

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

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MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair, William Chapman, Vice-Chair Kenneth McKinley, Geoffrey Parker and Owen Casas. Tracy Lee Murphy was absent. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Jr., Town Manager; Jamie (James) Francomano, Director of Planning & Community Development; Mike Young, Public Works Director; Mark G. Kelley, Chief of Police; Travis Ford, Sergeant Police Department; Holly Edwards, Pen Bay Pilot and members of the public.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – William Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

a. Approval of the minutes of the:

- Thursday, November 5, 2015, meeting of the Select Board
- Monday, November 9, 2015, meeting of the Select Board
- Tuesday, November 17, 2015 meeting of the Select Board

Bill – “since we don’t have these they are tabled to our February meeting.”

- Monday, December 7, 2015, meeting of the Select Board

Kenneth McKinley moved to approve as presented the minutes of the Monday, December 7, 2015 meeting of the Select Board. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- Tuesday, December 8, 2015, meeting of the Select Board

Kenneth McKinley moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, December 8, 2015 meeting of the Select Board. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- Tuesday, December 8, 2015, executive session of the Select Board

Owen Casas moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, December 8, 2015 executive session of the Select Board. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- Tuesday, January 5, 2016, meeting of the Select Board

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Kenneth McKinley moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 5, 2016 meeting of the Select Board. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED – 1 ABSTAINED (Parker)

b. Next Regular Select Board Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Rockport Opera House, to be televised on Channel 22

c. Announcements: See Agenda

d. Upcoming Select Board Workshops:

- Joint meeting with the Camden Select Board, Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Rockport Town Office, Richardson

e. Committee Openings: - See Agenda

f. Agenda Changes –

Kenneth McKinley moved to move item c & d to right before public comments. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

III. N.B. c. Committee Application(s)

- Ari Meil – Ad Hoc Technology Committee
- Jason Haynes – Ad Hoc Technology Committee
- Steve Hand – Ad Hoc Technology Committee

Bill – Steve has extensive knowledge about technology.

Owen – is impressed with his state and local tech history.

Geoffrey Parker moved to appoint Steve Hand to the Ad Hoc Technology Committee. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Geoffrey – at some point we may want to make this a standard committee.

Ari Meil – he has done some design work for the Town from the approach of the design side.

Rick – we did not receive an application from him. We will need one with a brief outline of your qualifications.

Ari – Owen begged me to be on this committee. I would like to become more and more municipally involved with the Town. The core of my designs are all about what belongs and what doesn't belong. The hardware is important, but so is design. I am editor of the

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Downeast website, have worked for Maine Media and helped to bring fiber to them. I now work for “Narrative” my new company.

Geoffrey Parker moved to appoint Ari Meil to the Ad Hoc Technology Committee. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Jason Haynes is not here tonight.

Bill – we have received an application from Harry Podolsky for the Recreation Committee.

Harry – I am a cyclist and a hiker and love these kinds of activities.

Geoff – I think that Harry will make a fine addition to the committee.

Owen – I am super excited to have him join the committee. He is a member of the Island Institute and helped with the rock wall at the YMCA.

Kenneth McKinley moved to appoint Harry Podolsky to the Recreation Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2018. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

d. Ad Hoc Technology Committee guidance –

The Board agreed that the committee should get together as soon as possible and report back to the Board at their February meeting. They should let us know if they think that we will need some money put in the budget. We are not interested in cutting Town staff.

Geoff will be the liaison for that committee.

g. Public Comment – None

II. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT – see attached

Rick – we have tricked Travis Ford into coming to the meeting tonight to give us a report for the Chief who was supposedly going to be out of town. Mark has started an award for Patrolman of the Year award. This was all a plot.

Mark – sometimes we forget to thank people for a job well done. A while ago I asked the guys what characteristics they thought a candidate for Officer of Year should possess. They came up with eight to nine characteristics. Travis received the majority of the votes. He is honest, hardworking, and has great ethics and integrity. He possesses a tremendous amount of compassion. He is a good down to earth guy. I believe that Travis deserves this commendation. Therefore Travis, I present you with this plaque and thank you for your fifteen years of service to the Town of Rockport.

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Rick – We sent out 20-25 RFQ’s today to firms in Maine that have done renovations to public libraries. The RFQ will be posted on MMA’s and our websites. There will be a survey and borings done at Memorial Park.

