



Town of Casco

Selectboard Minutes

February 21, 2023

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

Selectboard Members Absent: Grant Plummer

Staff Present: Town Manager Tony Ward, Michael Genest, Chief Brian Cole

Public: Michelle Brenner, Sam Brown, Tom Mulkern, and Sue Witonis.

Chair MacDonald asked for motion to approve the agenda.

1. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Fernandes) to approve the agenda as amended: 4 in favor .

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

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

3. Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2023 minutes

Tabled

4. Public Participation: Michelle Brenner wanted to thank all the residents that participated in the special Town Meeting and supported the funds for library repairs. She advised that improvements have already been made to the three oldest rooms of the library.
Sam Brown spoke about the need for more community participation in the Town's governmental processes and he inquired about when is the draft Comprehensive Plan going public.

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5. Managers' Report

- At the Board's request, I researched our foreclosed property that had the designation "Party in possession". The property at 15 Verney Road was the last property with that designation.
- Selectboard members MacDonald & Avery along with the Town Manager attended the Lakes Region Convening initiated by GPCOG. Also represented at the meeting Bridgton, Naples and Cumberland County. The engaging dialogue focused on the challenges facing our rural communities. The dialogue resulted in the identification of 4 challenging areas within our communities. They were housing, workforce, municipal service delivery and transportation. This convening did not resolve these complex issues but hopefully facilitated a regional dialogue on these complex issues that interrelate to one another.
- Our claim with insurance relating to 15 Varney Road was denied. Our coverage on the property was liability only. The next discussion is when does the Selectboard want us to begin demolition on the property? Legal Counsel advised
- I am in communication with Maine DEP regarding the funds associated with the Tenney Hill site. The Town still has \$300,000 left in the settlement. I am working with DEP to obtain these funds this year which allows DEP to close the auditing of this program. The use of these funds are still restricted as previously outlined.
- One of employees was assaulted by a Casco resident because of the new fee structure. The employee is fine with no injuries, but we are working with Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to identify the person responsible for the assault.
- Last week, the Planning Board had a very busy meeting. Their discussions were related to a major subdivision on Heath Road (5 lots), a major subdivision on Leach Hill Road (12 lots), a car wash on Roosevelt Trail (across from 388 Roosevelt Trail), a driveway design on Watkin Shore Road and a request for rezoning of Resource Protection on Watkin Shore. Of note for the Selectboard, after public hearing the Planning Board approved moving the rezoning request to the Selectboard.
- The Town is posting Town roads effective 2/21/2023. The road posting can last as long as 5/1/2023, but staff and I will monitor the roadways and removing the posting when appropriate.
- The RFP for the Pleasant Lake Beach project will be posted this week.
- There is a site review on Monday February 27 at 4:30 pm reference the application for the car wash in the area of 389 Roosevelt Trail.

Old Business

6. The Selectboard will discuss design of future options of Public Works

No Action taken. Encouraged the Town Manager to explore and develop an incremental plan for public works implementation.

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New Business

7. The Selectboard will discuss Thompson Lake Watershed Survey

No Action. Discussion Only.

8. The Selectboard will consider another electronic sign on Roosevelt Trail.

No Action. Discussion Only.

9. The Selectboard will consider a request from Casco Day Fair Association for construction of Garage on Town property.

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) to authorize the construction of a garage adjacent to the tennis courts behind the community center. 3-0-1 (Avery abstained) In Favor.

No Action. Discussion Only.

10. The Selectboard will discuss a policy relating to warming/cooling centers.

No Action. Discussion Only.

11. The Selectboard will consider a collective bargaining agreement with IAFF Local 5372.

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) to approve collective bargaining agreement with IAFF local 5372 as presented. 4-0 In Favor.

12. Selectboard Comments

Selectboard Member Fernandes wanted to share her concerns regarding the condition of a building located on Point Sebago Road. She also inquired about the duration left of the bond done several years ago. (The bond was for 15 years and expires in 2032).

Selectboard Member MacDonald wanted to see the Town improve on updating the website and remove old information from it.

Workshop

13. The Selectboard will discuss a policy regarding special and annual Town Meetings

Tabled

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) to adjourn at 7:13 PM. 4 in favor.

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