



Town of Casco

Selectboard Minutes

August 23, 2022

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

Selectboard Members Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Town Manager Tony Ward, Michael Genest

Public: Amy Brown, Sam Brown, Dawn DeBrusk, Ryan McAllister, Thomas Mulkern, Jeffrey Raymond and Tom White.

Chair MacDonald asked for motion to approve the agenda.

1. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda.

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (Avery) to approve the agenda: 5-0 in favor .

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

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) to approve bills and sign and approve all open warrants: 5 in favor.

3. Approval of Minutes for August 9, 2022.

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (Connolly) to approve minutes as presented. 5 in favor.

4. Public Participation: Eric Dibner spoke about the open space project completed by Bridgton and the successful implementation of the project. Amy Brown, Sam Brown, Ryan McAllister, Tom Mulkern and Jeffrey Raymond spoke about their concern about the recent sale of town owned properties and the accepting of bids below the minimum bids.

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5. Managers' Report

- The draft Road Construction and Acceptance Ordinance is being provided to the Selectboard for future dialogue.
- Contract follow-up with Raven Salon and Trashman. I am in the process of reviewing contracts that need modification, updating or cancelling. I am having discussions with the owners of Raven's Salon about the monthly lease based on the space usage. I am also in the process of cancelling the Town's contract with Trashman reference the annual \$12,000 for the removal of snow from the Community Center walkways. This amount was not funded in the FY23 budget and this service can be provided by Public Works staff.
- Pleasant Lake Modifications needs RFP instead of bid per the Town's Purchasing Policy. I also anticipate requesting additional funding at a future Town Meeting. We recently received a bid of \$46,356 for this project and the amount approved at 2021 Town Meeting was \$30,772.
- Town Staff and I are discussing inserting a pamphlet with this year's tax bills that includes information on the upcoming reevaluation, the reason for a homestead exemption less than \$25,000, the two elderly tax programs offered by the State, the Town's short term rental ordinance and the progress of the comprehensive plan. If the Selectboard wants any other information included in the pamphlet please advise me (i.e., survey included on road expenditures, future public works operations, level of fire services, etc.).

Old Business

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

Discussion only. No action.

New Business

7. The Selectboard will consider Sam Brown for appointment to Open Space Commission.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Fernandes) appoint Sam Brown to the Open Space Commission for a term to expire in June 2025. 5 in favor.

8. The Selectboard will consider a contract with Revision Energy for Solar array and energy services.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Plummer) to authorize the Town Manager to sign contract with Revision Energy on behalf of the Town as approved at 2022 Town Meeting. 5 in favor.

9. The Selectboard will Code Enforcement Officer request for legal action with 12 Harmony Road.

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The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Fernandes) authorized the Code Enforcement Officer to begin legal actions towards 12 Harmony Road with the assistance of legal counsel. 5 in favor.

10. The Selectboard will consider Code Enforcement Officer 's request for legal action with 475 Poland Spring Road.

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) authorized the Code Enforcement Officer begin legal actions towards 475 Poland Spring Road as a Dangerous House as defined Harmony Road with the assistance of legal counsel. 5 in favor.

11. The Selectboard will discuss tax commitment.

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (Avery) to set the overlay for tax commitment at \$289,497.23. 5 in favor.

12. The Selectboard will discuss public roadway maintenance.

Informational Only. No Action.

13. The Selectboard will discuss Winter Road Maintenance for private roadways.

Informational Only. No Action.

14. The Selectboard will discuss a citizen request for payment plan.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Fernandes) to table the request for counsel direction. 5 in favor.

15. The Selectboard will discuss placing ATM with Town Office lobby.

The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Fernandes) to place the ATM owned by Casco Days Fair Association in the Town Office lobby. 4-0-1(Avery abstained) in favor.

16. Selectboard Comments:

The Selectboard further discussed the concerns raised by residents in the public session. Advised the Town Manager to research the cost of re-acquiring the property located at Tax map 32, lot 7 and the acquiring the property located at tax map 32, lot 6. Future dialogue will occur at up-coming Selectboard meeting and potentially special Town Meeting.

Executive Sessions

- 17. The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Plummer) to go into executive session pursuant 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(F). Fernandes left during executive session. Out of executive session at 8:21 pm.**
- 18. The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Connolly) to adjourn at 8:21 PM. 4 in favor.**

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