



# Town of Rockport, Maine

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### Budget Committee

#### Minutes

March 21, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

Richardson Room, Rockport Town Office

Members present: Helen Shaw, Heaven Bartlett, Stephanie Kumble, Jan Rosenbaum, Mark Kelley, Peter Johnson, Betsy Saltonstall, Thomas Murphy, Chris Farley

Others Present: Richard Bates, Town Manager; Megan Brackett, Finance Director; Terri Lea Smith, Opera House Rental Agent; Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk; Marci Casas, Conservation Commission Member; Maggie Timmerman, Conservation Commission Member

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Budget committee Chair Jan Rosenbaum.
- II. Review the Select Board approved budget
  - a. Motion was made by Helen Shaw to add appropriation line number 2575 to employee benefits to provide the Town Clerk with a cell phone stipend of \$300 a year. Motion was seconded by Thomas Murphy. Votes were 8 for, 0 against, and 1 abstain.
  - b. Motion was made by Heaven Bartlett to increase line 5340 in the Parks & Recreation budget by \$1,203 to cover the entire cost of the new trash cans that were proposed. Motion was seconded by Thomas Murphy. Votes were 9 for, 0 against and 0 abstain.
  - c. Motion was made by Helen Shaw to cut line 7401 in the Library budget by \$5,000. Motion was seconded by Heaven Bartlett. Further discussion was there are concerns about how much money would be spent looking for a new architect, and the amount of money that has already been spent on the current architect. There was a suggestion made that the Budget Committee send a letter to the Select Board with their concerns. Votes were 8 for, 0 against, and 1 abstain.
  - d. Motion was made by Helen Shaw to add \$5,000 to line 7525 in the Parks & Recreation budget to help pay the second payment of the route 1 sidewalk project. Motion was seconded by Thomas Murphy. Votes were 5 for, 4 against, and 0 abstain.
- III. The Chair will provide the recommendations to the Select Board for their review.
- IV. Vote on warrant articles
  - a. The votes were taking on the warrant articles (articles are attached to these minutes as the article numbers will change). If the Select Board makes any changes the Budget Committee will have to meet to revote on any warrant articles that change. The votes made by the Budget Committee are in the warrant articles.
- V. Motion by Heaven Bartlett to adjourn meeting at 7:52 pm. Motion seconded by Thomas Murphy.



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**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as Revenue from the following sources to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	General Government .....	\$1,056,968
B.	Public Assistance .....	\$12,880
C.	Public Safety.....	\$223,188
D.	Public Works .....	\$107,310
E.	Culture and Recreation .....	\$120,227
F.	All Other – Cemeteries.....	\$16,050
G.	Unassigned Fund Balance .....	\$0
H.	Special Assessments .....	\$125,023
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,661,646</b>

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      **RECOMMEND**

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      **CONSENSUS**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for General Government for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Administration .....	\$36,430
B.	Town Manager .....	\$278,260
C.	Town Clerk .....	\$230,546
D.	Planning & Community Development .....	\$268,410
E.	Finance .....	\$134,710
F.	Assessing .....	\$188,848
G.	Town Office Building.....	\$83,089
H.	Insurance .....	\$65,798
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,286,091</b>

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstain      **RECOMMEND**

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      **CONSENSUS**



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**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Assistance for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	General Assistance.....	\$27,335
	Total .....	\$27,335

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND  
Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Police Department.....	\$607,330
B.	Fire Department.....	\$384,271
C.	West Rockport Fire Station.....	\$5,749
D.	Other Public Safety Services .....	\$257,216
E.	Animal Control .....	\$5,349
F.	Harbormaster.....	\$192,162
G.	Public Safety Building.....	\$32,156
H.	Emergency Management.....	\$3,010
	Total .....	\$1,487,243

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND  
Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Public Works .....	\$1,534,946
B.	Sanitation.....	\$176,879
	Total .....	\$1,711,825

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND  
Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS



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**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Library .....	\$454,806
B.	Conservation Commission .....	\$8,410
C.	Parks and Recreation .....	\$81,237
D.	Opera House .....	\$142,862
E.	Library Building (1 Limerock) .....	\$2,830
	Total .....	\$690,145

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Debt .....	\$152,875
	Total .....	\$152,875

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	County Service E-911 .....	\$60,514
B.	County Service Dispatch .....	\$29,816
	Total .....	\$90,330

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries, Provider Agencies, RES East and Special Assessments for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Cemeteries .....	\$56,075
B.	Provider Agencies .....	\$9,556



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C.	RES East.....	\$6,132
D.	Special Assessments .....	\$6,800
	Total .....	\$78,563

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2017/2018 budget to be taken from fund balance?

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 0 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      CONSENSUS