

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017  
7:00 P.M.  
ROCKPORT TOWN OFFICE  
CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Vice Chair, Kenneth McKinley, Geoffrey Parker and Owen Casas. Absent was Chair, William Chapman. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Town Manager; Jan Rosenbaum, Mark Kelley and Heaven Bartlett, Budget Committee members and Randy Gagne, Chief of Police.

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Vice-Chair Kenneth McKinley called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.
  
- II. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. No Unfinished Business
  
- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Approval of the reduction to the Public Works Budget for FY 2017-2018

**Owen Casas moved to approve the reduction of \$80,000 for the Public Works' Budget (currently proposed at \$158,000-\$80,000 = \$78,560) Line #0500-7606, for the FY 2017-2018 fiscal year. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Owen asked about the proposed amendment to the budget.

Rick – explained about the \$80,000 to be used to lessen the budget.

There was a discussion if they should put the money in an article or leave it and place it in the paving line. The question was asked by Mark as to how much this would save the taxpayers. The response was 8 cents on the mill rate. Ken and Geoff both felt that they should go with what the Public Works Director requested and recommended. Owen asked about the proposed amendment to the budget. Mark suggested leaving the \$80,000 in the budget to get caught up on any other roads that needs paving.

Ken – we are not falling behind on our paving schedule.

Jan – the Budget Committee can't make a vote on what our recommendation is unless we have a meeting before Town Meeting. We do not have a quorum present at this meeting.

Rick – the budget has a substantial increase and we should do what we can to lessen the real estate taxes. We need to protect the integrity of the Board. We cannot use the money from that bond on anything but Mt. Pleasant Street.

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**VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Labor Contracts pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(D)

**At 7:10 p.m. Geoffrey Parker moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) (D) regarding union negotiations. Owen Casas seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

**At 7:43 p.m. Geoffrey Parker moved to exit executive session. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

**Geoffrey Parker moved to approve the tentative agreement between the Town of Rockport and the Police Union as presented in a memo from Town Counsel, Ann Freeman. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

V. ADJOURNMENT

**Geoffrey Parker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED**

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW  
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY