

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

A meeting of the Rockport Board of Selectmen was held at 7pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in Conference Room A in Town Hall; present were four selectpersons, the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator, Selectperson Sheedy was not present.

6:45 Town Clerk Swearing In Ceremony: P. Brown, Town Clerk, D. Campbell, Board of Selectmen, J. Ring, Housing Authority, P. Fuhs, Assessor, H. Lilja, Planning Board

Town Clerk Swearing in Ceremony

7:05 Meeting Called to Order

Election of Board Officers: Pursuant to Selectmen Policy 20-05, Selectperson Wilkinson nominated Paul Murphy as Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Election of Board Officers, Chair Motion Approved

Selectperson Murphy nominated Chairperson Wilkinson as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Election of Board Officers, Vice Chair Motion Approved

7:25 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Interview of Wally Hess for Reappointment to the Finance Committee: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Wally Hess as a member of the Finance Committee for a term to expire on May 1, 2019, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 4-0. W. Hess said he moved to Rockport about 10 years ago and has been on the Finance Committee for 6 years now.

Interview of Wally Hess - reappointment to Finance Committee Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2016: insufficient number of voting members; postponed to next meeting.

Approval of 4/26/16 Minutes – postponed

Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2016: insufficient number of voting members; postponed to next meeting.

Approval of 4/30/16 Minutes – postponed

Selectmen Updates and Liaison Reports: Liaison assignments will be on next meeting's agenda for the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Updates & Liaison Reports - postponed

Town Administrator's Report:

- The board received an invitation to march in the Memorial Day Parade on 5/30/16; board members should let D. Powers know if they will be marching. Those marching should arrive at the Legion at 9:30am; it concludes back at the Legion a couple of hours later.
- Town Hall received a notice of the Mass. Regional Selectmen Association meeting; it is being held on 5/18 at the MMA office in Boston from 11:30 to 1pm.

Town Administrator's Report

- Information was received from the Conservation Agent regarding monopoles being installed at the MBTA station; Selectperson Battistelli said they are for WiFi.
- The Asst. Town Administrator spoke on the Essex Coastal Scenic Byway Sign System, he said the Essex Heritage Foundation has been installing them all along the corridor, (Lynn, Swampscott, Marblehead, Essex, etc..) all along the coast – they will be in town on 5/11/16 conducting installations.

Public Comment Period: At the beginning of the public comment period Chairperson Murphy stated that public comments are not public assault. He said no insults are tolerated, there can be disagreement but respectful communication is necessary. T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said it sounds like censorship. He said he attended a recent DPW meeting with Steve DeMarco and Fire Chief Doyle, around the Pigeon Cove Fire Station. They are asking for \$300,000 to repair the exterior of the building. He said S. DeMarco said he didn't know if the building was structurally sound, he said it wasn't a good investment but it's cheaper than a new building. T. Arsenian said between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was spent on the building study; the DPW commissioners are dissatisfied with the study. He inquired if the study has anything in it about the Pigeon Cove fire station. The Town Administrator said she spent time with the DPW today to revamp the study that was received from the consulting firm. She said the consultants put a lot of work into the current conditions of the town owned buildings. She said their work included what the building is used for, the current conditions, and the choice of options, etc. She said we will use what we can salvage from the report on the current conditions; the next step is maybe to hire someone to complete the portions that aren't done. She said she restructured the information in the report so the layout is logical. T. Arsenian said whenever the town pays for a particular report; there should be regular updates throughout the process so we don't hear at the end that there is a problem. The Town Administrator said progress meetings were held.

Z. Seppela, Granite Street, said Roma is doing a helicopter test landing at 129 Granite Street this weekend. He said he doesn't know which neighbors were notified. Selectperson Wilkinson said she can check with the police chief regarding this in the morning; the Asst. Town Administrator said he heard it is for decibel checking.

8:00 Action List

- Resignation of Russell Anderson from the Building Study Committee: Selectperson Campbell moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the Resignation of Russell Anderson from the Building Study Committee effective immediately, Selectperson Battistelli seconded, Vote: 4-0.
- Resignation of John Rees as a Full Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the Resignation of John Rees as a Full Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 3-0. Selectperson Battistelli abstained.
- Appointment of John Rees as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals: Selectperson Campbell moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint John Rees as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2017, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0. Selectperson Battistelli abstained.

