

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 14, 2013
7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair, William Chapman, Vice-Chair, Charlton Ames, Tracy Lee Murphy, Geoffrey Parker and Kenneth McKinley. Also present: Robert Peabody, Jr., Town Manager; Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director; Tom Ford, Planner & Economic Development Director; and the press.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – William Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

a. Approval of the minutes of the Monday, December 10, 2012 meeting of the Select Board

Charlton Ames moved to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting with a correction to page four, last paragraph to read “it has to be well planned.” Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

b. Approval of the minutes of Monday, December 31, 2012, poverty abatement hearing of the Select Board

Kenneth McKinley moved to accept the minutes of the December 31, 2012 meeting with a correction to the last motion to read Second – “Kenneth McKinley.” Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED -1 ABSTAINED (CHARLTON AMES AS HE WAS ABSENT)

c. Approval of the minutes of Monday, December 31, 2012, executive session of the Select Board

Kenneth McKinley moved to accept the minutes of the December 31, 2012 meeting, executive session as presented. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED -1 ABSTAINED (CHARLTON AMES AS HE WAS ABSENT)

d. Approval of the minutes of Wednesday, January 2, 2013 executive session of the Select Board

Geoffrey Parker moved to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2013 executive session as presented. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 4 FOR – 0 OPPOSED -1 ABSTAINED (CHARLTON AMES AS HE WAS ABSENT)

e. Next Regular Select Board Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2013, televised on Channel 22

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f. Announcements:

g. Upcoming Workshop Dates:

- Meeting with Camden Select Board, January 15, 2013 – cancelled
- Capital Improvement Plan Workshop, January 22, 2013, 7 P.M., Town Office
- Town Committee Discussion Workshop, January 28, 7 P.M., Town Office
- Agenda Setting Workshop, February 4, 2013, 4:30 to 5:30 P.M., Town Office
- Conservation Commission, Water Quality, 7 P.M., Opera House

h. Committee Openings:

i. Agenda Changes – None

j. Public Comment - None

II. Town Manager's Report

III. Liaisons' Reports

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Request to Purchase Town-Owned Property: Anne Perschon, 25 Warrenton Street, to purchase property owned by the Town of Rockport adjacent to her property (tabled from December). Unfortunately the applicant was home sick with the flu.

Kenneth McKinley moved to table this item indefinitely and to direct the Town Manager to draft an easement that satisfies the Public Works Department and the Conservation Commission. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

V. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. No Public Hearing

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Committee Resignation: Polly Chatfield – Budget Committee

Tracy Murphy moved to accept with regret the resignation of Polly Chatfield from the Budget Committee. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- b. Committee Application: NONE

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- c. Staci Coomer, Executive Director, Penobscot Bay Area Chamber of Commerce to speak about Chamber activities vis-a'-vis participating municipalities in the area
- d. Variance Report analysis and understanding: a primer by Finance Director Virginia Lindsey
- e. Approval of joint study with Rockland's Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) regarding corridor Design RFQ – Tom Ford & Jane LaFleur

Geoffrey Parker moved to join with the City of Rockland in a Commercial Corridor Design Study for that section of Commercial Street (U.S. Route 1) between the Rockland town line and Warrenton Street and to approve funding not to exceed \$5,000.00. Charlton Ames seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- f. Review draft of letter to Maine Department of Transportation

Tracy Murphy moved to direct the Town Manager to submit to the Maine Department of Transportation a Speed Review Request for the streets/roads identified in the request, to be clarified. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Bill will help the Town Manager reword the document.

- g. Reappointment of Registrar of Voters, Linda M. Greenlaw for a two-year term- January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014

Kenneth McKinley moved to appoint Linda M. Greenlaw as Registrar of Voters for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014. Geoffrey Parker and Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- h. Thoughts on discussion points for meeting with Camden Select Board

Bill gave the Board four dates as possibilities to meet.

VII. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

Tracy Murphy moved to exit as Select Board and enter as Wastewater Commissioners. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- a. Commitment of Commercial Sewer User Rates for the period of November 2012

Kenneth McKinley moved to commit the November 2012 Sewer User Rates totaling \$23,902.74 to the Treasurer for collection. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

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Kenneth McKinley moved to leave as Wastewater Commissioners and to go back into session as the Select Board. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A Section 405 (6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter

At 9:20 P.M., Tracy Murphy moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A Section (6)(A). Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

At 10:27 P.M., Kenneth McKinley moved to exit out of Executive Session. Tracy Murphy seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

IX ADJOURNMENT

Tracy Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 P.M. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK AS RECORDING SECRETARY