

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

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DATE: Tuesday, September 3, 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, Ann Miller, David Adams, Ruth Ann Vagt, Alice Alston, Roberta Boczkiewicz, Hope McNally, Kay Hightower, Deb Hamblen-Wood, Walter Foster, Lynn Dearborn, Susan Adam, Johanna Barrett, Marcia Mason, Jane Irving, Pat Bishop, Judy Fitzsimmons and Anne Berleant of the Castine Patriot.

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 19, 2019 Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 3-0.

Item 1. Peter Vogell introduced approving for the Library to apply for a Maine Expansion Arts Fund Grant through the Maine Community Foundation.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve. Second by Colin Powell.

The maximum grant is \$5,000. The program is still being developed which will be a music performance series. There is no specific amount yet but will probably be in the \$1,000 range with a total program budget of \$2,000. The Library will be responsible for the remaining \$1,000 and likely will seek collaboration from the Castine Arts Association. Approved 3-0.

Item 2. Peter Vogell introduced approving annual request from MMA to block Pleasant St from Stevens St to Court St on Saturday, 9-21 – Homecoming Weekend.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve. Second by Gordon MacArthur.

A lane will be clear for emergency vehicle passage. MMA Safety Dept will take care of blocking the street and in charge of traffic control. Approved 3-0.

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

- 1) Garden Club request to plant a native Balsam Fir on the Town Common for this year's Arbor Day tree planting. It can be decorated with lights each year for the Holiday season. Planting in the fall allows trees an extra growing season before the stress of summer. The target area will be marked with a stake. The Selectboard will address this request at the 9/16 mtg.
- 2) Request from JT Loomis addressed at the August Harbor Committee mtg for mooring refund. He requested a mooring in Castine earlier this spring but did not use and relocated it to Brooksville. Harbor Committee recommended the refund. Discussion. The traditional Town policy is not to issue refunds. It was pointed out that all the administrative work and time was done for this request. Peter Vogell made motion to deny the request. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 3-0 to deny.
- 3) An update regarding the 200 Maine Celebration which involves a possible Tall Ship visiting Castine is in hopes to be addressed at the 9/16 mtg. The City of Portland has approved for a Tall Ship to visit which helps to put the Tall Ship visiting Castine in place for Bastille Day 2020.
- 4) Request has been made to the Sheriffs Dept to patrol Fort Madison on weekends due to fireworks and Battle Ave checking for Golf Cart violations.

Item 4. Other Business as Required: None.

Communications: -Thank you letter from At Home thanking Castine for its contribution.

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-Letter of concern from Deb Hamblen-Wood, Captain's Catch, regarding parking on the Town Dock especially on Tuesday/Thursday. Last fall the Town incorporated 1-hr spaces along the front of the dock/bulkhead and relocated the handicap spot which was good and helped out. But now the issue is enforcement. Discussion.

Peter Vogell said the Town is doing the best it can with what we have. Gordon MacArthur said although issues with parking will never be 100% resolved, but we are hoping we can iron it out. The Town will have to pay more to get additional enforcement and increase signage.

Colin Powell reviewed all the other areas, besides the Town Dock, outlined by the Traffic Ticket Officer that gets patrolled and enforced.

Jane Irving asked if a few spots could be specifically designated for Captain's Catch parking. The answer is no. The Town Dock is public parking. If we do it for one we have to do it for everyone.



Scott Vogell suggested to consider having combined zones and timeframes. It is impossible to monitor and enforce all the different areas and times. Scott also said he can have the dockhands watch over the dock parking while on duty, but this does not help with this time of year (after Labor Day) when dockhand coverage is limited.

The 15-minute parking restrictions across from T&C Mkt and section on Court St along the MMA football field are both problem areas and need better signage.

Peter Vogell said the Selectboard, Town Manager and Town Office staff will look into these issues. Summary:

- 1) increase signage especially for 15-minute parking across from T&C Mkt; 1-hr parking front row of Town Dock (8AM – 4PM not 24-hrs); Court Street section along MMA football field
- 2) Additional pay for patrolling & enforcement (match MMA tickets @ \$50)
- 3) Any ideas or suggestions should be submitted in writing to the Town Office

Peter Vogell acknowledged the public present: -David Adams reviewed information regarding the Maine 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 2020 that was presented at the previous meeting. He said the hope is for a Tall Ship visit to Bangor, Bucksport and Castine and be in Castine on or around Bastille Day. Shawn would love to have volunteers from the community to work on planning and organization. David Adams said he is also approaching the Yacht Club about help.

Marcia Mason asked when a more definite schedule and ideas would be available. David Adam said there is a meeting in Augusta on 9/10, he plans to attend, may get more details and come give updates at the 9/16 Selectboard Mtg. Also, there may be more details regarding funding available at the 9/16 Selectboard Mtg as well.

-Kay Hightower asked if Dana Willis, MMA Waterfront Director, is or will be involved with the planning for the possible Maine 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Tall Ship visiting Castine and if the Bowdoin would be participating in any events. It seems as though the Bowdoin, with its historical factor, should be involved somehow.

Kay also asked for an updated regarding nomination papers. Susan Macomber, Town Clerk, said that papers are due by Friday, 9/6. Some papers are still out and a couple have been submitted for Library Trustees and School Board.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard's Comments:

Upcoming Mtgs:

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

Wednesday, 9/18 at 8AM – T/G Mtg in MMA Leeward RM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.