

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office of the said Town of Rockport on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2018, at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to:

(1) Approve the design, site preparation, construction and equipping of a new library building, including all other expenses reasonably related thereto (the "Project");

(2) Authorize the Select Board to accept grants/donations for the Project and appropriate the total amount of grants/donations for the costs of the Project;

(3) Appropriate the sum of \$1,500,000 as funds for the costs of the Project to be funded through general obligation bonds; and

(4) Authorize the Select Board to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Rockport, Maine, including future refunding obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 subject to the condition that the Select Board make a finding that sufficient grants, donations and/or donation commitments have been made in order to move forward with the Project?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 2,147,889
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>
Total	\$ 3,647,889

Costs:

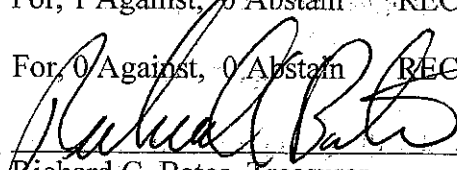
At an estimated interest rate of 3.32% for an estimated 20-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 1,500,000
Interest:	<u>\$ 587,299</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$ 2,087,299

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Budget Committee Votes: 4 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND


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Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to:

Authorize the Select Board to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Rockport, Maine, including future refunding obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the design, construction and equipping of a new library building at 1 Limerock Street, including all expenses reasonably related thereto (the "Project"), subject to the condition that the Select Board make a finding that this general obligation bond is prudent?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:	
A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 2,147,889
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
Total:	\$ 2,447,889

The Select Board will only choose to issue this bond if it decides the private donations to be paid over the following three years are sufficient to repay it.

Costs:

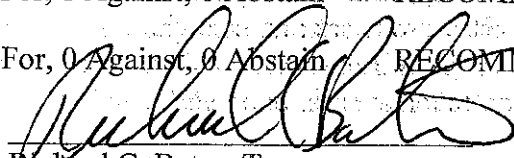
At an estimated interest rate of 4% for an estimated 3-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 300,000
Interest:	<u>\$ 24,313</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$ 324,313

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

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Article 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled, "Polystyrene take-out food containers" be enacted?

Section 1. Purpose of the Article

WHEREAS, the Town has a duty to protect the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, expanded Polystyrene Packaging has a harsh environmental impact on a local and global scale; including greenhouse gas emissions, litter, and harm to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Rockport to protect the environment and natural resources by prohibiting the distribution and use of disposable expanded polystyrene cups, plates, bowls, coolers, and food containers and to require the use of food containers made of other materials associated with all takeout foods defined in this section; and

WHEREAS, the Town through its policies, programs, and laws supports efforts to reduce the environmental impact of waste by supporting the State waste management hierarchy to reduce, reuse, recycle, compost, and landfill.

Section 2. Definitions

As used in this Ordinance the following terms have the following meanings:

Expanded Polystyrene Packaging means any containers, including coolers, that are made of expanded polystyrene foam and used to package both food and beverage for both onsite and offsite consumption. It does not include expanded polystyrene meat trays or other polystyrene packaging used to transport raw and/or uncured meat, poultry, and fish from all food stores.

Retail Vender means any person, restaurant, store, shop, or other establishment, including any grocery store, convenience store, or delicatessen, which offers prepared food for retail sale to the ultimate consumer for direct use or consumption and not for re-sale.

Section 3. Prohibitions

- A. No retail vender in the Town shall serve or sell prepared food in expanded polystyrene packaging;
- B. The Town shall not use expanded polystyrene foam food or beverage containers at any Town facility or Town sponsored event; and
- C. All parties who contract with the Town shall be prohibited from using expanded polystyrene packaging for food and beverage use within the Town or at Town sponsored events.

Section 4. Violations and Enforcement

- A. The Town Manager and his/her designee(s) shall have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of this Ordinance.
- B. For the first six months following the implementation of this Ordinance, the Town Manager shall issue verbal warnings to retail vendors in violation of this Ordinance.
- C. Following this six-month period, if the Town Manager and his/her designee(s) determine a violation of this article has occurred, he/she shall issue a written Notice to the retail vendor and order compliance with this Ordinance within ten days of the issuance of the Notice.
- D. Subsequent violations after the initial warning. Notice shall be subject to the penalties put forth below. Violations of this Ordinance shall be punishable by fines and reimbursed legal fees as follows:

- 1. A fine not exceeding \$250 for each violation, in the aggregate not to exceed \$1500.00 in a one-year period; and
- 2. Reimbursement of the Town's legal fees and costs for prosecution of each violation.

Section 5. Permitted Expanded Polystyrene containers

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit customers from using containers of any type that the customer owns. Customers will not be in violation if they bring their own container of any type to use in carrying away food from a retail vendor.

Section 6. Severability

If any part or provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

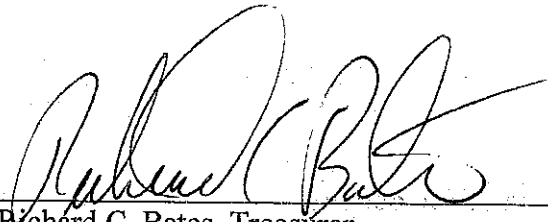
Section 7. Effective Date

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

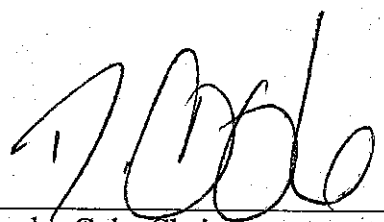
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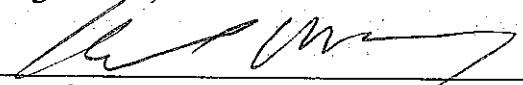


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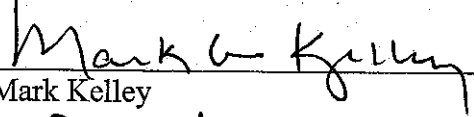
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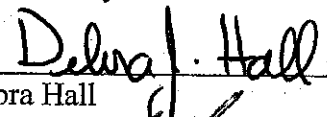
Douglas Cole, Chair



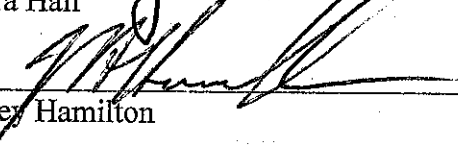
Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair



Mark Kelley



Debra Hall



Jeffrey Hamilton

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk