

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
WARRANT FOR
FALL TOWN MEETING
Monday, September 13, 2021
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To: One of the Constables of the Town of Rockport,
Massachusetts in said County of Essex in the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Rockport High School at 24 Jerden's Lane in said Rockport on Monday, the thirteenth day of September, 2021 A.D., at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE A. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer, a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of previous fiscal years; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Board of Selectmen) (Requires 9/10 vote)*

ARTICLE B. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer, a sum or sums of money to add to the appropriations made under Articles 5, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6, 6A and/or 6B of the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting or to reduce appropriations made thereunder; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Board of Selectmen) (Requires majority vote)*

ARTICLE C. To see if the Town will hear and receive the annual report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws and Chapter 2, Section 5(d)(ii) of the Code of By-laws; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Community Preservation Committee) (Requires majority vote)*

ARTICLE D. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, to set aside in the Community Preservation Fund sums of money from Community Preservation Fund FY2021 estimated annual revenues for later spending for the respective purposes indicated:

First, a sum of money to be deposited in the Community Housing Reserve Account;

Second, a sum of money to be deposited in the Open Space/Recreation Reserve Account;

Third, a sum of money to be deposited in the Historic Preservation Reserve Account;

or act on anything relative thereto. (*Community Preservation Committee*) (*Requires majority vote*)

ARTICLE E.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or by borrowing the following amounts for the respective purposes indicated:

First, \$200,000 to be placed in the Conservation Fund, to be administered by the Rockport Conservation Commission, to be used for purposes consistent with the Community Preservation Act;

Second, \$86,431 as a grant to The First Congregational Church of Rockport, a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, working with the Community Preservation Committee, for the restoration, rehabilitation, and preservation of the non-religious windows in the historic "Old Sloop" church at 12 School Street, Rockport;

Third, \$75,000 as a grant to Action, Inc., a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts, for its Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program for the creation of community housing for Rockport residents, under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen;

Fourth, \$36,819 to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works and DPW Commissioners working with the Community Preservation Committee and the Millbrook Meadow Committee, for the construction and installation of a handrail and lighting on the stairway up to the dam in Millbrook Meadow Park;

Fifth, \$30,000 to be expended under the direction of the Thacher & Straitsmouth Islands Town Committee, working with the Community Preservation Committee, for the creation, construction, and installation of a solar panel system to provide energy for the lighting and alarm systems of the historic Thacher Island Buildings;

Sixth, \$48,500 as a grant to the Sandy Bay Historical Society, Inc., a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be expended under the oversight of the Board of Selectmen working with the Community Preservation Committee, for the restoration, rehabilitation and historic preservation of the historic windows of the Sandy Bay Historical Society Museum Building, also known as the Sewall-Scripture House, at 40 King Street, Rockport, and, as may be necessary, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a preservation restriction on said building in connection therewith;

Seventh, \$21,138 to be expended under the oversight of the Director of Public Works and DPW Commissioners, working with the Community Preservation Committee, for the restoration, rehabilitation, and preservation of the American Legion Bandstand at Back Beach, including electrical safety upgrades;

or act on anything relative thereto. (*Community Preservation Committee*) (*Requires majority vote*)

ARTICLE F.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the cost items contained in the initial years of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Rockport and the following union: MA Coalition of Police Local 154 – Sergeants and Patrol Officers; with the agreement covering the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Board of Selectmen*) (*requires majority vote*)

ARTICLE G.

To see if the Town will vote for the creation of an independent fire district, under G.L. c. 48, §60 et seq. The bounds of such district to be geographically coterminous with the entire Town of Rockport. The District to take effect at the start of the next fiscal year and be funded at such levels and from such sources as the Town Meeting deems appropriate. Said district to be governed by an independently elected prudential committee. (*Citizen Petition*) (*Requires majority vote*)

ARTICLE H.

To see if the Town will request that the Selectmen proceed with feasibility, desirability, and cost implications for a Marine Fueling Station in Rockport. (*Board of Selectmen Non-Binding Question*) (*Requires majority vote*)

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same at each of the Post Offices, the Town Bulletin Board and in other public places in each village of the Town, fourteen days at least before the day of the holding of said FALL TOWN MEETING.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, three days at least before Monday, September 13, 2021.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town this 10th day of August 2021 A.D.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ROCKPORT



Donald J. Campbell, Jr., Chair



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