



TOWN OF ROCKPORT

TOWN MEETING VOTERS BOOKLET

FALL TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

This booklet is an aid to Town Meeting voters and incorporates the Warrants, Motions and other handouts.

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Town Moderator

Rockport, Massachusetts 01966

September 10, 2021

Dear citizens:

When we meet on the 13th, we shall be commemorating the 20th anniversary of one of the most horrific events to occur in this nation. We each recall where we were on September 11, 2001, and the anniversary always brings back the initial feelings of shock, anger and sadness that we all experienced on that day.

We also recall, however, how the nation's leaders and our heroic first responders rose to the occasion and we remember that the general feeling of patriotism in the aftermath of 9/11 was never higher. We all felt like we were in this together and that we needed to work together to vanquish our foe.

Now we are fighting a battle against a relatively new enemy, a pandemic. With each meeting since Covid-19 came into our vocabularies, I told you that I hoped that our next meeting would be a "normal" one. Unfortunately, even now, we have to modify our procedures even though we are no longer under a state of emergency. But Rockporters always rise to the occasion. I would expect no less. Let's channel that feeling of working together to accomplish our town and our nation's business.

Thank you for your courtesy and understanding as we navigate these changing times reacting to the virulent "Delta" variant of Covid-19. I look forward to another successful meeting and hope, once again, that when we next meet, that Covid-19 won't be a factor.

With gratitude,

Bob

Robert L. Visnick

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WARRANT FOR

FALL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, 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:

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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;

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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)*

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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

Ross C. Brackett, Vice Chair

Sarah J. Wilkinson, Member

Paul F. Murphy, Member

Herman S. Lilja, Member

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FTM ARTICLES, MOTIONS, SUMMARIES & RECOMMENDATIONS

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)

MOTION

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sums set forth in the *Fall Town Meeting Voters Booklet* on page 6, all for the purpose of paying unpaid bills and adjustments from the previous fiscal year. *(9/10 vote)*

Amount	From	Vendor
\$331.99	Ambulance Department – Medical Supplies	Public Safety Center
\$566.45	Fire Department – Vehicle Maintenance	Extreme Truck & Auto
\$64.02	Fire Department – Vehicle Maintenance	Cape Ann Auto Supplies
\$86.64	Treasurer – Office Supplies	Discount Rubber Stamps
\$351.00	DPW – Building Repair & Maintenance and Other Purchased Services	Wolf Hill Garden Center

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article requests Town Meeting to approve paying bills that were received after the close of the fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

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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)*

MOTION

I move that the Town amend the votes taken under Articles 5, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6, 6A and/or 6B of the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sums set forth in the *Fall Town Meeting Voters Booklet* for Article B Motion on page 7 and in the amounts and for the purposes specified therein. *(majority vote)*

Amount	From	To
\$82,470.00	Temp Principal (GF)	Maturing Debt Principal LTD (GF)
\$12,448.00	Temp Interest (GF)	Maturing Debt Interest (GF)
\$43,100.00	Temp Loan Principal (Wtr)	Maturing Debt Principal LTD (Wtr)
\$19,694.00	Temp Loan Principal (Wtr)	Maturing Debt Interest (Wtr)
\$44,430.00	Temp Loan Principal (Swr)	Maturing Debt Principal LTD (Swr)
\$19,689.00	Temp Loan Principal (Swr)	Maturing Debt Interest (Swr)
\$75,000.00	Health Insurance	Legal Fees
\$8,350.00	Health Insurance	Police Purchase of Services
\$14,375.00	WWTP PH Improvements Capital Project	WWTP Master Capital Account

Article B Transfers Exhibit

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This is in part a simple administrative action that requests Town Meeting to approve the transfer of money between Town departments that will balance the operating budget by moving funds

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from accounts that don't need them to accounts that do. In addition, there are some accounts in the budget that require supplementation and transfers from other funds outside of Article 5.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

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)*

MOTION

I move that the Town hear and receive the report of the Community Preservation Committee.
(majority vote)

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to allow the mandated reading of the annual report of the Community Preservation Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

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;**

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

MOTION

First Motion: I move that \$70,000 be transferred from FY22 Estimated Annual Revenues of the Community Preservation Fund to the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account. *(majority vote)*

Second Motion: I move that \$70,000 be transferred from FY22 Estimated Annual Revenues of the Community Preservation Fund to the Community Preservation Fund Open Space/Recreation Reserve Account. *(majority vote)*

Third Motion: I move that \$70,000 be transferred from FY22 Estimated Annual Revenues of the Community Preservation Fund to the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve Account. *(majority vote)*

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to appropriate 10% of the funds received from the CPA surtax into each of the reserves designated for the three legal purposes of the CPA: Community Housing, Open Space and recreation, and Historic Preservation. This is the minimum appropriation required by law for each of the designated purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval of Article D.

