

Board of Selectmen
Pre-Fall Town Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2015

A meeting of the Rockport Board of Selectmen was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 14, 2015 in the Middle School Library prior to Fall Town Meeting. Present were five selectpersons, the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator.

5:30 pm Chairperson Battistelli called the meeting to order.

Executive Session – MGL Ch 30A §21(a)(3) Strategy with Respect to Litigation

Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the board enter Executive Session under MGL Ch 30A §21(a)(3) Strategy with Respect to Litigation and the approval of minutes and will reconvene in open session, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Battistelli – aye, Selectperson Lucas – aye, Selectperson Murphy – aye, Selectperson Wilkinson – aye, Selectperson Sheedy not present yet.

Selectperson Sheedy arrived at 5:45pm.

Fall Town Meeting Articles:

Selectperson Sheedy moved to support Articles A and B, seconded by Selectperson Wilkinson, Vote: 5-0.

Selectperson Murphy moved to support Articles C, D, and E, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, (CPC's typical requests), Vote: 5-0.

Selectperson Wilkinson moved to approve Articles F, G, H, I, (Harbormaster), J (library leaks), M (DPW facility ventilation), and N (sewer system), seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 5-0. It was stated that Article F (water shed) may not be voted on.

Selectperson Lucas moved that the board support Article O (Back Beach Revetment), Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 5-0.

Selectperson Murphy moved to support Article P (MBTA) seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 5-0.

Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the board support Article Q, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 0-4, motion not approved, Chairperson Battistelli abstaining. Selectperson Sheedy said the building inspector is not in favor of this article; there are already ways to control size and growth. She said this would apply to anyone who wants to add a shed, dormer, etc.; they would have to gather all this information. Selectperson Sheedy said she contacted W. Hess/Finance Committee, and he said he was concerned about revenue loss due to reduced renovations/additions. The Planning Board initiated this; the Zoning Board is not in favor of this.

The Town Moderator said there has been some discussion around dividing Article Q into three sections; he said that will probably be discussed tonight. Selectperson Sheedy said this Article is overly broad.

6:52pm the board left the library to join Fall Town Meeting.