Talked about the challenge of repairing the high sidewalk on Pascal Avenue. We will be working with CMP to move any poles that are in the way. Two trees need to come down on the easterly side of the road.

Owen – regarding the samples at the Town Office, has there been any feedback?

Rick – not that I know of. The high sidewalk will need to be moved closer to the edge of the road.

The Mill Street Bridge will be a late summer project.

Bill – the Holiday on the Harbor was great this year. The concert at the Opera House was by a very dynamic group.

- a. Vote to approve recommendation of the Town Manager regarding Resolution honoring all those participating in the Library move

Kenneth McKinley moved to make the resolution a permanent Town record. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Ken – remarked how well both sides, pro and con, worked together moving the library to the temporary site.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. Comprehensive Plan update

Jamie – said that he wished he had gone with his gut a month ago. The Comprehensive Plan is current. The only things that have changed is the State is more relaxed on Comp Plans. In 2012 the State Planning Office was discontinued. It is now a “Municipal Planning Assistance Program.” It is very important that the plan be consistent. The Growth Act is more tame. In 2004 when the plan went to the voters, it passed with flying colors. It is good for twelve years. This November 4th, we will have a new plan. I have put money in the budget for this project to help in verifying the important data in the plan. We need to make a statement for the Town’s plan for growth. Municipal Planning Assistance Program grants will require a fresh set of consistency. The recommendation is to work on the minimum by updating the data. They want to see a record of participation that this is happening.

Ken – if they find consistency then they will approve our plan. We just need to update the data.

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Jamie – we need to beef up the technology part.

Ken – can we do something more in depth before the 10-12 years passes?

Jamie – yes. We do not need to convene a committee if we are just updating the plan.

b. Request by the owners of P.A.W.S. Dog Park on Camden Street for a street light at the entrance to the parking lot

Rick and Mike went to the park today to look at where the best location for a light would be. It should be more for lighting up the parking lot and should be placed on the pole nearer Route 1.

Geoff – what makes this request different than Mrs. Smith wanting a light in front of her house?

Rick – this has a public component to it and it is better than people using a town park.

Ken – if we don't do this then the people will go to the Harbor Park where it is better lighted and we will have to clean up after the dogs.

Geoff – what about a business wanting a light?

Rick – the one in particular that we had a request for was to light their entrance. There was already a light across the street from the business.

Geoff – what about the streetlight overcharge that has been happening from CMP?

Rick – it is a few thousand dollars for charges for street lights that are not there.

Owen – what about LED lighting?

Bill – the light at the far end of the bridge has never been replaced yet.

Mike – we haven't found a light to replace it with.

Bill – 14-17 lights are burned out and the chief has reported them to CMP.

Mike – they have a guy go out once a month to replace bulbs.

**Kenneth McKinley moved to approve the installation of a street light at the entrance of the P.A.W.S. Dog Park on Camden Street. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.
VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

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V. a. None this month
NEW BUSINESS

a. Acknowledgement of Gifts to the Town

- \$200 Donation to General Assistance for Heating

The Board – we should thank the person for their generous contribution.

b. Committee Resignation: None this month

c. Committee Application(s) – see above

- Ari Meil – Ad Hoc Technology Committee
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d. Ad Hoc Technology Committee guidance – see above

e. Discussion regarding a Request for Proposal/Qualifications for town legal counsel

Rick – basically it is the same as last time. You need to review the document and come back in a workshop so we can get the bid out in May.

Ken – according to the Charter it is the Board’s responsibility.

Bill – passed out the new calendar showing all of the meetings.

Ken – Tuesdays and Thursday are out for me until after 6:00 p.m.

Rick – we should do this in early April.

Bill – how about April the 4th at 5:00 p.m.? It will be our homework assignment to review the proposed RFQ.

f. Toboggan challenge

Bill – who wants to be on the four man team? We need a team name.

It was agreed that Tracy did not want to participate, so Owen, Geoff, Ken and Bill will do it. It was suggested that the team wear helmets.

g. Pedestrian crossing at Commercial and West Streets

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Mike – the plan must be engineered. This September the light is scheduled for maintenance. He wants to meet with their engineer and see what is needed for a landing pad for a pedestrian crossing. We will need to put some money in the budget for it. We will need one on all four corners of Route 1 and Route 90 by the Market Basket.

Bill – is this something that Gartley and Dorsky can do?

