

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 27, 2016
7:00 P.M.
ROCKPORT TOWN OFFICE
RICHARDSON ROOM**

Present: Chair William (Bill) Chapman, Vice-Chair Kenneth McKinley, Geoffrey Parker, Owen Casas and Brendan Riordan. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Town Manager, and Department Head: Randy Gagne, Chief of Police and members of the public

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Bill Chapman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS - See attached
- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Set the date for a Special Election for a Maine School Administration District #28 Director and to also serve concurrently on the Five-Town Community School District #19 as Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kenneth McKinley moved to set the date for a Special Election for a Maine School Administration District #28 Director and to also serve concurrently on the Five-Town Community School District #19 as Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Rockport Town Office. Brendan Riordan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- b. Discussion and approval of Interlocal Agreement regarding the police chief

Bill – recommend to approve as is. Please do not word smith the agreement.

Geoffrey Parker moved to approve the joint agreement between Camden and Rockport regarding the police chief. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion.

Geoff – had a question on page 2 and 3 section b about the police cruiser being provided by Camden.

Randy – he is assigned a cruiser by Camden and he would prefer to use it for both Camden and Rockport.

Brendan – had a question on page 3 section d. Am I correct Rick that any communication with the police department is through the police chief?

Randy – the town manager is the town manager.

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Rick – there will be time for us to make a review.

Ken – the officers can speak to Rick if they need to.

Rick – it will be important to have feedback from the officers as to how it is working.

Randy – my issue is that on an operational basis I would ask that they go through the chain of command. I have no issue with them speaking to the Town Manager.

Rick – I would not initiate their feedback, but it is important.

Ken – I want the department to know that the Board is behind them.

Owen – have you had any input from MDI about how their sharing of a chief is working?

Randy – I think that this is a great opportunity. I have already spent an hour with each of the officers getting to know them. Their response has been “What do you need, chief?”

Geoff – we have some good officers and we want to keep them.

Owen – in looking over the budget I realized that the current budget is not adequate.

Rick – I will ask for the Board to carry over any money left in the training line. We have some monies (drug money) sitting there and we can tape that for training and equipment.

Jan Rosenbaum – putting on my budget hat, my question is towards the end of the first six months, will you prepare a budget for both towns? Running a police department is very expensive. My concern is your dividing time for two budgets at Budget time. Hopefully the meetings are not the same evening.

Randy – I am confident in my staff and supervisors.

Rick & Megan – they don't see budgeting as a problem.

Bill – the budget has become more defined and compressed.

Ken – suggested that they wait to replace the Tahoe.

VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Rick – the Mutual Aid Agreement will strengthen the supervisory status.

Randy – Saturday and Sunday we are short a supervisor and Travis is in on that day and can take over. We will need to swear in the officers in both towns for them to be able to assist in each town.

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Ken – does anyone have a problem with us discussing this when it is not on the agenda?

The Board did not.

Kenneth McKinley moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement for Policing Services between Camden and Rockport. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Kenneth McKinley moved to appoint Randy Gage as Chief of Police effective July 2, 2016. Brendan Riordan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

c. Confirm Committee Liaison Assignments

Bill – I have put together a list. We will need someone for the Planning Board.

No decision was made.

d. Vote to appoint Owen Casas to a three-year term on the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Board of Directors commencing July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

Ken – is Tracy not interested in staying on the committee as a member?

Bill – I have not checked with Tracy to see if she would be at the meeting this time. It will be the final meeting of this Board.

The Board discussed how they need to reexamine the situation. All four Boards need to agree.

Kenneth McKinley moved to appoint Owen Casas to a three-year term on the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Board of Directors with a term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. Brendan Riordan seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

e. Accept the Resignation of Ms. Stephanie Lash from the Library Committee and decide on how to proceed in filling the two years remaining on that term of office

Kenneth McKinley moved to accept the resignation of Stephanie Lash from the Library Committee. Geoffrey Parker seconded the motion.

Bill – Paul Charbonneau wants the Select Board to refuse her resignation.

Ken – that would be pointless.

Geoff – what have we learned from this situation?

Bill – we need to send Stephanie a letter of thanks for her service.

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VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

The Board discussed who to appoint and if they have the right to do so. Should it be an election versus an appointment?

Geoff – “we need to create the strongest board possible.”

Brendan – I don’t follow this. We need to assign someone to this important role. I believe that to wait is ill advised and am disinclined to believe we should do nothing.

Bill & Geoff – don’t think that we should do this without more information. We should ask the Library Committee what they want us to do.

Ken – suggested that they reach out to Ann.

Bill will do so.

IV ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth McKinley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M. Owen Casas seconded the motion. VOTE: 5 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY