

NAME	ATTEND
Denise Munger, Chair	✓
Eric Boucher, Vice-Chair	✓
Jim Annis	
Kim Graffam	✓
Michael Thompson	✓
Jonathan Duke, Town Manager	✓
Rockport AV Staff	✓
General Public	
Drion Thomas	✓
Abbie Leonard	✓

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January 8, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Library

Motion to approve amendment to The agenda, Weidman Fund + motion for 150 Park St.

Kim G - motion

Michael Thompson - second

All in favor (Jim Annis Absent)

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Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Meeting Minute(s):
 - December 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board Approve the Consent Agenda as presented (or amended)

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	Time
Denise Munger, Chair				I		
Eric Boucher, Vice-Chair		✓		I		
Jim Annis						
Kim Graffam				I		
Michael Thompson	✓			I		

Action Item

b. Act on 150 Park Street Property

Manager's Comments: Action item

I have attached a letter in your packet from Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford which accurately describes the status of 150 Park Street property. The Board asked at its October meeting to provide an opportunity for an interior inspection of the structure and action steps taken subsequently. While steps have been taken, the Board's wishes from the October meeting remain unfulfilled. The Town Attorney has been involved in this matter and recommends this course of action.

Suggested Motion: To move forward with the Dangerous Buildings process ^{Feb 12} under 17 M.R.S. § 2851 for the structure located at 150 Park Street, set a hearing for that purpose on _____, 2024, and authorize the Town Manager or their designee to send out appropriate notices to all parties involved.

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	Time
Denise Munger, Chair						
Eric Boucher, Vice-Chair						
Jim Annis						
Kim Graffam	✓					
Michael Thompson		✓				

Additional Comments:

Action Item

c. Act on Safety Mission Statement:

Manager's Comments: Action item

This is an annual approval of the Safety Mission Statement.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve the Safety Mission Statement as presented.

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	Time
Denise Munger, Chair						
Eric Boucher, Vice-Chair						
Jim Annis						
Kim Graffam		✓				
Michael Thompson	✓					

Additional Comments:

Action Item

d. Act on EOP Proclamation and Powers

Manager's Comments: Action item

This is an annual approval on the Emergency Operations Plan Proclamation and Powers.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve the Emergency Operations Plan Proclamation and Powers as presented. (or amended)

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	Time
Denise Munger, Chair						
Eric Boucher, Vice-Chair		✓				
Jim Annis						
Kim Graffam						
Michael Thompson	✓					

Additional Comments:

Action Item

e. Act on Revised Fire Department Services Restitution Policy

Manager's Comments: Action item

This policy will need to be approved again, as a few minor changes have been made since the last approval in December. See track changes in the document.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve the Fire Department Services Restitution Policy as ^{amended} ~~presented (Or-amended)~~.

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	Time
Denise Munger, Chair						
Eric Boucher, Vice-Chair						
Jim Annis						
Kim Graffam	✓					
Michael Thompson	⊗	✓				

Additional Comments:

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Action Item

f. Act on Weidman Fund

Manager's Comments: Action item

Last month, Denise and I met with Town Attorney Philip Saucier and Bernstein Shur's expert on will's and estates, Colby Wallace. We reviewed with them the status of the Martion Weidman Trust left to the Town in the late 1960's to assist Rockport residents with medical costs beyond their abilities to pay. Due to changes in management at Pen Bay Medical Center and the involvement of HIPAA, it is incredibly challenging to communicate medical cost needs for Rockport residents and as such the fund has not been used in any capacity for nearly two decades. The fund currently stands at just shy of \$500,000, and multiple Select Boards have investigated the ability to utilize the fund to a greater degree over the last twenty years. In our conversation with the attorneys, they stated that with authorization from the Board, they can pursue a change via Probate Court to broaden the scope of the gift to include matters of a public safety concern. In this area, the court could authorize the Town to utilize money from the fund to offset costs for EMS services, most notably the lease purchase payments of a new ambulance.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board authorize the Town Manager to seek a legal remedy to the Town's use of the Marion Weidman fund to include matters of a public safety concern.

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	Time
Denise Munger, Chair						
Eric Boucher, Vice-Chair						
Jim Annis						
Kim Graffam		✓				
Michael Thompson	✓					

Additional Comments:

Discussion Item

a. Comprehensive Plan – Governance/Finance Sections Discussion

Manager’s Comments:

At the Board’s December meeting, a draft of the governance and finance sections of the Comprehensive Plan was shared with hope any suggestions for additions or deletions can be discussed at the January meeting.

Additional Comments:

Adjourn

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board adjourn the meeting.

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	ABSTAIN	YES	NO	Time
Denise Munger, Chair						
Eric Boucher, Vice-Chair						
Jim Annis						
Kim Graffam		✓				
Michael Thompson	✓					