Mike – I would think that the state engineers would charge a fee to do it.

Bill – sooner rather than later would be better.

Rick – I will put it in the budget for 2016 -2017.

Owen – on behalf of the Pathways Committee, I want to thank you.

h. Set date for next fiber meeting

Rick – please not late on a Friday afternoon. My brain is tired by that time of the week.

Bill – what about Tuesday the 19th, or the 25th or February the 1st at 4:00 p.m.?

Owen – I will not be here but I could skype in.

Geoff – Tuesday the 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Rick – we can have pizza for dinner.

Owen – thought that they needed something from Tilson for the next meeting.

The rest of the Board had lost their notes for the meeting so didn't have that information.

i. Approve the March 29, 2016, date for a joint meeting with the Select Board/Boards of Selectmen from Camden, Hope and Lincolnville with the Executive Director of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) and the senior management of FIBERIGHT regarding the joint venture to process Municipal Solid Waste post March 31, 2018, at a facility being proposed in Hampden, ME

Bill – asked to table this item.

j. Update on the potential Camden-Rockport Recreation Committee

Owen – talked to Martin Cates from Camden and he thought that there may be a hurdle for them to separate their Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Jones wants to resign from our committee, but I have a female that is interested in becoming a member. We will be meeting at MRC this Friday. We will be having a

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roundtable discussion. I also have someone from the hospitals wellness department that would be interested in being on the committee. Ron Howard from Aldermere Farm is another candidate. By next month we should have a full committee and have bylaws ready for your approval. I would love to have a joint committee.

Rick – we need to get our committee up and running. The first step is to get the members appointed.

VI. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

Kenneth McKinley moved to leave as Select Board and enter as Wastewater Commissioners. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

a. Commitment of Commercial Sewer User Rates for the period of October 2015

Kenneth McKinley moved to commit the October 2015 Wastewater User/Debt Fees totaling \$10,252.48 to the Treasurer for collection. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR –0 OPPOSED

b. Commitment of Sewer User Rate for the period of November 2015

Kenneth McKinley moved to commit the November 2015 Wastewater User/Debt Fees totaling \$138,910.16 to the Treasurer for collection. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR –0 OPPOSED

c. Discuss date of Wastewater Budget Review

Bill – suggested a date of Monday the 23rd of May at 4:00 p.m.

Kenneth McKinley moved to exit as Wastewater Commissioners and to reenter as the Select Board. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR –0 OPPOSED

VII. LIAISONS' REPORTS

Bill – Next month we will be hearing from the Investment Committee and the Library Committee on their Capital Campaign and how to have their discussions not open to the public.

I will need any advice that you have for the new ad hoc committee.

Owen – the Parks Committee will not be meeting until March. I already gave you a report on the Recreation Committee. The Pathways will be meeting with a gentleman in Lincolnvile on Gateway 1 and the continuity between Camden and Lincolnvile. We could as a Board lend a voice that says we support what they are planning. He passed out

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a paper showing ideas for a crossing at Hannaford's. This is a well functioning committee.

Ken – the ORC is into their sessions for this year. They are discussing the downtown district, sub zone within a zone and having everything being compliant with DEP. They may hold off on some items but keep on meeting after the work sessions are done in March for the June vote.

The Ambulance Review meeting will be held this week on Wednesday evening. The Conservation Commission did not meet as they did not have a quorum. I told them that we need the budget numbers soon. The Cemetery Committee did not meet as we are waiting to confirm a date for a person to talk to us about columbariums.

Bill – the Library Committee is working on their capital campaign. We will be meeting on the 25th to talk about getting quote from several architects. They are also working on their annual appeal for funds. The library is in their temporary building and all is going well. February the 26th at 2-4, they will be having a thank you party at the library for all the volunteers that helped with the move. This will also be considered an open house for all to visit our new site.

The Investment Committee will meet next Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. MCSW will be meeting on the 20th.

Geoff – the Opera House Committee is centered on the budget. Terri is working up to 20 hours a week. Randy's hours have been increased and heating costs will go down this coming year. We talked about the elevator and about the possibility of a chair lift. We discussed about exterior lighting and we met with two men on the inside lighting. We are on the cusp of approving our bylaws to submit to the Board for their approval.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. None this month

IX ADJOURNMENT

Geoffrey Parker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK AS RECORDING SECRETARY