

**Town of Rockport Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
January 28th, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.**

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Board Present: Chair Joe Sternowski, Vice Chair John Viehman, Mark X. Haley II, Victoria Condon, David Pio,

Board Absent: Ted Skowronski, Thomas Laurent, Carter Skemp (alternative)

Staff present: Planner and Community Development Director William Najpauer, Videographer Bruce Hilsmeier, Acting Secretary Mandy Marriner Everett

Chair Sternowski called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m and established a quorum. There were no board members with conflicting interest.

No written comments have been submitted to Town Planner and Community Development Director William Najpauer.

Item #1 Consideration of a proposal to construct a permanent pier submitted by John Kotts and represented by Gartley and Dorsky Engineering located at 171 Calderwood Lane . (A permanent pier is subject to review as per Chapter 1400 Shoreland Zoning of the Land Use Ordinance) The pier application has also been reviewed and approved by the Harbor Committee see revised pier design sheet.

William Gartley of Gartley and Dorsky Engineering introduced and summarized the project.

D.E.P. and Army Corp permits are in place which include the approvals of local tribes, Maine Department of IFW, and Maine Department of Natural Resources. A submerged lands lease is in place, and abutters have been notified. Rockport Harbor Committee has approved this application when it came to them for review.

Chair Sternowski opened the public hearing portion of this review at 5:37 PM. Upon receiving no comments Chair Sternowski closed the public hearing at 5:39 PM.

MOTION- John Viehman moved that the application meets the requirements of Section 1304 “Site Plan Content” of Rockport’s Land Use Ordinance. Seconded by Mark Haley.

No Discussion. **CARRIED – roll call vote – 5-0-0**

The Board reviewed Chapter 1415B- “Piers, Docks, Wharves, Bridges and Other Structures and Uses Extending Over or Below the Normal High-Water Line of a Water Body or Within a Wetland, and Shoreline Stabilization”, Items 1-5

The location of DEP approval and the page featuring the Commissioner’s signature within the application was clarified.

Mr. Gartley clarified for the Board that the applicant is using existing decking. There will be some modifications but no changes to the existing size of the structure.

Mr. Gartley explained that the application had undergone revisions to comply with Rockport’s Harbor Ordinance.

Chair Sternowski confirmed that he had received the Harbor Committee’s approval along with the minutes from their December meeting capturing the approval.

MOTION John Viehman moved that the application meets the requirements of Chapter 1400 of Rockport’s Land Use Ordinance. David Pio seconded.

No discussion.

CARRIED – roll call vote – 5-0-0

Item # 2 Consideration of meeting minutes

MOTION- Mark Haley moved to approve the August 27th, 2020 Rockport Planning Board minutes as amended. John Viehman seconded. David Pio was not present at the August meeting and abstained from voting.

CARRIED-roll call vote- 4-0-0

MOTION- David Pio moved to approve the December 17th, 2020 Rockport Planning Board minutes as amended. John Viehman seconded. Victoria Condon was not present at the December meeting and abstained from voting.

CARRIED-roll call vote- 4-0-0

Item #3: Other Business Item

Discussion of future minutes – Board members set and agreed on expectation for content and formatting of future meeting minutes.

Mr. Haley will attend Ordinance Review Committee meetings as a Planning Board liaison.

#4: Adjournment

MOTION – Mark Haley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM. Seconded by Victoria Condon. **CARRIED- roll call vote- 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Marriner Everett

Recording Secretary