

BOARD OF SELECTMEN Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2016

A meeting of the Rockport Board of Selectmen was held at 7pm on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in Conference Room A in Town Hall; present were four selectpersons, the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator; Selectperson Lucas was not present.

7:00 Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

- Interviews of Roy Toulan Jr., Steven Graham Jr., Mary Pat Reilly Johnson, Sandy Jacques and Seth Yorra for the Town Gov't & By-law Committee.

Interviews for
Town Gov't &
By-Law
Committee

Chairperson Battistelli said the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, the Town Moderator and the Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen appoint members to the Town Gov't & Bylaw Committee.

Seth Yorra is an attorney and has been a Rockport resident for a long time. Sandy Jacques served on the Finance Committee and was a member of the Board of Selectmen. Roy Toulan Jr., was a member of the Planning Board of Appeals in Gloucester and has worked in the corporate world. Mary Pat Reilly Johnson is an attorney. Steve Graham Jr., moved to Rockport about 5 years ago, is an attorney as well. The Town Moderator said he is looking forward to this committee looking at issues for changes to the by-laws, and the review of by-laws.

T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said in the past, by-law changes would come to the Fall Town Meeting because budget items take up the whole Spring Town Meeting.

- Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2016: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of 2/9/16, Selectperson seconded, Vote: 3-0 (Selectperson Murphy abstained as he was not present on 2/9/16). Amendments: the discussion regarding the Lobster Pool entertainment license, add that the board should circle back and the board should discuss entertainment and alcohol licenses. Under Selectmen updates, E. Battistelli said the representative from the MBTA was at the Conservation Committee meeting, add that Chairperson Battistelli said a meeting before the Board of Selectmen on the power upgrade will be scheduled.

Approval of
2/9/16 Minutes
Motion Approved

- Interview of Corbin Keating for Full Time Police Patrol Officer: Chief Horvath said C. Keating is ranked #1 on the certified list, in December of 2012 he became a permanent intermittent officer and in January of 2014 as a civilian dispatcher, completed the Academy in June of 2014. He graduated with a Criminal Justice degree in 2010, and was born and raised in Rockport.

Interview of
Corbin Keating
for full time
Police Patrol
Officer

- Interview of Michael Foote for Full Time Police Patrol Officer: Chief Horvath said M. Foote has been an intermittent police officer since June of 2015, he is attending the Academy, and has lived in Rockport for most of his life.

Interview of
Michael Foote for
full time Police
Patrol Officer

Public Comment Period:

- T. Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, so many qualified and eager residents to serve on the Government and by-law committee; he said the name should be changed to the By-law Committee. All the candidates should read the by-laws. He said he wrote a letter to the Board of Selectmen on 2/11/16 regarding Rockport becoming a Green

Public Comment
Period

Community; he supports the initiative but is concerned about the stretch code. He is asking that the Board issue a public statement and vote on a solar facility.

- Ellen Canavan, 340 Granite St., lives across from the Lobster Pool. She is opposed to the entertainment license; she said noise is a significant issue there. The Lobster Pool license is not on the agenda for this meeting and no vote was taken at this meeting.

Members of Cub Scout Troop 20 were in attendance; Patty Tucker, Asst. Scoutmaster introduced the scouts that were present; they are working on citizenship of the community and citizenship of the nation. Roy Gephard III, Asst. Scout Master, Jeff Morin, Asst. Scout Master were also present. He said this is Disability Awareness Month, the troop focused on the Mass. Commission for the Blind to be aware of various disability issues in Rockport. The scouts in attendance were D. Mertz, P. Morin, S. Vinson, and R. Gephard.

7:50 Action List

Appointment of
Full Time Police
Patrol Officer
Motion Approved

- Appointment of Full Time Police Patrol Officer: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board appoint Corbin Keating as a Full Time Police Patrol Officer on the Rockport Police force, effective 3/8/16, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Appointment of
Gerard Boyle for
the Insurance
Committee
Motion Approved

- Appointment of Gerard Boyle for the Insurance Committee: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board appoint Gerald Boyle as a member of the Insurance Committee for a two and one half year term to expire on 6/30/18, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 3-0. Selectperson Murphy abstained; he was not present for the interview.

Appointment of
Joseph Carroll for
the Insurance
Committee
Motion Approved

- Appointment of Joseph Carroll for the Insurance Committee: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Joseph Carroll as a member of the Insurance Committee for a two and one half year term to expire on June 30, 2018, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0. Selectperson Murphy abstained as he was not present for the interview.

