

January 6, 2015

Town of Rockport
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 10
Rockport, ME 04856

Dear Selectmen:

Attached find our proposed Warrant Article. We seek this Warrant Article be placed before the voters on the next warrant issued or call a special town meeting for its consideration. As a Select Board you can vote to place this article before the voters in accordance with our request. We wish that you consider our request at your first scheduled Select Board meeting in January 2015.

We file this request in accordance with Article II Section 14 of the Rockport Charter which states:

Article II
Section 14 Petitions for Articles in the Warrant

Any qualified voter may request the Select Board that an article be placed in the Town Warrant and shall present in written form the substance of the article. Should the Select Board decide against placing the article in the Warrant, citizen petitioners may submit a written petition with voter signatures equal to at least ten (10) percent of the number of votes cast in the Town at the last gubernatorial election. After certification of said petition by the Town Clerk, the Select Board shall insert that particular article in the next Warrant issued, or shall call a special Town Meeting for its consideration.


The Warrant Article we propose is simple and easy to understand. We seek your approval and ultimately the voters' approval of this article because:

1. At the 2013 town meeting, the voters supported an expansion of the library at the present site and approved an amendment to the

Zoning Ordinance which would allow such an expansion. The Selectboard should respect this decision of the voters.

2. At the November 2014 town meeting, the voters rejected two proposed articles concerning the library; one was to build a new library and the other was to put the library at the RES site. The Selectboard should respect this decision of the voters.
3. In order for the Selectboard to follow the voters' opinions, the Town is restricted to renovating or improving the Rockport library at 1 Limerock Street.
4. Making improvements to the Rockport Library at 1 Limerock Street would cost considerably less than any other alternative.
5. Moving the Library off of the present site, could result in the Town losing title to the land at 1 Limerock Street. Keeping the Library there ensures that the land will not be lost.
6. We don't need to pay someone to tell us the obvious. It will cost too much money to build a library at a new site when the original site would work just fine.

Very truly yours,



David Barry

Enclosures

Circulator's Oath:

The undersigned, who is the Circulator of this page petition, hereby verifies by oath that all of the signatures on this petition were made in the presence of the Circulator of the petition and that to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Circulator of the petition, each signature is the signature of the person whose name it purports to be and each person signing the petition is a resident of the Town of Rockport and a registered voter of the Town of Rockport.

Circulator's Signature

Printed Name of Circulator

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF _____, ss. Dated: _____, 2014

Personally appeared before me the above named _____ and made oath that the above-stated facts are true based upon his/her knowledge, information and belief and, to the extent that they are based upon such information and belief, that he/she swears that he/she believes them to be true.

Commission Expires:

Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary

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