

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

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DATE: Monday, October 1, 2019

TIME: 4PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Estimated 30 members of the public.

Peter Vogell opened the meeting at 4:00 PM starting with agenda item 3 first.

Item 3) Peter Vogell introduced discussion regarding Maine's 200th Celebration.

Helen Miller addressed with a power point presentation on Tall Ship visit to Castine. It is proposed, working with other communities that Castine's visit could fall and coordinate with our July 14th Bastille Day 2020 festivities.

Why Castine? Because of its history, port, location, MMA, and success with the Hermione visit in 2015. There is a strong emphasis of having Tall Ships visit Castine, Bucksport and Bangor ports and trying for the Coast Guard Ship Eagle to visit Castine.

A volunteer group still needs to be formed and a project manager hired for preparations and organization. Within the presentation several community members and/or members of local organizations have signed up to help with the event. The hope is to have the Town contribute \$10,000 towards the \$175,000 goal. The Selectboard said they would need to get voter approval for funds and support. Discussion.

Helen Miller said a 501-3 (c) has not yet been named, but the need to start applying for grants is urgent. Those who are involved thus far need to know there is Town of Castine support for the concept and for the event.

Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, said he has spoken to the State who has formed a budget and reassures that any Town participating with not be stuck with a financial burden.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to schedule a Special Town Mtg to put approving \$10,000 before the voters for planning and organizing a Maine Bi-Centennial event.

Second by Peter Vogell.

Gordon said he was impressed with the work done so far.

Special Town Mtg will be held on October 15th at 4PM.

Approved 2-0.

Item 2) Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, addressed.

The Town received notification from FEMA Department of Homeland Security that our application for Tanker replacement from the Castine Fire Rescue Dept for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) was approved in the amount of \$285,714.28 in federal funding. As a

condition of the grant, the Town is required to contribute non-Federal funds equal or greater than 5% of the funds awarded, or \$14,285.72. This was approved by the voters at the May 2019 Town Mtg.

These funds will be used to purchase a new fire tanker truck.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to accept the grant. Second by Peter Vogell. Approved 2-0. Karen Motycka, Finance Officer, complimented Tom Gutow, Castine Fire Rescue Assistant Chief of Medical who spearheaded and is the point person who has applied numerous years for these grants. The Selectboard and everyone present extended congratulations and recognized the great job done to be awarded such a grant.

Item 1) Peter Vogell introduced approving the November 5th Municipal Officials Ballot. Since Peter is on the ballot and Colin was absent, it was decided to table the item until the Monday, October 7th mtg.

Next Mtgs:

Monday, October 7th at 2PM.

Monday, October 15th at 4PM – Special Town Mtg.

Monday, October 21st at 4PM.

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

Approved 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.