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;

MOTION

First Motion: I move that \$200,000 be appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund account to the Conservation Trust Fund, to be administered by the Rockport Conservation Commission, to be used for purposes consistent with the Community Preservation Act.

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SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to transfer \$200,000 from the CPC Undesignated account to the Conservation Trust Fund, which is administered by the Rockport Conservation Commission. Funds can only be used for purposes consistent with the CPA, such as purchasing watershed land, open space, conservation land or conservation restrictions.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

Second, \$86,431 as a grant to The First Congregational Church of Rockport, a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the law 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;

MOTION

Second Motion: I move that \$86,431 be appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Community Undesignated account as a grant to the First Congregational Church of Rockport, a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the restoration, rehabilitation, and preservation of the non-religious windows and lead abatement in the historic “Old Sloop” church at 12 School Street, Rockport.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to appropriated \$86,431 from the CPC Undesignated account to restore the windows and lead abatement in the historic “Old Sloop” Congregational Church. These are historic windows, with no religious decorations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

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

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community housing for Rockport residents, under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen;

MOTION

Third Motion: I move that \$75,000 be appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve account as a grant to Action, Inc., a nonprofit organization duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts, for its Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program for the support, creation and preservation of community housing for Rockport residents, under the oversight of the Board of Selectmen.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to appropriate \$75,000 from the CPC Community Housing Reserve to provide a grant to ACTION, Inc. for their Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program; all services funded by this grant will be provided only to Rockport residents.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

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;

MOTION

Fourth Motion: I move that \$36,819 be appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve account and 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 creation, preservation, construction and installation of a handrail on the stairway up to the dam and lighting on the dam in Millbrook Meadow Park.

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SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to appropriate \$36,819 from the CPC Open Space and Recreation Reserve to provide a handrail and lighting on the stairs up to the dam in Millbrook Meadow Park, to improve the safety of the stairway.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.



***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;**

MOTION

Fifth Motion: I move that \$30,000 be appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Community Undesignated account and 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 for preservation, rehabilitation and restoration purposes to provide energy for the lighting and alarm systems at the historic Thacher Island buildings.

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SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to appropriated \$30,000 from the CPC Undesignated account to support the Thacher Island Committee upgrading the solar panel system on Thacher Island to power the lighting and alarm systems for the historic structures.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

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;

MOTION

Sixth Motion: I move that \$26,950 be appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve account and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works and DPW Commissioners working with the Community Preservation Committee and the Sandy Bay Historical Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts, for the restoration, rehabilitation and 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.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to appropriate \$26,950 from the CPC Historic Preservation Reserve to restore, rehabilitate and preserve the historic windows of the Sandy Bay Historical Society Museum Building, also known as the Sewall-Scripture House, at 40 King Street.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

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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;

MOTION

Seventh Motion: I move that \$21,138 be appropriated and transferred from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve account and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works and DPW Commissioners working with the Community Preservation Committee, for the restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of the historic American Legion Bandstand at Back Beach, including electrical safety upgrades.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

This article asks Town Meeting to appropriate \$21,138 from the CPC Historic Preservation Reserve to allow the DPW to accomplish restorative and preservation work on the historic American Legion Bandstand at Back Beach, and to improve the electrical system for safety reasons.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

ARTICLE F

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from the available funds a sum of money to fund the cost items contained in the initial years of 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)

MOTION

I move that the Town approve and confirm the sum of \$31,256 for labor costs to fund the first year of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Rockport and MA Coalition of Police Local 154 – Sergeants and Patrol Officers.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

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)*

MOTION

I move that the Town approve Article G as printed in the September 13, 2021 Town Meeting Warrant.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Selectmen do not support this article. Government and By-Law Committee report unfavorably on this article.

