



Town of Casco

Selectboard Minutes

July 26, 2022

Selectboard Members Present: Robert MacDonald (Chair), Scott Avery (Vice-Chair), Eugene Connolly & Grant Plummer.

Selectboard Members Absent: Mary Fernandes

Staff Present: Town Manager Tony Ward, Fire Chief Brian Cole

Public: Dawn DeBrusk, Sam Brown, Amy Brown, Dawn DeBrusk, Terri Linnell, Erika McKay (RHR Smith), Donna Norton tom Wood and Greg Barton.

Chair MacDonald asked for motion to approve the agenda.

1. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Connolly) to approve the agenda: 4-0 in favor .

2. Approval of Bills and Signing and Approval of All Open Warrants.

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Avery) to approve bills and sign and approve all open warrants: 4 in favor.

3. Approval of Minutes for July 12, 2022.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Connolly) to approve minutes as presented. 4 in favor.

4. Public Participation: Sam Brown spoke about the opportunities for additional green space in Webbs Mills and opportunities to purchase fire damaged building. He also inquired about his previous complaint relating to the building located at 478 Poland Spring Road.

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Amy Brown inquired about the sale of 476 Webbs Mills Road. Was advised this was a private sale and the lot was not buildable. She was also advised the property was sold by the Town previously in via sealed bids.

5. Managers' Report

- Watkins Excavation completed the demolition of the dangerous building located at 388 Roosevelt Trail on Tuesday July 19, 2022 in compliance with the contract awarded to him on July 12th by the Selectboard. Jensen Baird is assisting in initial stages of seeking restitution for the Town's cost associated with this action and the action taken at 941 Quaker Ridge Road.
- The Town also received voluntary compliance for the dangerous building located at 135 Leach Hill Road. The owner voluntarily demolished the building this week.
- Laurie Kidd was hired for the part term clerk position. Laurie brings varied life and work experiences and will be a welcomed member of our team.
- After last Selectboard meeting, staff and I rectified multiple of issues raised by the Board. We are still working on updating portion of the site (pictures, documents, etc), but the factual content is up to date. If any Board member or residents finds a mistake or conflict, please contact me.
- Discussions with Jim Tasse continue regarding opportunities for trails in bike/ped designs on 121 between the village and Pikes Corner and the area of Crooked River Elementary School. I anticipate submitting requests to MaineDOT later this week or early next week. We also began initial discussions about a grant opportunity thru Village Partnership Initiative for the increasing of sidewalks and ADA crosswalks within the village.
- I began dialogue with Scott Vlaun, who is the Executive Director of Center for an Ecology-Based Economy, about a letter of intent to use them a service provider relating to Resiliency Grants within the state. If provide positive guidance by the Board, I would author the letter and submit to them. This would allow him to include Casco in their August enrollment with the State. Resiliency grants are traditionally between \$5,000 and \$50,000 grants and Towns can receive 2 awards each year. This letter of intent would allow Center for an Ecology-Based Economy to author the first grant for the Town at no cost. They could provide additional services in the future, if the Towns desires the assistance. Examples of Resilience planning are Ensuring roads and bridges are prepared for sudden floods; Taking steps to cope with drought and other extreme weather conditions; and reducing emissions and transitioning to sources of clean energy.
- This week I met with management of Point Sebago to discuss their practices of relating the sales, demolition or removal of residencies within their property. They are eager wo work with the Town and trying to minimize the necessity for "write-offs". I provided them with the copies of Maine law associated with the practices. The options for minimizing these occurrence is requiring owners to pay back taxes prior to resigning a leasing agreement, requiring real estate

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checks with the Town as part of their background process and other administrative actions by Point Sebago staff.

Public Hearing

6. The (3) applications for Liquor License by Point Sebago.

Vice Chair Avery called the public hearing to order at 6:20 pm. No comments in opposition or favor. Public hearing closed at 6:21 pm.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Plummer) to approve the three liquor license applications submitted by Point Sebago to be forwarded to the State Bureau of Liquor for final approval. 3-0-1 (MacDonald) in favor.

Old Business

7. The Selectboard will consider FY21 Audit with RHR Smith.

Auditor Erika McKay presented slide show and synopsis of audit. Please see attached power point for McKay's presentation.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Connolly) to accept the FY21 Audit as presented by RHR Smith. 4-0 in favor.

8. The Selectboard will discuss Ergonomics, Lifting, Slip/Trip and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) plans..

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Avery) to approve the MMA recommended safety plans as presented. 3-0-0 in favor.

New Business

9. The Selectboard will consider ballot for Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee.

The Selectboard moved (MacDonald), seconded (Avery) to approve the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee slate as recommended.

10. The Selectboard will consider the use of Casco/Naples Bulky Waste by landowners in Club Sebago Association.

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Avery) to table the discussion until the August 9th, 2022 meeting. 3-0-1 (MacDonald) in favor.

11. The Selectboard will consider an no overnight parking ban on Town properties. Informational

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12. The Selectboard will consider future sale of Engine 14.

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (MacDonald) to approve the future sale of Engine 14 to Brinlee Mountain in the amount of \$110,000. 4 in favor.

13. The Selectboard will consider an abatement for Map 12, lot 50 (Thomas Pond Shore Road).

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Plummer) to abate \$10,270 in property taxes on Map 12, lot 50 due to assessing error. 3-0-1(MacDonald) in favor.

14. The Selectboard will be updated on the status of the Fire Department.

Informational Only. No Action.

15. The Selectboard will discuss the availability of the Animal Control Officer.

Informational Only. No Action.

16. The Selectboard will discuss public roadway acceptance policy or ordinance.

Informational Only. No Action.

17. The Selectboard will discuss the plowing of Thomas Pond Shore Road.

Informational Only. No Action.

18. The Selectboard will discuss the plan for future Public Work operations.

Informational Only. No Action.

19. Selectboard Comments:

Scott Avery wanted to ensure voices his concerns about ordinance and the level of local enforcement without local contracted deputies. He voiced his support for exploring this option with the FY 24 budget and allowing the residents the opportunity to decide the level of service they want.

Executive Sessions

20. **The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Avery) to go into executive session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for applications 07/26/22A, 07/26/22B, 07/26/22C, and 07/26/22D and pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. § 405-A at 7:52 pm. 4-0 in favor. Out of Executive Session at 8:53pm.**

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21. The Selectboard moved (MacDonald), seconded (Connolly) to adjourn at 8:53 PM. 4 in favor.

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