keep Rockport Beautiful Committee with the length of the terms to be determined. Mark Kelley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**
d. Committee Presentation(s) – None this meeting.

e. Hear a report on the status of Mt. Pleasant Street

Will Gartley – explained that last summer or early fall they rebuilt what was determined to be the worst section of Mt. Pleasant Street.

We have two options, one we could put a surface coat over the section that has a base coat (1,350 feet that went from the Rockport line to Molly’s house or we could do 2,000’ of base coat and finish coat for the rest of the way.

Owen – what do you recommend?

Will – do the base coat and next year the surface coat. If we do this the surface will last a long time.

Ken – what is the condition above?

Will – average at best. The area that we just worked on should be done soon.

Rick – there is $20,000 left over in the bond that was earmarked for Mt. Pleasant.

The Board discussed using the monies that were designated for the West Rockport Fire Station.

Mark – we could add $250,000 from Undesignated Funds to the Capital Improvements for Mt. Pleasant.

Rick – we have $140,000 that we could use.

Mark – I feel that we should do the $400,000 of repairs to the road.

Doug – what is our moral and legal obligation? What about our other infrastructures?

The Board discussed putting on a binder pavement.

Ken – this is a discussion to have at budget time.

Will – the money needs to be spent or it will go back to the bond bank.

Ken – what is the total cost for the project?

Bill Lane - $380,000.

The Board discussed the fact that they should think about the maintenance cost. The worst area has been done.
Owen – will having the road nicely paved create a sub division and development of the land?

Will – there are a lot of factors to be considered. There are some steep grades and a lot of ledge in that area.

The neighbors requested the road be paved and that will create more traffic.

f. Consider letter from Maggie Timmerman regarding concerns with SAD 28 vote this past June

Tom – since I am a member of the CSD staff, I think that I should recuse myself. I am employed there and they are my supervisors. The Board agreed with Tom and he stepped down as a Select Board member and sat in the audience.

Ken – this is really a school board issue. The reason we became involved was that Maggie Timmermann asked for our attorney to review the school issue. We can, however, offer them the use of our livestream for their meetings. I feel that this really is a school issue.

Owen – I agree, but we represent our residents who pay the taxes. Some of the school board’s actions are concerning. We could send them a letter offering that this room could be used and it would be livestreamed.

Doug – I agree with Ken. “Let the school board do their thing and we shouldn’t get involved.” I also agree with Ken that they should be transparent.

Mark – agreed and said “that he wanted to point out that any school or government body does not want a FOAA to come along because it will bring up some things that might taint you a little poorly, although not necessarily be inappropriate.” I feel that using this facility is a good idea and may be a good time for the school to take advantage of our offer.

Rick – livestreaming has become more popular and more people are tuning in live via their computers. This makes the meetings readily available for someone to watch at their convenience.

Ken - We need to make sure that the room is available when the school board meets if they choose to use our facility. I would encourage them to use the livestream. The superintendent does meet with the Select Board at one of their meetings a couple of times a year.

Owen – do we share services with them, such as the purchase of oil?

Rick – next week Mike will help them with the ballfield.

Ken – we are straying off the subject.

Owen – I would encourage the school board to use this room (the Geoffrey Parker Community Room) and we can make sure that it is available to them.
g. Discuss status of Select Board representation on the Middle School Building Committee

Ken – the School Board is requesting that we revoke Owen’s appointment as liaison for the Select Board. They are going to push for a change at their meeting on December 20th.

Owen – I do have concerns, but leaves these issues outside of my liaison work and believes that I am an okay member. I am happy to do what the Board wants him to. I will go and make my peace with them either way.

Doug – we appointed Carole Gartley. Who else represents Rockport residents?

Marcia Dietrich and Sarah Bradley-Prindiville

Mark – I would ask the chair of the school board to present his case to us.

Ken – Dailey was invited to the meeting and has declined to attend tonight’s meeting.

Rick – the purpose of this board is to have a representative from the Select Board to attend the school board meetings.

Ken – Owen is a very good committee member and works hard, some of the issues are more personal in nature and may interfere with his being the representative. You should plead your case to them. After consulting with the town attorney, the decision to appoint or remove a member from the committee lies in the hands of the School Board whether or not they allow Owen to continue.

Doug – “I don’t have the time or the skill set to be involved at this late date.”

Ken and Mark both agreed that they did not have the time required to be the liaison.

Owen – “do I have an unreasonable bias?” “No.” I feel that I have kept the friction with some members outside of that room. My focus is on the building committee.

Mark – “we need to have people ask questions. You’ve got to shake it up now and then. Make your pitch, mend fences, and see what happens. See what you can do to get back in favor.”