The Government and By-laws Committee recommends unfavorable action on Warrant Article G on grounds that a fire department has already been created under the Town's Charter and by-laws and creation of an independent fire district is therefore unnecessary.

ARTICLE H

To see if the Town will request the Selectmen proceed with feasibility assessments for a Marine Fueling Station at Granite Pier. *(Board of Selectmen Non-Binding Question) (Requires majority vote)*

MOTION

I move that the Town approve Article H as printed in the September 13, 2021 Town Meeting Warrant.

RECOMMENDATION

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The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

To: Town Moderator

Re: Article H: FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A MARINE FUELING STATION IN ROCKPORT.

From: The Granite Pier Committee

List of facts about marine fueling in Rockport:

1. There has never been a commercial marine fuel supply on town owned property.
2. The last commercial marine fuel station in Rockport was located on Tuna Wharf on private property.
3. This facility ceased doing business in the early 70's.
4. Rockport has not had marine fuel for sale for almost 50 years.
5. There is no mandate for the town to provide a marine fueling facility.
6. The proposed facility would sell gasoline.
7. Diesel is less flammable than gasoline and can be truck delivered. Commercial fishermen get diesel fuel from the Pigeon Cove Fishermen's Co- Op or by truck delivery at the dock.
8. The CPC provided funding to do a location study for the fueling station.
9. This study determined that Granite Pier would be the best site.
10. The Granite pier committee disputes the findings of this study and is against any marine fueling facility at Granite Pier.
11. The Harbor Masters are opposed to a fuel dock at Granite pier unless the breakwater extension is completed. This is due to the large potential storm surge that can come into the harbor. Since the extension was voted down a few years ago the breakwater is not going to happen in the foreseeable future.
12. The proponent group applied for an additional grant of \$39,000.00 from the CPC to do a financial plan and construction plan for a Marine fueling station at Granite Pier.
13. The town attorney determined that CPC funding could not be used to fund the fueling station because it is a commercial venture.
14. How the fueling station would be funded is unclear.
15. The cost of this facility would involve (2) 2000 gallon fuel tanks above ground (2018 quote \$55,000 per tank)
 - concrete pad for the tanks
 - ground work to support pad and fuel tank
 - catch basin for spill containment
 - security fence around tanks
 - fire suppression system for tanks
 - underground piping from tanks to dock

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- pump at dock
- fabrication of floating dock and ramp
- mooring of dock and seawall reinforcement

16. It seems a reasonable estimate that the initial investment to get the marine fueling station built will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000 to \$600,000. This is not taking into account the \$50,000 for planning and design already proposed.
17. The ongoing cost of operating would involve personnel with training in safety and fire practices to supervise when the facility is open for business.
 - Management of the finances and material ordering for the fuel business.
 - Insurance for liability at this facility.
18. The facility would operate only 3 to 4 months a year. It seems doubtful that a stand-alone fuel dock could support itself financially in a 3 to 4 month season.
19. It is unclear if these tanks will need to be removed if a major storm threatens and where they would be stored and if fuel will need to be pumped out. This would be yet another cost of operation.

Thoughts on a marine fueling station in Rockport:

1. Does the Town of Rockport need a marine fueling station?
2. Should the town be in the marine fuel business?
3. Does the town need more boat traffic on summer weekends?
4. Would this attract the kind of boaters that would be a plus for the town or would we just become a gas stop for cigarette boats on the way south?
5. Will it improve the quality of life in Rockport?
6. How many people will this actually benefit?
7. There are 450 people on the mooring waiting list so it doesn't seem like the fuel issue is a deterrent.

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8. A marine fuel dock is not a community necessity. It will not save any lives. The few people who will benefit already have good lives and large pleasure boats. The town could better spend this amount of money helping people who really need help and fixing things that really need fixing for the benefit of the greater community not a small special interest group.

9. A fuel dock on private property would be a convenience. However, fuel is usually provided at a commercial marina where they provide other services and do not survive on fuel sales alone.

10. In Rockport we are blessed with many things but large, sheltered, natural harbors are not one of them. We do not have a marina because we do not have the available industrial waterfront. There is the potential for this at the Tool Company site. Perhaps, the fuel dock proponents should try and negotiate the inclusion of a marina with a fuel facility as part of the development at the Tool Company.

WE URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST PROCEEDING WITH A TOWN-FUNDED FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A MARINE FUELING STATION IN ROCKPORT.