

**SAMPLE BALLOT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
ROCKPORT, MAINE
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Town Clerk

Article(s) to be voted for in the Special Town Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024 in the Rockport Public Library.

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ Those in favor of the following Article(s) complete the oval to the left of your choice, like this: .
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- ◆ If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot. DO NOT ERASE

Article 2. Shall the Town adopt the amendments to the Rockport Land Use Ordinance regarding Chapter 300 Definitions?

Note: A copy of the proposed amendments is available on the Town website and at the Town Office.

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMENED

- Yes
- No

Article 3. Shall the Town adopt the amendments to the Rockport Land Use Ordinance regarding Chapter 500 Nonconformance?

Note: A copy of the proposed amendments is available on the Town website and at the Town Office.

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

- Yes
- No

Article 4. Shall the Town adopt the amendments to the Rockport Land Use Ordinance regarding Chapter 600 Administration?

Note: A copy of the proposed amendments is available on the Town website and at the Town Office.

Planning Board Votes: 3 For, 2 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

- Yes
- No

Article 5. Shall the Town adopt the amendments to the Rockport Land Use Ordinance regarding Chapter 1300 Site Plan Review.

Note: A copy of the proposed amendments is available on the Town website and at the Town Office.

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

- Yes
- No

TURN BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING

Article 6. Shall the Town adopt amendments to the Rockport Land Use Ordinance to place Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance within, and to be known as Section 609 Fire Prevention and Protection, and with proposed amendments to definitions accompanying Fire Prevention and Protection?

Note: A copy of the proposed amendments is available on the Town website and at the Town Office.

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

- Yes
- No

Article 7. Shall the Town adopt an ordinance to be known as Licensing Business and Others?

Note: A copy of the proposed ordinance is available on the Town website and at the Town Office.

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

- Yes
- No

Article 8. Shall the Town adopt an ordinance to be known as the Rockport Pole Ordinance?

Note: A copy of the proposed ordinance is available on the Town website and at the Town Office.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMENED

- Yes
- No

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Article 9. Shall the Town: **(1)** Approve the design, planning, preparation, permitting, construction, equipping, purchase, and/or acquisition, including all expenses reasonably related thereto, of the following types of projects located throughout the Town of Rockport, Maine: **(a)** roadway water crossing rehab, repair, replacement, and/or improvements to the following water crossing areas, West Street Extension, Gurney Street, Main Street, Warrenton Street, Meadow Street, Chris' Road, Porter Street, and Mt. Pleasant Street; **(b)** cover our share of the costs associated to storm damage we suffered in October 2021 related to Robinson Drive and other damages; **(c)** should excess funding be available, allow the Select Board to allocate funding to other necessary infrastructure projects; (collectively, the "Projects"); **(2)** Appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$3,400,000**, plus any additional premium, for the Projects; and **(3)** To fund the appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Rockport, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$3,400,000**, plus any additional premium, with the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, premium(s), call(s) for redemption(s), form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore, and to provide for the sale thereof, to be delegated to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMENDED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT


Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 6,228,570
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 8,258,675
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$ 3,400,000
Total	\$17,887,245

Costs: At an estimated interest rate of 3.76% for an estimated 15-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 3,400,000
Interest:	\$ 1,050,577
Total Debt Service:	\$ 4,450,577

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by..reason of the variance?


Town Treasurer

- Yes
- No

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Article 10. Shall the Town: **(1)** Approve the design, site preparation, and construction of a sewer connection line on Union Street (approximately from Grove Street to Rockport Town line), Commercial Street (approximately from the Fox Hill Pump Station to Beech Hill Road), Forest Street West (approximately from Rte. 90 to Forest Glen) and if excess funding is available complete other connections in public right of ways as deemed appropriate based upon those connections ability to provide affordable housing development opportunities in the affected areas, including all engineering and design costs, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto (the "Project"); **(2)** Appropriate the sum of **\$2,400,000** to fund the project, plus any additional premium, which includes approximately **\$1,000,000** in already secured grant funding from Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) for the Project; and **(3)** Authorize the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Rockport, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), including in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$1,400,000**, to partially fund the Project; and **(4)** Delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, premium(s), call(s) for redemption (with or without premium), form(s), refunding(s) and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMENDED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 6,228,570
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 8,258,675
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$ 1,400,000
Total	\$15,887,245

Costs: At an estimated interest rate of 2% for an estimated 30-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 1,400,000
Interest and Fees:	\$ 512,800
Total Debt Service:	\$ 1,912,800

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance?



Town Treasurer

- Yes
- No