



March 13, 2022

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall - 34 Broadway
Rockport, MA 01966

Dear Board of Selectmen,

Rockport Exchange, at its March 9, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting, voted to support the Net Zero Energy Policy for Rockport. (four in favor, one abstention). We are very concerned about the impacts of climate change on our town, its residents and economy. Rockport Exchange's core mission is about building community through events that bring local residents, businesses, food and arts together. We are particularly concerned about the impact of sea level rise on our downtown and public meeting places.

Rockport Exchange, through its public events, has been invested in minimizing our carbon footprint for over a decade now by serving and sourcing local food. We have also partnered with our vendors to reduce the amount of waste generated at these events by requiring minimal/recyclable/compostable packaging as well as composting and recycling as much as possible. We have partnered with our vendors and the public as well as the town to accomplish these goals. In so doing we have served as a large scale waste reduction demonstration/education project that other town events can replicate.

Sincerely

Darren Mason, Chair

Stephanie Woolf, Secretary
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Regina Lane
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