Ken – obviously there is some damage to your relationship between some of the members of the school board. They have to decide whether or not they can work through it. It is their right to make that decision.

Tom – came back to the table as Select Board member.

h. Set a date for a meeting with the Library Committee to discuss next steps
Owen Casas moved to hold a Special Select Board meeting to discuss the Rockport Public Library on Monday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parker Meeting Room at the Rockport Opera House. Thomas Gray seconded the motion. **VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Tom – I would appreciate it and anticipate that it will be a civil meeting or I will not be there.

Ken – the agenda will be to come up with a procedure on what to do next regarding choosing an architect. We can then have another meeting to choose an architect.

Mark – when will the next meeting be? Can we choose the date now?

After some discussion, the Board agreed to set it as Monday, December the 18th.

Owen – how should we prepare for the meeting?

Ken – I will have on the agenda some of the points we need to hit such as fundraising, advertising, marketing and a timeline. The goal is for a June vote. I will email a tentative agenda.

i. Vote to remove the requirement for provider agencies to circulate petitions in order to be eligible for consideration of funding

**Own Casas moved to remove the requirement for provider agencies to circulate petitions in order to be eligible for consideration of funding as part of the Town’s budget process. Mark Kelley seconded the motion. **VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

j. MRC Board of Directors Election Ballot

**Owen Casas moved to approve Sophie Wilson as the MRC Director as stated in the term above (January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020). Ken McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 2 FOR (Casas and McKinley – 3 OPPOSED (Cole, Gray and Kelley)**

The motion failed.

Ken – we really don’t need to take any action.

Lynda Clancy – do you have their bios?

Ken – yes, but we still don’t know them personally. We will not be a member of MRC after June 2018.

VII. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS – None this meeting

Ken – we haven’t had anything for two months, so we should have something next month.
VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Doug – regarding the Harbor Committee, the Select Board should be aware that the membership is having trouble with meeting a quorum. The public shows up, but the Committee can’t hold the meeting. I don’t think that it is right. The problem is with how they are appointed. Sam, the Chair, will talk to the members and encourage them to attend the meetings. Do the bylaws address member’s attendance at the meetings so that The Board could politely ask the ones that don’t attend the meeting to step down? The lobstermen issue has been simmering this summer. We lease land to the buyer and he has talked to Randy about the problems. It is both the stern men and some of the people that work for the processor. Lastly the harbor fees need to be increased. The harbor operates at a deficient and that is wrong. The harbor should not be funded at the back of our residents. I advocate that we break even.

Rick – we could do better. Camden actually makes money. They have more mooring and dock space. We could do better with our dockage fees.

Doug – I am a strong believer in usage fees. We need to up fees on moorings and tie offs. I don’t want to penalize people using kayaks and fishing squid

Owen – talked about the cost for rented space for weddings.

Ken – the park is for the town’s people and in the past we have had weddings that tie up the space for two to three days.

Tom – Doug’s point is solid. Raising the fees is something that we should consider.

Ken – we need to charge more for storage and parking.

Mark – what is the bottom line?

2013-14 – we were $75,000 under budget in fees; 2014 – 15, $30,000, 2015-16, $17,000 and in 2016-17, $20,000.

Doug – I would encourage that they come up with a breakeven budget.

Ken – the thought is good.

Owen – we need to get the Harbor Committee to glance at the fees.

The Board agreed.

Mark – I did not attend the Pathways meeting. The Ambulance Committee will be meeting soon.

Rick – the 2nd, 3rd or 4th of January.

Owen – I still don’t have a full grasp on the ambulance topic.
Ken – there are four towns involved. They are Hope, Camden, Lincolnville and Rockport. We currently pay $24,000. We are looking at a sizable increase. They are losing money. It will be another $20,000.

Board discussion on the fact that the call volume has gone down as well as the number of transports. They don’t get paid if the patient is not transported.

Tom – nothing on the Opera House Committee. I did not attend the Library meeting.

Owen – I did not attend the meeting, but Lynda Clancy did.

Lynda – they discussed a need for a crosswalk at Forest Glen Street for the students to be able to safely cross Route 90 to the school.

Owen – the Recreation Committee will be meeting soon. Wreaths across America will be this Sunday.

Ken – the ORC has begun meeting again. They discussed the Hospitality House and tiny houses. Legacy Rockport has met two times. They are helping Simonton’s Corner with improvements to the Community Hall. They are also sponsoring the fireworks. The Cemetery Committee will be meeting soon.

Doug – there will be a short program at the Rockville Chapel on the 14th at 6:00 p.m.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None this meeting

X ADJOURNMENT

Owen Cases moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Thomas Gray seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY