



Town of Casco
Selectboard Minutes

July 6, 2021

Selectboard Chair Tom Peaslee opened the meeting at 6:32pm.

Selectboard Members Present: Mary-Vienessa Fernandes (Vice Chair), Holly Hancock, Tom Peaslee (Chair), Robert MacDonald, Scott Avery

Staff Present: Town Manager Tony Ward

Public: Sue Witones, Theresa Doyle, Ronald Whitney, Michael Wallace, Candace Carr, Donna Murphy, Barbara Sparrow, Bob Francis, Bealee Francis, Pat Bumby Margaret Krainin & Erika McKay(RHR Smith)

Chair Tom asked for motion to approve the agenda.

1. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (MacDonald) to approve the agenda: in favor 5

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

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

The Selectboard moved (MaDonald), seconded (Hancock) to approve the June 15, 2021 minutes: 5 in favor.

4. Public Participation

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Michael Wallace spoke on the need for a noise ordinance within the Casco. Explained his recent experiences with unacceptable noise levels coming from Point Sebago. He stated it was not a “Point Sebago” issue, but an ordinance issue.

5. Managers’ Report

- The Town Manager and Town staff received complaints about the noise level music at Point Sebago. I anticipate these property owners attending the Board meeting and voice their desire for a noise or nuisance ordinance.
- The Town received an application from a Graffam Road resident for Septic Subsidy program. The application met the guidelines of the policy and awarded the grant. The final grant amount is still to be determined.
- One part-time employees have been hired for the Transfer Station. He is Nicholas Wheaton (part-time).
- Initial conversation occurred with Northpoint Planning and I anticipate a formal proposal relating to Comprehensive Plan for the Select Board at your August 3rd meeting.
- Initial Conversations occurred with GPCOG and their resiliency team about Broadband in Casco and current collaborative discussions.
- Job offers made to 4 current per diem to fill the new fulltime position. Anticipate the implementation of these full-time position beginning on 8/1/2021. All four employees will be sworn in at the August 3 Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Job Description for Harbor Master and Public Work employee completed. Public Works position posted and John Weissman accepted the Harbor Master position for FY 22.
- District 2-Finance Committee Meeting on July 27, 2021 @4:30 PM (see attached document).
- Sebago Technics conducting an initial “site walk “of Transfer Station on 7/7/2021. This is the initial step in the facility review they were hired to perform.
- Casco/Naples Transfer Station Council meeting on 7/8/2021 and will discuss updating options for problematic municipal solid waste packer.
- Communicating and obtaining a quote from Civic Plus for updating our web site.

6. Discussion of use of unused funds form FY21

Moved (Avery), seconded (MacDonald), to authorized the transferring of unused funds from FY 21 into the Town’s Undesignated Fund balance. In favor 4, opposed 1 (Fernandes).

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7. Discussion regarding the acceptance of the FY20 Audit as presented by Erika McKay of RHR Smith
Moved (Avery), seconded (Fernandes), to approve FY20 audit as written and presented: in favor 5.

8. Discussion of approving contract between the Town and Greenwood Emergency Vehicles for a E-One mini pumper in the amount of \$285,000.
Moved (Fernandes), seconded (Avery), to approve contract between Greenwood Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of the E-One mini-pumper: in favor 5.

9. Discussion of approving Games of Chance application for Camp Sunshine.
Moved (Hancock), seconded (Avery) to approve application for Games of Chance for Camp Sunshine: in favor 4, 1 abstention (MacDonald)

10. Discussion to consider options for dealing with increasing concerns relating to short-term rentals
No formal action taken. Ad Hoc Committee to be developed for further policy discussions.

11. Discussion to consider updating the Purchasing Policy.
No formal action taken. Further discussion to occur at next meeting.

12. Discussion on appointing of Chair and Vice-Chair of Selectboard for a period July 2021 to June 2022.
Moved (Peaslee), seconded (MacDonald) to approve appoint Mary Fernandes as Chair: in favor 5.
Moved (Avery), seconded (Hancock) to approve appoint Robert MacDonald as Vice-Chair: in favor 5.

13. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapon per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for case A-7/6/21 (Manager).
Moved (Hancock), seconded (Avery) to go into executive session for cases A-7/6/21 and B-7/6/21 @7:49 pm. Adjourned from executive session at 7:57pm

14. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapon per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for case B-7/6/21
See above.

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15. Selectboard Comments

Selectperson Hancock raised her concern over Splash repeatedly removing water from area waterways for business use. Requested Town staff research legality of practice and Town options

Selectperson Peaslee highlighted an article in the Portland Press Herald relating to the necessity for affordable housing. Believes the Town can use Town property to spur the discussion on this subject.

Selectperson Peaslee informed the Board that he was resigning from the Open Space Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The Selectboard moved (Avery), seconded (Hancock) to adjourn at 8:10 pm. 5 in favor.

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