

## Town of Casco

### Minutes of the April 9, 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:**

Holly Hancock amended the agenda to include an executive session to discuss applications for the Town Manager position.

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the agenda for the April 9, 2019 Selectboard meeting as amended: 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: (March 26, 2019)**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

#### **Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)**

- Roads softened by April storms are susceptible to damage from snow removal equipment. The Town is trying to plow gravel roads and certain side roads only to the extent necessary to make them safe and passable. Please call the Town Office if you have any concerns.
- Please be aware that plastic bags should not be thrown in the recycle containers at the transfer station. Please refer to the Town website or the ecomaine website at [www.ecomaine.org](http://www.ecomaine.org) for more information about recycling. The transfer station attendant is also available to answer any questions you may have about recycling.

- Letters regarding deadlines for meeting minimum road standards required for plowing services will be sent in mid-April to residents who live on private ways with public easements.

### **Committee and Staff Reports:**

None.

### **Public Participation:**

Bruce Flaherty, President of the Maine chapter of the Spirit of America Foundation, thanked the Selectboard for Casco's participation in the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute program, which each year honors a local person, project or group for outstanding community service. Bruce stated that Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honorees are typically honored at town meetings and county ceremonies. Bruce stated that Casco's deadline for submitting this year's honoree is June 30, 2019.

### **New Business:**

1. Discussions with School Administrative District (SAD) 61 Superintendent Al Smith regarding the SAD 61 school budget.

Al Smith commented on each of the eleven articles in the warrant for the school budget validation referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Al thanked the Selectboard for its support of the recently passed Crooked River School Additions & Renovations referendum and commented on plans for the project.

2. Discussions with plowing contractor C. Pond Plowing regarding winter plowing services.

Chris Pond, owner of C. Pond Plowing, stated that this day marks the sixty-fourth time his company has been out plowing Town roads this season. Chris stated that 6,0000 yards of sand have been used this season. David Morton stated that approximately 700 tons of road salt have been used this season, up from an average of 400 tons. Chris commented on equipment maintenance and occasional misperceptions about his work resulting from the State's use of salt on state roads that is more effective than the salt used by municipalities on local roads. David stated that Chris is always responsive, takes care of things quickly and spent a lot of time clearing intersections. The Selectboard discussed the possible need to expand the Town's sand and salt storage facility in the future.

3. Review and approval of games of chance and bingo permits for Point Sebago.

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve Camp Sunshine's application for games of chance at Point Sebago: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve Camp Sunshine's application for bingo at Point Sebago: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

4. Discussions with representatives of the snowmobile club regarding use of a garage at the Berry Park site.

Carolyn Drew, on behalf of the Crooked River Snowmobile Club, stated the Club's intention to tear down a garage on the Berry Park site and build a 72' x 30' structure in its place to be used as a clubhouse and an office for Casco Days. Carolyn stated that the clubhouse would 1) provide a benefit to nearby businesses; 2) be used for club meetings; and 3) be used for at least four club events per year. Carolyn stated that she is seeking grants for the Club to pay for its portion of the structure and that Casco Days would make a donation towards its portion.

David Morton raised questions concerning ownership, leasing, taxes and the use of land acquired with open space funds. David stated that a Town owned structure on Town owned land would require Town Meeting approval. The Selectboard discussed possible alternative locations including an addition to the Central Fire Station annex building. The Selectboard supported further investigation. Carolyn stated that in addition to the \$1,000 loan payment the Club makes to the Town annually for a trail groomer, it recently made a \$7,500 payment.

5. Review, approval and signing of the school budget validation referendum warrant.

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the warrant for the School Administrative District 61 budget validation referendum: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

#### **Old Business:**

6. Selectboard comments.

- Holly Hancock rescheduled the May 7, 2019 Selectboard for May 14 so as not to conflict with the May 7 school budget hearing.
- Holly Hancock added a review of the warrant for the June 12, 2019 Town Meeting to the May 14, 2019 Selectboard meeting agenda in preparation for signing the warrant at the May 21 Selectboard meeting.
- In response to comments from David Morton, Holly Hancock added discussions with the Planning Board concerning ordinance revisions to the April 23, 2019 Selectboard meeting agenda.
- Holly Hancock stated that Jim Willey from R.N. Willey & Sons Excavating will be discussing plans for the Point Sebago road project at the April 23, 2019 Selectboard meeting.

- David Morton called attention to a document from the Town’s legal counsel that outlines what can and cannot happen regarding the use or sale of marijuana. David stated that he has not heard from anyone regarding a need for an opt-in ordinance for retail marijuana sales, adding that retail marijuana sales cannot happen in Casco without an opt-in ordinance.
- David Morton stated that he will not be present at the April 23 Selectboard meeting. Holly Hancock stated that she will likely be late for the May 14 Selectboard meeting.
- In response to a comment from Calvin Nutting regarding two or three large pot holes on Raymond Cape Road, David Morton stated that he would make sure they are filled with cold patch or gravel if no cold patch is immediately available.
- David Morton stated that the Town’s radar trailer recorded nearly sixty percent of the traffic at Pike’s Corner on Route 11 exceeding the speed limit by a significant margin. David stated that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) recommends a four-way stop light at that intersection contingent upon Town approval.

7. Discussions regarding applications for the Town Manager position. (Requires executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(F), to discuss information in records received by the Town that are confidential under 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 2702(1)(A), specifically, applications for the Town Manager position.)

**It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn to executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(F), to discuss information in records received by the Town that are confidential under 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 2702(1)(A), specifically, applications for the Town Manager position: 4 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed.**

The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:54 p.m.

The Selectboard returned from executive session at 8:28 p.m.

No action was taken.

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

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker  
Administrative Secretary

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