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At the Special Town Meeting, we had a Quorum call to count the registered voters present. The Quorum is 150 because of our By-Law below. When the count by our Town Clerk confirmed less than 150 voters present the meeting ended.

In the upcoming Spring or Fall Town Meetings we have no Quorum

Chapter 2 Rockport Town Meeting By-Law

Section 2 b. Does not set a Quorum it indicates the Spring and Fall Town meeting dates.

Section 4 b the Quorum paragraph indicates any Town Meeting mentioned in Sec 2 b “ the quorum shall those persons present.”
This is a zero quorum or no quorum number for Spring and Fall Town Meetings. (what a clever way to write the law using Sec2 and 4 to confuse)

Many voters in Rockport want a Quorum of 150 registered voters for all Town Meetings. More voters present means a better democracy than a Zero Quorum.

Imagine only 100 persons voting for our \$40+ millions Town budget because we have no Quorum

A Town Article Petition will soon be requesting your signatures for a new Sec 4 b Quorum paragraph.

New Section 4 b Giving us a Quorum number for all Town Meetings. Plus a dismissal

Article Petition for a Quorum

In the Town of Rockport Code of By-Law Amended May 15, 2021, in Chapter 2 Section 4 b in line three strike out the words, “those” and replace with, 150. In line four strike out the words “a lesser number,” and replace with 50% of the quorum number present.

Current Rockport By-Laws follow:

Section 2 b.

Meeting Dates. The Spring Town Meeting, which shall be the Annual Town Meeting for purposes of G.L. c. 39 § 9, primarily concerned with the adoption of an annual budget and other warrant articles which have a fiscal effect on the

Town, shall meet in April or May. The Fall Town Meeting, which shall be primarily concerned with non-fiscal matters, shall meet in September or October. Both the Spring and Fall Town Meetings shall be scheduled as follows: "By April 1st each year the Moderator shall submit a proposed schedule for the Spring and Fall Town Meetings for the next two succeeding calendar years for approval by the Board of Selectmen. (Changed Sept 11, 2017 FTM)

Section 4 b.

Quorum. For any session, including any adjourned session, of a meeting convened on a date specified in Section 2.b., the quorum shall be those persons present. For any other Town Meeting 150 voters shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may vote to adjourn.