

**MINUTES**  
**Casco Board Of Selectmen**  
**June 15, 2010**  
*Amended June 22, 2010*

Members Present:

Barbara York, Paul Edes, Carroll Morton, Ray Grant and Mary Fernandes

Staff Present:

David Morton and Lucille Griffin

Guests Present:

Allison Griffin, Pamela Griffin, Peg Dilley, Sandy Fredricks, Wayne Ward, Irene Morton, Walter Hebold, Diane Hebold, Sue Durkee, Rick Thorpe, Gil Avery, Donna Norton, Mike London, Alice Darlington, Ken Hawley, Ron Hawkes, Barbara Thorpe, Holly Hancock, Donna Norton, Calvin Nutting, Rhonda Nutting, Pat Troy, Ted Ropple, Pam Grant, Laurie Polland, Nikki Polland

The Board of Selectmen approved bills and signed warrants.

- **Selection Of Chair Of The Board Of Selectmen:**

There were two nominations for Chair of the Board of Selectmen:

Barbara York and Ray Grant

Barbara York received three votes and Ray Grant received two votes.

Barbara York was elected as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

**The Board of Selectmen moved (Edes), seconded (Fernandes) and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of June 1, 2010, as written.**

- **Guest Presentation By Crescent Lake Watershed Association:**

Town Manager David Morton reviewed the concerns regarding the Crescent Lake Beach area and noted that Crescent Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) had gone to the expense of getting an engineer to look at the problem. Morton said it was great to have the group step up and do that at their own expense.

Morton then introduced Walter Hebold from CLWA.

Mr. Hebold began his presentation. Mr. Hebold said that the material that he presented to the Selectmen will become part of the record and that the Selectmen could use it as they wished. There was a brief question and answer period following the presentation.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Crescent Lake Watershed Association for coming to the meeting.

Barbara York requested that the Crescent Lake Watershed Association concerns be brought back on a future agenda.

**Old Business:**

- License To Use The Grange Hall Parking Area:

Town Manager David Morton reviewed information on the license and said that the owners, Matthew and Tracy Hancock, would allow the town to continue using this property with approval of this license. There is a one time \$400.00 license fee to cover the legal costs that would be incurred by the owners. Town Manager Morton said that this is a license not a lease as Matthew Hancock did not want a recorded document, just an agreement between the Matthew and Tracy Hancock and the Town of Casco. Following discussion on this item, the Board requested that it be brought back on a future agenda. This will give the new Board members a chance to look at the property.

**New Business:**

- Fine Kettle Of Fish Liquor License:

**The Board of Selectmen moved (Edes), seconded (Grant) and unanimously voted to approve the application for a catering liquor license by Fine Kettle of Fish.**

- Mass Gathering Permit For Casco Days:

**The Board of Selectmen moved (Fernandes), seconded (Edes) and unanimously voted to approve a Mass Gathering Permit for Casco Days.**

- Mass Gathering Permit For The Church Flea Market:

**The Board of Selectmen moved (Edes), seconded (Grant) and unanimously voted to approve a Mass Gathering Permit for the Church Flea Market on July 10, 2010.**

- Mass Gathering Permit For The Chamber Of Commerce Brew Fest:

**The Board of Selectmen moved (Grant), seconded (York) and unanimously voted to approve a Mass Gathering Permit for the Chamber of Commerce Brew Fest on September 25, 2010.**

- Resignation Of Susannah Swihart:

Susannah Swihart submitted her resignation from the Casco Planning Board. *Ms. Swihart has served on the Planning Board for thirty-six years.* There was discussion on recognition of her dedication and service to the Town of Casco and Ron Hawkes will be

talking to Ms. Swihart to see what she would like. Suggestions were to rename and dedicate the Casco Community Center and a town report dedication.

**The Board of Selectmen voted, with regret, to accept the resignation of Susannah Swihart from the Planning Board.**

- Appointments Of Selectmen:

The Board of Selectmen made the following appointments:

- Transfer Station Council Representative: Paul Edes
- Greater Portland Council Of Governments  
Regional Planning Initiative: Mary Fernandes
- Greater Portland Council Of Governments  
Executive Committee: Barbara York
- Public Safety Regionalization Planning Committee: Ray Grant

- Appointments By the Board Of Selectmen:

- SAD #61 School Board Director: Donna Norton  
This position is to fill the unexpired term of Nikki South until the June 2011 municipal elections. Donna Norton and Ted Ropple were nominated for this position. Donna Norton received three votes and Ted Ropple received two votes. Donna Norton was appointed to fill the one year SAD #61 position.
- Finance Committee:  
There are seven people who have expressed an interest in being appointed to the Finance Committee. The Board of Selectmen requested that they come in to meet with the Board for interviews. Town Manager Morton will contact the applicants to schedule a date to come in.
- Appointments To Various Boards:
  1. Planning Board: This position will be advertised. One position open.
  2. Finance Committee:  
Reappointments of the current Finance Committee with the exception of Nikki South's position:  
Sam Brown, Richard Card, Holly Hancock, Roger Nute, Edward Ropple and Lewis Wetzel
  3. Recreation Committee:  
Lawrence Carter, Christine Dinsmore, Matthew Hancock, Jennifer Heath, Beth Latsey, Colleen Simpson, Leslie Waugh-Morton and Susan Witonis
  4. Veterans' Committee:  
Gilbert Avery, Lucille Griffin, Elinor Mains, Carroll Morton, Irene Morton, Eva Nutting and Forrest Nutting

Barbara York asked if we would be advertising for the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancies. Town Manager Morton said we would advertise for both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals vacancies.

- Thompson Lake Dam In Oxford:

It was noted that there will be a meeting at the Thompson Lake Dam in Oxford on June 16, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Town Manager Morton said that dam is very important to the Town of Casco. If the dam went out it would shrink the size of the lake and most of the area would be a meadow. The Town of Oxford owns the dam but is hoping that the other four communities on Thompson Lake will help with funding for repairs. Town Manager Morton said that he will be attending the meeting and that this Board of Selectmen's meeting serves as a notice that there may be three or more Selectmen at the Oxford dam meeting.

### **Other Business:**

- There was discussion on business cards for the Board of Selectmen. The consensus of opinion was not to purchase business cards for the Board of Selectmen.

- Workshop Date:

The Board of Selectmen will hold a workshop on June 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Items for discussion at the workshop:

1. How the Board of Selectmen's meetings will be conducted.
2. Goals for the upcoming year.

- Paul Edes asked what the American Legion meetings were that were noted on the calendar.

- Carroll Morton asked if the Veterans' Memorial fund had any money left. Town Manager David Morton said that there was money left in that account. C. Morton asked why we could not get a light fixture for the monument and that a light that is like the one on the bank building would be one to go with. Town Manager Morton will look into getting this taken care of.

### **Public Participation:**

- Becky Behlen handed out copies of a letter to the Board regarding information that she had asked for from Town Manager David Morton. Ms. Behlen stated that this information was given out erroneously prior to the candidates' night held in Webbs Mills. Ms. Behlen stated that she had a private conversation with Town Manager Morton and that what she asked him about was not "digging up dirt". Ms. Behlen stated that she felt it was a breach of confidentiality.

Town Manager Morton responded that he had shared Ms. Behlen's request with the person in question. Morton said that the issue, from his perspective, is that as he is the only one who possessed the answers, he did share this information.

Ms. Behlen said she did not think it was pertinent information to be shared.

Town Manager Morton stated that it was not his words that someone was “digging up dirt”. Town Manager Morton stated that he has spoken to both Ms. Behlen and Mike London regarding this issue. Morton stated that they have to understand that if anyone came in and asked questions of him, he would still have to do the same thing. Morton said that his error was in not sharing this with Ms. Behlen.

- Ray Grant asked when the next audit would be. Town Manager Morton said it would be at the end of July 2010.

- Ray Grant said that he would like a copy of the TRIO manual to see what could be changed. Town Manager Morton advised Grant that there is no manual and that Grant should come in to look at the TRIO system to see what he would like to have changed. Grant noted that he had talked to Rick Parachak from Naples about the TRIO system. Grant said he would like to see the warrants put online.

- Barbara York said that she would like to see the Town Report out sooner and that it should be out in September.

- Mary Fernandes said she would like to see the Selectmen’s agenda out sooner than a few hours before the meeting. Town Manager Morton said that we could schedule that but we would always be a week ahead or a week behind. It is a challenge to get an agenda out with the Board having weekly meetings. Ray Grant asked if it would help if the Board met every two weeks. Town Manager Morton indicated that we should get the agendas out prior to the day of the meeting.

- Paul Edes noted that we have been having problems with the tapes of the meetings. Edes said that a suggestion has been made that we have a podium near the tape machine. Town Manager Morton said that could be done, however we do not have a sophisticated tape machine. We use two recorders now as we are not sure of either of them. At some meetings there has been interference that scrambled the tapes.

- Ray Grant said he would like to see the meetings videotaped. Barbara York said that will be an item on the workshop agenda.

- Carroll Morton asked why we did not have the Town Meeting at the Casco Community Center that we spent so much money on. Town Manager Morton said that the members of the Board decided where the Town Meeting was held; not him (Town Manager Morton). It was decided not to hold Town Meeting at the Community Center as it would damage the gym floor. C. Morton stated that we now have over a half million dollar building that we can’t use because it might damage the floor. There ensued further discussion on the location of Town Meeting.

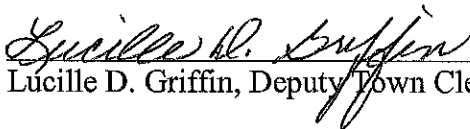
- Gil Avery, noting some history, said that Webbs Mills was changed to the name of Crescent Lake because their mail was getting sent to Weeks Mills.

- Ray Grant requested to take up the Crescent Lake Watershed Association presentation at the June workshop.

- Donna Norton said if there was anything that anyone wished to know about the School Board to let her know; meetings and etc.

**There being no further business to come before this meeting, the Board of Selectmen moved (Edes), seconded (C. Morton) and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.**

Attest:

  
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Lucille D. Griffin, Deputy Town Clerk