

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

PV
CP
GA-M

DATE: Monday, November 4, 2019

TIME: 4 PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Estimated 25 members of the public including Monique Labbe of the Castine Patriot.

Peter Vogell opened the meeting at 4:30 PM (immediately following the Public Hearing).

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

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

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the October 21, 2019 Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Colin Powell. Approved 3-0.

Item 1. Peter Vogell introduced approving amendments to the Castine Traffic Ordinance.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve the following including the change to add "where posted" in section 2.22 regarding changing corner parking distance to 25ft:

- No overnight parking on west side of Main from Battle Ave to Court
- No overnight parking on north side of Court Street from Pleasant to Dresser
- Change parking from 3 to 4 hours at Town Dock
- Change year round 1 hour parking to both south and east sides at Town Dock
- Change prohibited corner parking distance from 10 to 25 feet, where posted
- Change Handicap parking space in front of 27 Water St to 21 Water St

Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 3-0.

Item 2. Peter Vogell introduced approving for Witherle Memorial Library to apply for a Maine Public Library Fund Grant.

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

The grant amount is \$1,000 and if awarded will be used to bring in presenters and boost children's book collection to help celebrate and honor our heritage/history for Maine's

Bicentennial year (2020). Approved 3-0.

Item 3. Peter Vogell introduced approving request from the CHS to have the Lighthouse Tower open on 7/23/20 for their House & Garden Tour event.

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

Discussion. The Town's insurance carrier requires that a "Town employee" be present at any Lighthouse Open events. Peter Vogell said that 3 people are needed (Greeter, person at bottom of Tower entrance to monitor the number of people going up the tower at a time, and person in the top of the Tower). Lisa Lutts, CHS Director said they can comply with having the required number of people needed. Once it gets closer to the event, next summer, CHS will need to coordinate with the Town to have at least one Town employee at the event.

Approved 3-0.

Item 4. Peter Vogell introduced the Town Manager's report. Shawn Blodgett reported: (See attached).

Item 5. Other Business as Required: None.

Communications: -NONE.

Peter Vogell acknowledged the public present: NONE.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard Comments:

Upcoming Mtgs:

Monday, 11/18 at 4PM - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mg.

Wednesday, 11/20 at 8AM – T/G Mtg in MMA Leeward RM

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:38PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: November 04, 2019
Re: Town Manager Report

1. 563 Castine Road. There has been no movement on this issue. I have correspondence into our Attorney to try to move this forward.
2. Infrastructure Improvement Update. We have been delayed again by weather. The Tarratine / Perkins Street intersection should start soon. The last project before winter will be the driveway aprons along Main Street.
3. Maine 200. I should hear back within this week on whether or not we can get the USCG Eagle. The Steering Committee has been formed and are meeting regularly.
4. Castine Fire and Rescue Department and Downed Trees and Lines. Since we last met, we have had another storm in town and the Castine Fire and Rescue Department were again out in full force. We had two power lines down and they conducted a good many wellness checks on town residences after the Storm passed. Please take the time to pat them on the back next time you see them out and about.
5. Town Clock Restoration. I have been informed by North Country Restoration that they will be unable to get to Castine until the Spring.