

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

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DATE: Monday, October 21, 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: Philip Cotoni, MMA Sodexo Manager and Monique Labbe 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 October 7, 2019 Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Peter Vogell. Approved 3-0.

Item 1. Peter Vogell introduced approving renewal Liquor License – MMA Sodexo Operations. Philip Cotoni, Manager, was present.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Colin Powell.

Gordon asked what areas the liquor license covers at MMA and what for alcohol?

Philip Cotoni answered that the current license covers the Waypoint, Wyman house and Main Dining hall. Beer and wine are served. Other locations that are used for special events are the ABS building and the Fieldhouse. There are approximately 1-4 events that take place annually. When one of these locations are involved a special Off-Premises Permit must be obtained from the State. Sodexo is looking into possibly having the ABS building and Fieldhouse added to their liquor license.

No complaints reported to the Town Office over the past year.

Approved 3-0.

Item 2. Peter Vogell introduced approving the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election Warrant.

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

Item 3. Peter Vogell introduced approving November 5<sup>th</sup> Ballot Clerks.  
Colin Powell made motion to approve (see attached list). Second by Peter Vogell. Approved 2-0  
(Gordon MacArthur abstained – he is on the list to work Election Day).

Item 4. Peter Vogell introduced discussions regarding removing Davit at the Acadia Dock as recommended by the Harbor Committee.

Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, addressed. At the October Harbor Committee Mtg they discussed what to do with the davit. The Harbor Committee concludes that the davit has little or no use, no commercial fishermen use the winch, it is in the way for replacing the railing and it prevents picnic tables from being placed on the Acadia Dock.

Shawn said if the davit is removed it would be stored and points out that it needs about \$200 in repairs which resident, Pat Irving, will do the work.

Peter Vogell said that removing it and putting it in storage will probably cost around \$800 - \$1,000. Shawn said that currently it is not hurting anything. Discussion.

The biggest issue why the Harbor Committee recommends the davit being removed is the railing project and installing the cable rail in the area where the davit is located. It could cost more money to do this. We are working to find the requirements if the davit were to stay in place.

Gordon MacArthur said he favors keeping the davit in place, fix it and continue to have it available for use.

Discussion.

Colin Powell made motion to table the item until a future mtg when we have more detail.

Second by Peter Vogell. Approved 3-0.

Item 5. Peter Vogell introduced the Town Manager's report. Shawn Blodgett reported:  
Town Band = contacted the Town Office about temporarily storing some of their equipment at Emerson Hall while the Main Street church undergoes renovations. It would be about one month.

Other items = see attached Town Manager's Report

Colin Powell asked about the status for the RFP Fire Feasibility Study. Shawn said it has been delayed but has spoken to the representative who will be getting us a counter proposal.

Item 6. Other Business as Required: None.

Communications: -None.

Peter Vogell acknowledged the public present: NONE.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: Sue Maccomber asked if anyone had T/G Mtg agenda items for Wed, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The only item was to discuss the possibility of allowing parking on Court Street adjacent to the MMA Football Field from Pleasant Street to MMA maintenance garage. Discussion about scheduling a work session on parking issues, possible amendments to the Traffic Ordinance and schedule a Public Hearing.

Gordon said there are several other possible changes to go over, for example, changing the parking duration at the town dock from 3hrs to 2hrs and making town-wide parking restrictions more manageable. Colin added the potential change of making Perkins Street from Main to Pleasant Street a one-way street. Gordon said the sooner to address these topics the better. It was decided to schedule a Work Session on Monday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at 10AM and a Public Hearing on Monday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 4PM prior to the Selectboard Mtg.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Wednesday, 10/23 at 8AM – T/G Mtg in Emerson Hall – parking on section of Court St adjacent to the MMA Football Field.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Susan Macomber, Town Clerk

RE: Election/Ballot Clerks

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October 18, 2019

Please approve Election/Ballot Clerks for the November 5<sup>th</sup> Referendum Election and authorize the Town Clerk to appoint any other Election/Ballot Clerks as needed:

**Republicans**

Kathy Eaton  
Scott Vogell  
Dona Brophy  
Gordon MacArthur

**Democrats**

Robin Mass  
Gunilla Kettis  
Ingrid Scott  
Ray Nualla



## MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard  
From: Shawn Blodgett  
Date: October 21, 2019  
Re: Town Manager Report

1. 563 Castine Road. The Sheriff will not get involved in this issue without a court order. Our Town Attorney is now speaking with the property owner's attorney to resolve this issue.
2. Infrastructure Improvement Update. The Tarratine / Perkins Street intersection should start next week. Following the completion of this project, I would like to get the 12 remaining driveway aprons on Main Street completed.
3. Maine 200. We are starting to have coordination meetings to line out immediate roles and responsibilities. I'll provide a more detailed report once
4. LED Streetlights. The streetlight switch from H.P.S. lights to LEDs were completed last week. Once we have a full billing cycle behind us, I'll report back with exact savings, but I believe the savings will be significant. If you see the former Town Manager, Jimmy Goodson around town, please take a moment to Thank him for bringing this idea to fruition.
5. Town Floats. As a reminder, the floats at the Town Dock are scheduled to be pulled on October 25<sup>th</sup>. This announcement is on the Town Web page as well.
6. Castine Fire and Rescue Department and Downed Line. Please take the opportunity to publicly thank the members of our Fire and Rescue Department



for their efforts during last week's storm. While many were safe in their homes during last week's storm, the Fire and Rescue Department were out responding to downed power lines and once power went out, they were conducting wellness checks on many of our residents. As of today, Castine still had a sagging line on Water Street just off of Main. Calls were made last week on the day of the Storm and again today to spur action on repair. Repairs were being made as of 45 minutes ago, so the street should be re-opened soon.