Public Comment  
Period

Resignation from  
Bldg. Study  
Committee  
Motion Approved

Resignation from  
Zoning Board of  
Appeals  
Motion Approved

Appointment to  
Zoning Board of  
Appeals  
Motion Approved

- Yearend Transfer of \$3,000 from Unemployment Insurance to Human Resources Operating Expenses: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen approve, and ask the Chairperson to sign, a Yearend Transfer of \$3,000 for Human Resources, from Unemployment insurance to Human Resources Operating Expenses, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0. The Asst. Town Administrator said we have expenses for medical examinations; funding is needed to accomplish this.

Yearend Transfer from Unemployment to H/R Expenses Motion Approved
- Approval of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 17, 2016: Selectperson Campbell moved that the Board of Selectmen grant the Rockport Police Department and the Council on Aging permission to hold their annual participation in World Elder Abuse Awareness Day at Five Corners on Friday, June 17, 2016 from 10 am until 12 noon, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Approval of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 6/17/16 - Motion Approved
- Street Performers at the Toad Hall & John Tarr Store for Friday Night “Rockport @ Night” Events: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board revise its Street Performer Policy number 20-11 to include two additional performance locations, one at 49 & 47 Main Street and one at 77 & 79 Main Street, and further, to grant permission for performances for the “Rockport @ Night” Friday night events from May 27th through September 30th from 4 pm to 8 pm, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Street Performer’s at Toad Hall & John Tarr Store Fri night events - Motion Approved
- Permission to hold Motif No. 1 Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board grant permission to the Rockport Exchange to hold Motif No. 1 Day in Rockport on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9 am to 7 pm and allow for the closure of the road in Dock Square located between the Blue Lobster Grille restaurant and the Dock Square Traffic Island from 9 am on Friday, May 20th until 9 pm on Saturday, May 21st, Selectperson Battistelli seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Permission to hold Motif No. 1 Day on 5/21 Motion Approved
- Permission for Rockport Farmers Market at Harvey Park: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to the Rockport Exchange to hold the Rockport Farmers Market on successive Saturdays from June 25, 2016 to October 8, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm and allow the use of up to six parking spaces from 8:30 am to 1 pm in front of Harvey Park on Mt. Pleasant Street for temporary 15-minute market parking for patrols to make quick stops at the market, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Permission for Rockport Farmers Market at Harvey Park – Motion Approved
- Permission to Display Cannon and USS Constitution Master Gun Crew Demonstrations: Selectperson Campbell moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to the Rockport Navy Committee the use of the ten parking spaces at the end of Bearskin Neck for a cannon display as well as USS Constitution Master Gun Crew Demonstrations on July 15th and 18th, 2016, Selectperson Battistelli seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Permission to Display Cannon and USS Constitution Master Gun Crew Demonstrations - Motion Approved
- Farmer’s Market Wine License for Westport Rivers Vineyards & Winery: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a Farmer’s Market Wine License for Westport Rivers Vineyards and Winery to sell bottles of their wine at the summer Rockport Farmer’s Market, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Farmer’s Market Wine License for Westport Rivers Vineyards & Winery – Motion Approved
- 19 Long Beach Lease Address Change: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Selectmen approve and sign a lease for 19 Long Beach to reflect a change of address, Selectperson Campbell seconded, Vote: 4-0.

19 Long Beach Lease Change Motion Approved
- Back Beach Revetment Repairs Contract with D&M Civil, Inc. Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a Contractor Agreement with D&M Civil, Inc. of 189 North Main Street, Suite 202, Middleton, Massachusetts to

Back Beach Revetment Repairs Contract Motion Approved

provide contract documents for the Back Beach Revetment Repairs in the amount of \$432,225 Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 4-0.

8:45 Discussion Items

Town Meeting Debriefing: Town Moderator R. Visnick and Town Clerk P. Brown were in attendance. R. Visnick said two town meetings have been held (Annual and Special) there had been discussion about perhaps doing away with the two meetings. He said maybe there should be just one meeting in the spring. R. Visnick said there was good energy and good attendance at both meetings. It was discussed that Manchester may be moving forward on purchasing clickers; they are allocating funds for that. Perhaps the towns could share resources; a test run would be necessary so we know if they are effective. He said anything we can do expedite the meeting is a positive thing; it could increase attendance. Selectperson Wilkinson recommended inviting the chair of the Manchester Board to a meeting of our board as a discussion item to discuss this. She said it was more comfortable in the auditorium; the screens on the wall were great.

Discussion Items:

Town Meeting  
Debriefing

8:30 Selectperson Battistelli moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectperson Wilkinson, Vote: 4-0.

Items Signed:

Common Victualler's License, Nine Lives Café  
Contractor, D&M Civil  
Long Beach Lease #19, Address Change  
Special License to sell Wine Farmers Market, Westport Rivers  
Street Performer's License, Bonnie Barish  
Appropriation Transfer