

program and I think this is kind of scary considering its Rockport this past year alone Action helped stabilized forty-six different Rockport households due to the economy of the times and expected need Action has come back and asked for another \$75,000 of CPC funding in order to help Rockporters remain in their homes and CPC urges your support of this valuable program.

MODERATOR: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say no.

That motion carries by voice vote.

We have one more.

LINDA SANDERS FOR MARY FRANCIS: I move that the town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$11,000. From the FY13 Estimated Annual Revenues of the Community Preservation Fund to be expended for administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, including but not limited to appraisals, land surveys, copying, postage, legal notices and other costs.

Moved and seconded.

MARY FRANCIS: This is a housekeeping measure and I think it's self explanatory we do have a transcriber that takes our minutes and we like to be able to give them some amount of money and then if anybody has a special study or project if there's a way to do it under the auspices of community preservation we would like to help them if it's for the greater good of Rockport we try.

MODERATOR: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say no.

The motion carries by voice vote.

Gratitude extended by the Moderator and meeting members for all that Mary and the committee do, it's a wonderful service. Thank you.

The Chair will entertain a motion under Article S.

ARTICLE 19 (S). We the citizens of Rockport, Massachusetts, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass an Amendment to the Constitution that would *affirm* that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and that both Congress and State governments may place limits, on both political contributions and spending, from any source. ; or act on anything relative thereto. (*By Petition*)

LINDA SANDERS, MICHAEL O'CONNOR FOR THE PETITIONERS moves that the Board of Selectmen be directed to convey to the Town of Rockport's representatives in the Congress of the United States that the Rockport Town Meeting has supported a resolution supporting the passage of an Amendment to the Constitution *affirming* that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and that both Congress and State governments may place limits, on both political contributions and spending, regardless of the source of such funds.

Moved and seconded.

MICHAEL O'CONNOR: 143 Granite Street – Good evening to place Article S in historical context let me briefly review just why big money has always been a big problem in American politics. For over a century. since Theodore Roosevelt signed the Tillman Act of 1907 the first