Pigeon Cove Lease
Agreements –
Michael Polisson
Motion Approved

- Pigeon Cove Lease Agreements – Michael Polisson: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign two Pigeon Cove Land Leases with Michael Polisson to expire on 6/30/17, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Special and Annual
Town Meeting
Articles
Motion Approved

- Special & Annual Town Meeting Articles: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board vote to place Articles A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K on the April 2, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 4-0. L. Sanders said Articles A and B are transfers into accounts that need funds from accounts that don't need funds, prior year bills is Article C, Articles D and E are transfers from one account to another, Article C is \$12,000 for harbor pilings, D is \$12,000 for a school greenhouse, \$10,000 for highway drainpipe repairs, Article F is \$200,000 from free cash to the finance committee reserve, Article G is CPC approved project for \$350,000 Millpond and Frog Pond Dredging, Article H is a transfer from I&I reserve funds into I&I storm water elimination projects, Article I is to rescind debt, Article J is a transfer from SPED stabilization back to private tuition, Article K is to adopt the stretch code for Green Communities. The Town Administrator had one additional issue to discuss with the Board; funds to cover additional legal fees. The appropriation was \$116,000 for the year; she said by the end of Dec., 2015 \$113,000 was already expended. Selectperson Wilkinson amended the motion to add a new Article F for legal fees and drop all other articles down; Selectperson Murphy seconded the amended motion, Vote: 4-0.

- Special & Annual Town Meeting Articles: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board vote to place Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,5A, 5B, 6, 6A, and 6B on the April 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 4-0. Traditional operating and capital budgets; with the 2% backed out; only the remedial was remaining. They backed out the additional snow and ice expenses, the funds for the Balsam contract were restored for the library as were vacation substitute wages.

Special & Annual
Town Meeting
Articles
Motions Approved

Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place Articles A, B, C, D,E, F, G,H,I, J, K, L, M,N, O, P, Q, R, S, and T on the April 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Article A is Chapter 90 funds, Articles B, C, and D are the three charities (The Open Door is now \$5,000), \$30,000 assessors re-evaluation, Article G leaves nothing for the general stabilization fund and \$100,000 each to the capital reserve the OPEB, Article J are the revolving accounts, Article K is for the new DPW facility (over \$8,000,000); this should be put on an upcoming agenda item for the 2nd March Board of Selectmen meeting, Article L is the petition for removing the parking ban; it is not binding, Article M is the Assessor's because there was no limitation on how long residents had to apply for abatements, tax title properties renew authorization, the next 3 Articles are changing Fall Town Meeting time, LED lighting, Article R is solar voltaic installations, Articles S and T are standard articles on hearing from the ad-hoc water committee and accepting the reports of its officers.

8:10 Discussion Item

Long Beach Lease Billing Schedule: a resident requested the opportunity for bi-annual billing instead of annual billing. The resident said she had trouble coming up with the cash and taxes all at once. The possibility of the payments could be due in January and May was discussed. The Board had no objections as long as this change doesn't increase costs to the town. This change would need to be offered to all tenants, they could opt for it or not. The Board discussed how to make this change to the lease, perhaps an appendix.

Discussion Item:
Long Beach Lease
Billing Schedule

Other Business/Announcements:

- A letter was received from the City of Gloucester regarding the sewer; there was also an article in the paper. The Board members hadn't seen the letter yet.
- Selectperson Murphy stated that the YMCA is moving to the Fuller School campus, he is on the C. A. YMCA Board of Directors. Selectperson Wilkinson said she would like to see how many Rockport residents are members of the YMCA. Selectperson Murphy said the C. A. Healthy Initiatives have been speaking on opiates, alcohol, etc.

Items signed:

Lease, Michael Polisson
Common Victualler's License, Rockin' Cupcakes
Common Victualler's Licesne, Molly's Sweet Tooth
Common Victualler's License, Red Skiff Restaurant
Fortune Teller's License, Jacqueline Forbes
Used Car Dealer, Class II, Geoffrey Kolterjahn
Transient Vendor License, Sarah Peck
Common Victualler's License, Pigeon Cove Tavern
Common Victualler's License, American Legion

8:20 Selectperson Murphy moved to adjourn, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0.