

TOWN OF CASTINE
SELECTBOARD, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: Monday, August 19, 2019

TIME: 4 PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Peter Vogell, Chair; Colin Powell and Gordon MacArthur, Selectboard members; Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager; Karen Motycka, Finance Officer and Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC: Liz Parish, Brooke Tenney, Scott Vogell, Jeff Ackerman, Ann Miller, Sue Macdonald, David Adams, Ruth Ann Vagt, Alice Alston, Bob Friedlander, Roberta & Bruce Boczkiewicz, Hope McNally and Caroline McNally Council.

Peter Vogell opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Peter asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda: NONE.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the warrants, abatements, budget vs. actual and trial balance reports, bank reconciliations and excise tax collections. Second by Colin Powell. Approved 3-0.

Colin Powell made motion to approve the August 5, 2019 Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 3-0.

Abatements: Peter Vogell made motion to abate taxes in the amount of \$232.56 to Community Partners as they transferred ownership to the Town of Castine; approve to abate taxes in the amount of \$39.90 to Anthony & Bonnie Politano for small piece of land and garage that sold to abutter Hank DeRaaf; approve to abate taxes in the amount of \$1,649.58 to Everbank Commercial Finance who changed their name to TIAA Commercial Finance, so the personal property was erroneously taxed twice. Second by Colin Powell. Approved 3-0.

Item 1. Peter Vogell introduced appointment to Witherle Memorial Library Board of Trustees to fill vacancy as recommended by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees recommend Deborah Neve to be appointed to the fill vacancy left by Wendy Knickerbocker, who passed away. This appointment would be until November 2019.

Colin Powell made motion to appoint Deborah Neve to the Library Board of Trustees until November 2019. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 3-0.

Item 2. Peter Vogell introduced approve transferring funds from Capital account for Boat Launch Ramp to do final phase for Railings on the Town Dock instead as recommended by the Harbor Committee. Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager addressed.

The Harbor Committee met the other day and recommended to spend the \$7,000 designated to repair the Town Dock Boat Launch Ramp which is no longer needed, to use it towards finishing the Town Dock Railing Project. As all funds are in the Harbor Improvement Capital Account, no transferring is required. The Selectboard all agreed.

Item 3. Peter Vogell introduced the Town Manager's report. Shawn Blodgett reported:

- 1) Paving update – Court Street has taken a bit longer due to the rainy weather. Backshore next, intersection at Perkins & Tarratine streets to follow and then onto the driveway aprons up and down Main Street if there are enough funds.
- 2) The LED street-light switch is scheduled to take place the week of Sept 9th. It will average 5 lights/day and be done in 6-7 days. There will be some minor traffic disruption. The schedule has been posted to the community.
- 3) 563 Castine Road update – one structure has been flattened and hauled away; trash is supposed to be gone tonight; woodshed remains a work in progress with the property owner; the property owner is working directly with a contractor which makes it cleaner for the Town.
- 4) There are 2 leaks in Emerson Hall's upstairs ceiling in area of the cupola and a chimney. A crane is coming back with the weathervane so we are going to make arrangements to fix the water leaks.
- 5) Received report from Olver Associates regarding Main Street basement flooding for 39 & 21 Main Street properties.
39 Main Street – conclusive, not caused by the Main Street project
21 Main Street – not conclusive, unsure if caused by the Main Street project or not
There is an uncertainty of where the original drain ties into; Shawn received an estimate of \$3,500 from Greg Bowden for a fix.
There is another Main Street property, 15 Main Street, that is experiencing basement flooding, therefore, Centerline Utilities will be contacted to come camera that line.

Item 4. Other Business as Required: None.

Communications: None.

Peter Vogell acknowledged the public present: -Ruth Ann Vagt asked about the Noise Ordinance and expressed concern on how fireworks were set off the last two nights approximately 12:30 – 12:40AM from Fort Madison. The Sheriff's Dept was called.

Discussion.

Fireworks are not permitted on Town property unless approved. The Town follows State Law which allows fireworks on your own property up to 10PM.

Discussion.

Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, will notify the Sheriff's Dept.

-David Adams gave an additional update regarding the State 200th Celebration in 2020. He said this event and planning for it will be a huge undertaking and will need to start right away. How do we organize for this event? David also pointed out he learned recently that Castine is CLG – a Certified Local Government which is overseen by the State's Historic Preservation Commission and there are funding/grant opportunities.

-Scott Vogell asked to revisit the 21 Main Street basement flooding issue and what will be done about it. Scott said a few weeks ago at a Selectboard Mtg the board voted to correct the problem. Gordon MacArthur said, at this point, he is not sure what to correct. Shawn said he would supply Scott a copy of the report.

Discussion.

It was agreed that Scott would read the report then meet with Shawn to discuss what to do and evaluate the estimate from Greg Bowden to fix the problem.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard's Comments:

Upcoming Mtgs:

Wednesday, 8/21 at 8AM – T/G Mtg in Emerson Hall.

Tuesday, 9/3 at 4PM (due to the Labor Day Holiday) - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Monday, 9/16 at 4PM – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to adjourn. Second by Colin Powell. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.