

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office, of the said Town of Rockport, on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, 2021 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on Articles 1 through 27 at which time the meeting will adjourn. Articles 2 through 27 to be voted upon by referendum.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting:

Article 2. To elect:

- a. Two 3-year terms for Select Board and Overseer of the Poor.
- b. Three 3-year terms for the Budget Committee.
- c. Two 3-year term for the Library Committee.
- d. One 3-year term for Director of SAD #28 and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board.

ORDINANCE ARTICLES

Article 3. Shall amendments to the Land Use Ordinance, Chapter 1100, Signs and Advertising, be enacted?

Planning Board Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

NON-BINDING REFERENDUM ARTICLE

Article 4. Do you favor the development of a town ordinance that would regulate Short Term Rental (AirBnB, VBRO, etc.) activity in the Town of Rockport by requiring STR registration, requiring minimum safety standards be met, and that such ordinance be intended to strike a balance between the community's quality of life while preserving the ability of STR owners to rent their property?

Explanation: This is a non-binding question from the Select Board seeking your opinion only. If supported, the Town will draft an ordinance regulating short-term rentals as outlined above for a future vote. If not supported, the Town will not draft an ordinance for a future vote.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,495,120 for General Government for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	Administration.....	\$64,698
B.	Town Manager.....	\$347,790
C.	Town Clerk.....	\$258,861
D.	Planning & Community Development.....	\$215,056
E.	Finance.....	\$167,725
F.	Assessing.....	\$219,901
G.	Town Office Building.....	\$145,025
H.	Insurance.....	\$76,064

Total.....\$1,495,120

Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,410 for Public Assistance for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	General Assistance.....	\$23,410
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Total.....\$23,410

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,892,768 for Public Safety for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	Police Department.....	\$659,880
B.	Fire Department.....	\$568,170
C.	West Rockport Fire Station.....	\$31,649
D.	Other Public Safety Services.....	\$329,360
E.	Animal Control.....	\$8,490
F.	Harbormaster.....	\$257,474
G.	Public Safety Building.....	\$34,405
H.	Emergency Management.....	\$3,340

Total.....\$1,892,768

Budget Committee Vote: 6 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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Article 8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,058,407 for Public Works for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	Public Works	\$1,885,218
B.	Sanitation.....	\$173,189
	Total.....	\$2,058,407

Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$751,293 for Culture and Recreation for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	Library	\$412,988
B.	Conservation Commission.....	\$12,750
C.	Parks	\$74,925
D.	Opera House	\$198,200
E.	Recreation.....	\$52,430
	Total.....	\$751,293

Budget Committee Vote: 6 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$406,250 for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	Debt	\$406,250
	Total.....	\$406,250

Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$109,119 for County Fees for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	County Service, E-911.....	\$73,101
B.	County Service, Dispatch	\$36,018
	Total.....	\$109,119

Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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Article 12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,570 for Cemeteries and Special Assessments for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	Cemeteries	\$67,770
B.	Special Assessments	\$6,800
	Total	\$74,570

Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,672,137 as Revenue to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as detailed below?

A.	General Government	\$1,240,567
B.	Public Assistance	\$14,950
C.	Public Safety	\$331,930
D.	Public Works	\$69,022
E.	Culture and Recreation	\$203,018
F.	All Other – Cemeteries	\$13,400
G.	Schools	\$93,750
H.	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$380,000
I.	Special Assessments	\$325,500
	Total	\$2,672,137

Budget Committee Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

BUSINESS ARTICLES

Article 14. Should any municipal budget question fail to pass, shall the Town authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to expend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the previous year’s appropriation?

Article 15. Shall the Town 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 2021/2022 budget to be taken from fund balance?


Article 16. Shall the Town vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?

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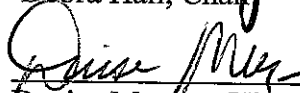
- Article 17.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property? The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner or in the case of time-share units, reconveyance back to the original owner or the time-share estates association of unit owners; property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.
- Article 18.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of wastewater thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property? The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.
- Article 19.** Shall the Town vote to set October 15, 2021 and April 15, 2022 as the tax installment due dates and to instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at 4.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said date(s)?
- Article 20.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Wastewater Commissioners to charge interest at 4.00% per annum on delinquent wastewater charges?
- Article 21.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town?
- Article 22.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to accept those conservation easements which the Select Board deem appropriate in the name of the Town of Rockport, provided however, said conservation easements are first considered by the Rockport Conservation Commission and Planning Board?
- Article 23.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. sec. 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest?

- Article 24.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads?
- Article 25.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes who abide by the requirements of said plan; who shall receive from the Town, in return for such payments, full credit for such taxes paid without incurring any charge of interest?
- Article 26.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with other municipalities for the purpose of creating the Midcoast Internet Development Corporation?
- Article 27.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants and contracts documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for authorized purposes, as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town?

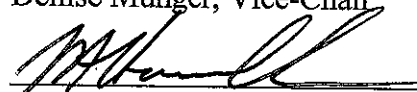
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Debra Hall, Chair



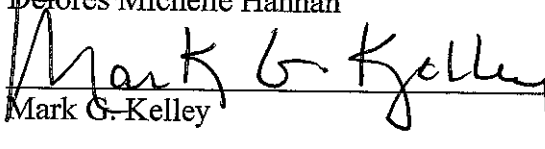
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ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk