

MINUTES
Casco Board Of Selectmen
October 13, 2009

Members Present:

Calvin Nutting, Paul Edes, Susan Witonis

Members Absent:

Barbara York and Carroll Morton

Staff Present:

David Morton and Lucille Griffin

Guests Present:

Gilbert Avery and Lisa Williams Ackley

The Board of Selectmen approved bills and signed warrants.

The Board of Selectmen moved (Witonis), seconded (Edes) and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of September 8, September 15 and September 22, 2009.

Old Business

- Community Center Update:

Town Manager David Morton updated the Board of Selectmen on the Community Center project. The tubing for the radiant heat will be finished this week and then the concrete will be poured. Some of the materials had been on back order.

New Business

- Workshop Schedules And Topics:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and discussed workshop dates and topics for the workshops. The topics included:

1. NIMS training. Irene Morton had offered to arrange for someone from the bunker to provide the training. The Fire Department and the Rescue Department will be invited to the NIMS training.
2. Building Code that will become mandatory next year. This was brought up at the Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry (JBGH) law update meeting that they put on for their municipal clients. Town Manager Morton will arrange for a JBGH representative to come out to do training on the new Building Code.
3. "Right To Know" law. Town Manager Morton will arrange for a JBGH representative to come out to do training on the "Right To Know" law.

There was further discussion on the new mandatory building code and how it will affect the requirements for obtaining a building permit. Town Manager Morton said that if the surge in building comes back the way it was, it will take more than one person in the Code Enforcement Office to handle the requirements.

- SAD 61 Referendum Warrants:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the warrants for the SAD 61 referendum.

- Meeting Setup:

Town Manager David Morton asked the Board of Selectmen if they wanted to go back to the smaller table setup so they could hear well. Susan Witonis said she liked it when the Board sits closer together. Calvin Nutting said that we were doing it this way (spread out) so the Board faced the audience. The disadvantage of two tables close together is that someone's back is to the audience. There was more discussion on this item. Susan Witonis suggested that, for the next two weeks, two tables be set up.

Public Participation And Comment

Gilbert Avery noted that the upstairs Grange Hall light is on. Town Manager David Morton will check on it.

Other Business

- Town Manager David Morton will be meeting with the Town Managers from Naples, Sebago and Bridgton and SAD 61 to explore the possibility of doing a grant for the school district. This is a new grant that is coming out for energy conservation that may help to offset the improvements to the high school or other buildings. This is a one time grant of \$85,000 for each community in the district. Calvin Nutting asked if Casco received \$85,000 and gave it to SAD 61 would the state then reduce the amount of money for SAD 61. Town Manager Morton did not think it would. This is in the concept stage but has to be done by mid November if we are going to apply for it. Morton noted that he would know more about it after tomorrow.

- Town Manager David Morton reviewed information for the Board of Selectmen regarding companies that are seeking to sell electricity. Currently, we receive two bills, one for the power and one for the delivery of that power. Maine Power is looking to provide even low end users the ability to purchase energy through Maine Power. This will not be available until next April. There are now other vendors who want to come in and sell us power and Morton has a meeting with one of them next week. We will know more about this as time goes on and will share what he learns with the Board.

- The Board of Selectmen moved (Witonis), seconded (Nutting) and unanimously voted not to hold a meeting on November 3, 2009 as it is election day.

- Susan Witonis said that she will not be attending the meeting on November 10, 2009.

- Town Manager David Morton noted that on October 27, 2009, Donna Woodward, from the Bridgton Chamber of Commerce, will be in to give a presentation to the Board of Selectmen to update them on the Chamber activities. Also, Jeff Stern, from Thompson Lake Environmental Association, will be in to give a presentation to the Board regarding the work that has been done on Thompson Lake.

- It was noted that there will be a workshop meeting on October 20, 2009 starting at 6:30 p.m. If necessary, after the workshop, there will be a regular meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

- Calvin Nutting asked if the new mandatory building code would impact anything at the Memorial School. Town Manager Morton said it will impact anything we do. Any changes we do on a public building like that go through a higher scrutiny.

- There was discussion on whether the Town Office would close at noon on the day before Thanksgiving. This item will be on their October 20, 2009 workshop.

- Calvin Nutting asked if anyone had seen the news tonight regarding solar panels that were installed on shacks in third world countries and that they now have electricity there. Nutting commented on this being done in third world countries and nothing like that being done for people the United States.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the Board of Selectmen moved (Witonis), seconded (Edes) and unanimously voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Lucille D. Griffin, Deputy Town Clerk