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CITY OF ROCKLAND
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
January 21, 2014

Board Present: Chairman E. Laustsen, W. Bodine, A. Knickelbein, K. Swan and G. Terrien

Board Absent: P. vanVuuren

Staff Present: Code Enforcement Officer J. Root and Secretary D. Sealey

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:16 P.M.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: 1/7/14

ACTION: Mr. Terrien made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/7/14 as corrected.
Carried 3-0-2 (Ms. Knickelbein and Mr. Bodine abstained)

Public Comment: Shlomit Auciello (22 Broadway) said she was a member of the arts community and stated that many people visited Rockland for art. She felt there were two flaws in the Design Standards for the Tillson Overlay Zone: 1) the idea that the future should look like the past, and 2) it was an effort to replace Rockland's working waterfront. Ms. Auciello said Rockland was a vital fishing port, which was essential to its character and essential for attracting people. She said the City should help CMCA work with its neighbors to make a pathway inviting the neighborhood in, thus building a visual and cultural bridge.

Chair Laustsen explained that the PB must implement what was approved by the City Council and did not have the authority to waive the ordinance's design standard requirements.

Communications: CEO Root noted a letter from Susan Barbour and a statement regarding the CMCA proposal from board member George Terrien.

Amended Agenda: The original agenda had contained two items. Earlier in the week the board had been informed that the Center for Maine Contemporary Art had postponed the continuance of its pre-application review scheduled for this evening.

CEO Root announced that the other item on the agenda, Site Plan Review of the City of Rockland to construct a sand and salt shed at 400 Limerock St., had also been postponed.

Adjournment: Mr. Swan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 P.M.
Carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sealey
Recording Secretary