

**ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

**GEOFFREY C. PARKER COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**

Present: Chair Douglas Cole, Kenneth McKinley and Debra Hall. Absent was Mark Kelley and Jeffrey Hamilton. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Town Manager, and members of the public

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Douglas Cole, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. PUBLIC HEARING
 - a. None this meeting
- III. MINUTES, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings: - None this meeting
 - b. Announcements of upcoming Select Board meeting(s):
 - Regular Select Board Meeting on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m., Geoffrey C. Parker Community Meeting Room, Rockport Opera House, to be streamed at <http://livestream.com/Rockportmaine>
 - Select Board Executive Session on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., Rockport Town Office Conference Room
 - c. Announcements of upcoming Select Board workshop(s):
 - Internal Control Policy Workshop on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., Geoffrey C. Parker Community Meeting Room, Rockport Opera
 - d. Announcement(s) and/or Training(s): - see agenda
 - e. Committee Openings – see agenda
 - f. Agenda Changes – None this meeting
 - g. Public Comment – None this meeting

Doc Wallace – congratulations on getting the library through at election. Thank you for your leadership on this project.

- IV. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT – see attached

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Doug – how did we do on paving this year?

Rick – we have \$80,000 remaining in our budget for going into the spring. A lot of paving was done on Mt Pleasant Street.

There is a shorter piece left to pave and Mike will do a small piece at a time.

Ken – where are we on our budget for Mt Pleasant paving?

Rick – it will take a half million dollars to complete the task. Our approach is to get to where most people travel.

Doug - I would like to congratulate Linda on a yeoman's job on election. She is in her element with elections and makes it seamless.

Debra – asked about the storage container for the old ladder truck.

Ken – our table top exercise was very useful. We have some minor changes that need to be made to our policy.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Committee Resignation(s):

- Heaven Bartlett – Budget Committee

Debra Hall moved to accept Heaven Bartlett's resignation from the Budget Committee. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Doug – I would like to thank her for her work and she is still on the Library Committee and is Chair of that committee.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None this meeting

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Committee Application(s) –

- Cheryl Liechty – Harbor Committee, Alternate

Kenneth McKinley moved to appoint Cheryl Liechty to the Harbor Committee as an alternate member for a term to expire June 2021. Debra Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- Jeff Charland – Budget Committee

Jeff – I live on Forest Glen Drive. I am on the CIP Committee. I was recruited by Rick to apply for the Budget Committee opening. I have expertise and experience in budgeting. I will represent the citizens fairly.

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Rick – I have known Jeff for six or seven years.

The Board – he will be a great asset to the committee.

Debra Hall moved to appoint Jeff Charland to the Budget Committee for a term to expire June 2019 to finish out Jan Rosenbaum’s term. Kenneth McKinley seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

- Geoff Parker – Budget Committee

Geoff – I live on School Street. I have served on the Select Board for several years.

The Board – he has a lot of knowledge regarding the budget and is a good historical person for us.

Kenneth McKinley moved to appoint Geoff Parker to the Budget Committee for a term to expire June 2019 to finish out Chris Farley’s term. Debra Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

b. Discuss/Approve Harbor Fee Schedule

Doug – will the harbor break even with the new fee schedule?

Rick – I don’t think so when non-resident rate is changed to resident rate. We will lose \$10,000 in revenues for the moorings, but we are doing better with overnight dockage.

Debra – how do our rates compare with other towns?

Rick – low

Doug – I find it disappointing not to break even.

Debra – the increases are conservative.

Rick – we will be having negotiations with the lobster buyer next year. We can increase their fee to help offset the loss. We could charge by the pound and make more money.

Kenneth McKinley moved to approve the recommended changes to the Harbor Fee schedule as recommended by the Harbor Committee. Debra Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

c. Discuss Library Results – Next Steps

Rick – the total cost of the library will be \$3.5 million which includes the soft cost and a 10% contingency. It does not include the sidewalks and the intersection. DOT will

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participate in those cost part way up Limerock Street. Where the parking is, we will be responsible for the cost. We are trying to keep the mil rate down. The Design Team and the Capital Campaign has been working for months. The Library Committee has stepped up and given us money for some of the costs.

Doug – The Library Committee put up \$100,000 from the endowment Fund for planning. Their contribution is very much appreciated.

Ken – we had four robust estimates on the project.

Rick – the estimates were all within \$100,000 of each other.

Ken – I am not willing to go back to the taxpayers for more money. The vote did not pass by a large number of voters.

Rick – we can hold off on the demo. Mike thinks that the demo will take five to six days. We will need a permit by rule to do it now.

The sense of the Board was to leave it to the professional when to demo the site.

Rick – there are two trees that need to go. We can have them taken down anytime.

Ken – safety on the project is paramount. At some time, we will have to close that section of the street for approximately one year.

The Capital campaign has \$1.2 million in hand.

Doug – that tis very encouraging.

d. Discuss Mid Coast Regional Planning Commission Membership

Kenneth McKinley moved to continue our membership in the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission. Debra Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

VIII. WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS – None this meeting

IX. LIAISON REPORTS

Ken – Legacy will meet next Monday. The Cemetery Committee will meet in a couple of weeks. I will talk to Bill about ORC. It may be a light season. The Zoning Board has not met as they have no chair. The Ambulance Review Committee meeting has been rescheduled.

Debra – attended her first MCSWC meeting. They discussed the weighted vote process and why it is used.

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Doug – one factor is that the transfer station is located in Rockport and therefore, we should have more weight. The Investment Committee had their annual meeting with Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. Everything looks good. We talked about the Weidman Fund, which has a substantial sum of money in it. The Library Committee meets on Thursday.

After our table top exercise on a winter storm, we discovered that it needs some work on our policy. It has never been activated. We should have another exercise when we get the generator.

Rick – we need to practice in order to be ready if something does occur. We had one letter from a citizen in favor of keeping the Clam Cove Park. We should put that subject on the December agenda to make a decision on what we want to do with that park. One suggestion is to close off the far end of the park.

The Board agreed that they don't think that we should give it back to the state.

Ken – we should send an email to the chair of the Islesboro Select Board on the public hearing they will be having, and I would like to see a member of our Board attend that meeting.

X EXECUTIVE SESSION - None this Meeting

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth McKinley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Debra Hall seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 FOR – 0 OPPOSED

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA M. GREENLAW
TOWN CLERK as RECORDING SECRETARY