

Town of Casco

Minutes of the February 26, 2019 Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Members Present:

Holly Hancock, Mary Fernandes, Grant Plummer, Calvin Nutting and Tom Peaslee

Staff Present:

Town Manager David Morton and Administrative Secretary Bob Tooker

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the agenda for the February 26, 2019 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Warrants:

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve bills and sign open warrants: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Minutes: (February 12, 2019)

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)

- Some roads were not able to be plowed after the last winter storm due to road surfaces becoming soft and breaking up as a result of changing temperatures and more sunlight.
- Liberal amounts of sand have been spread on roads to combat ice.
- As a result of the amount of snow received this year, mailboxes have been damaged by snow removal equipment. Mailboxes placed in a road right of way are the responsibility of the owner. The Town is not responsible for damages to mailboxes incurred by snow removal equipment.
- Please contact the Town Manager at 627-4515, ext. 201, with any concerns about winter road conditions.

- Repair work continues on the sills of the former Bank Building, a Town owned property that now houses a salon.
- Please be patient regarding return telephone calls from the Town Office. The staff is currently struggling to provide coverage for medical and regular leave days.
- The Finance Committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, February 27, 2019.
- The Town is in discussions with other communities in the lakes region concerning cable television (CATV) franchise agreements. Casco's CATV franchise agreement is due for renewal.
- Through the efforts of Cumberland County, the Town is in discussions with other communities concerning the possibility of bringing high speed internet service to the area.
- In an effort to save costs, the Town is reviewing options for converting all Town maintained streetlights to LED lights.

Committee and Staff Reports:

None.

Public Participation:

None.

Guest Speaker: (Bruce Nadeau from RHR Smith & Company to review the Town audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018)

Bruce Nadeau from RHR Smith & Company reviewed selected statements from the Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information for the Town of Casco, Maine Dated June 30, 2018. Bruce commented on the net position, fund balances and changes in fund balances, revenues and expenditures, budgetary comparisons, departmental operations, capital projects, capital assets and other financial points of interest. Bruce stated that Casco is a 10.7 million dollar operation and that its overall position is stronger than the year before.

It was moved, seconded and voted to engage the services of RHR Smith & Company for the annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

New Business:

1. Review of an application for a liquor license for Point Sebago Resort.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the liquor license for Point Sebago Resort: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

2. Review of an application for a liquor license for Top of the Hill Grille.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the liquor license for Top of the Hill Grille: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Old Business:

3. Discussion regarding the Town Manager search process.

Holly Hancock stated that the Selectboard will open its March 5, 2019 Selectboard meeting at 6:30 p.m. and immediately adjourn to executive session with David Barrett from the Maine Municipal Association to review job applications for the Town Manager position.

Mary Fernandes stated that David Morton presented the Selectboard with a proposal to continue his service to the Town in a role as a roads supervisor. Mary read David's proposal to the Selectboard. David commented on his proposal. Calvin Nutting expressed his concern about the potential for a misconstrued perception that the Selectboard may be creating a new position in addition to the Town Manager position without adjusting the new Town Manager's salary accordingly. Tom Peaslee expressed his concern about accepting the proposal before knowing the qualifications and experience of the new Town Manager. Mary commented on the importance of transparency as it relates to the Selectboard's consideration of the proposal.

4. Selectboard comments.

- In response to an inquiry from Grant Plummer regarding the October 31, 2019 deadline for private roads with the acknowledgement of a public easement to meet 1972 minimum road standards in order to continue receiving winter plowing services from the Town, David Morton stated that he has not heard from any representatives of private roads in several months and that he is concerned about the lack of response.
- In response to an inquiry from Grant Plummer, David Morton stated that he would contact the Town attorney to find out if there may be any legal issues related to the discontinuation of plowing services for private roads that fail to meet the minimum standards by the deadline.
- Calvin Nutting commented on a potentially dangerous lack of visibility at the intersection of Raymond Cape Road and Hawthorne Road due to a bank of plowed snow.

- Holly Hancock stated that a representative from R.N. Willey & Sons will discuss their plans for the Point Sebago Road project at the March 12, 2019 Selectboard meeting.
 - The Selectboard 1) noted that the entire length of Point Sebago Road will be affected by the project; 2) discussed the importance of managing heavy summer traffic on Point Sebago Road during the project; and 3) discussed the need to make every effort to warn residents about the project in the interest of good public relations.
5. Review of an application for a concealed weapons permit. (Requires executive session to review an application for a concealed weapons permit pursuant to Title 25 M.R.S.A., Chapter 252, §2006.)

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn to executive session to review an application for a concealed weapons permit pursuant to Title 25 M.R.S.A., Chapter 252, §2006: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:39 p.m.

The Selectboard returned from executive session at 7:46 p.m.

6. Any action that may be required subsequent to the executive session.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the concealed weapons permit for Todd Levesque: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker
Administrative Secretary