

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

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DATE: Monday, November 18, 2019

TIME: 4 PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Peter Vogell, Chair; Colin Powell, Gordon MacArthur, Selectboard members; and Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC: Scott Vogell, Helen Miller 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.

Warrants = NONE.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the November 4, 2019 Public Hearing minutes and the November 4, 2019 Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Colin Powell. Approved 3-0.

Item 1. Peter Vogell introduced electing Chair (11/19 – 11/20).

Peter Vogell made nomination for Colin Powell to be Chair from 11/19 – 11/20, starting at the end of this mtg. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 2-0 (Colin Powell abstained).

Item 2. Peter Vogell introduced approving resignation from the CHCP.

Colin Powell made motion to approve Peter Cooperdock's resignation request. Second by Gordon MacArthur. A thank you letter will be mailed to Peter Cooperdock.

Approved 3-0.

Item 4. Peter Vogell introduced the Town Manager's report. Colin Powell read, Town Manager, Shawn Blodgett's report (Shawn on vacation):

(See attached).

Item 5. Other Business as Required: Colin Powell gave a brief update regarding Maine 200 and the Steering Committee. Helen Miller was present as well. The Steering Committee has been meeting regularly and making progress.

Communications: -NONE.

Peter Vogell acknowledged the public present: NONE.

Past Actions: Peter Vogell pointed out a Traffic Ordinance correction. At the last mtg (Nov 4th) a Public Hearing was held and vote taken to change numerous parking issues within the Castine Traffic Ordinance. To clarify: parking at corners should state, "prohibit corner parking a distance of 10ft or 25ft, where posted". Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve this clarification for corner parking. Second by Peter Vogell. Approved 3-0.

Selectboard Comments: -Gordon MacArthur asked if there was a back-up plan if the USCG Eagle does not come to Castine during the Maine 200 Celebration event. Helen Miller addressed. There is a Steering Committee mtg the next day and the group will be discussing a few other ideas. Helen said that even if the Eagle doesn't come it would not drastically change the event outline. She also requested that Maine 200 be on the 12/2 agenda so she could come give updates.

-Gordon MacArthur pointed out that there are some significant potholes at the end of Court St into the entrance of the Pollution Control Facility. He requested that Henry, Public Works, fill them asap and hopefully not wait until Shawn returns from vacation.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Monday, 12/2 at 4PM - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mg.

Monday, 12/16 at 4PM – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Since there were no warrants to approve, a mtg was scheduled for Wedn, 11/20th at 10:30AM for Selectboard members Colin Powell & Gordon MacArthur to approve General Fund and Water Dept warrants (Peter Vogell will be out of town).

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:15PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: November 14, 2019
Re: Town Manager Update

1. 563 Castine Road. Attached to this email is a letter and there is a hard copy of the same in your boxes in Sue's office. The short version is that our lawyers have given the property owners side until Thursday, the 21st of November to consent to allowing us onto the property to finish the job. If they do not consent, we go to court.

2. Infrastructure Improvement Update. The Tarratine/Perkins project should be completed by next week if weather holds. The Fire Department leadership has been informed of the closure. If the weather doesn't hold, it may have to be winterized and finished in the spring. However, we should have a couple of days that are warm enough next week that I believe that Greg Bowden will get it done. This will be our last major project of the season.

3. Maine 200. I believe that Colin will talk about Helen Miller's contract at the next Selectboard meeting. I received word from the USCG Eagle that they will not be able to visit Castine this summer. We have requested the State's political leadership get involved. Helen Miller is working on swaying Coast Guard leadership through the Coast Guard Foundation donor list of whose number she has several acquaintances.

4. Chimney Removal on Northwest Corner of Emerson Hall. WRT

Construction will remove the Emerson Hall northwest corner chimney and



patch the hole, starting as early as the 15th of November. I have asked that they save as many of the brick as possible for re-use. Once the chimney is done, we will look at fixing the drywall in the balcony and the cupola weatherproofing which is currently out for further bids. These projects, along with finishing the refurbishment of the back door and re-building one the external balcony decorative columns will complete the major projects on Emerson Hall for the year.

5. Fire Hydrant Flushing. This has been posted on the Town Facebook page and website and will go in the paper next week. Fire hydrants will be flushed around town from November 23-30 and there may be some flow fluctuations and occasional yellow water.

6. Traffic Ordinance. For clarity, I recommend that the Selectboard bring this up again in past actions during your next meeting. The working copy of the traffic ordinance provided to you at the meeting simply struck the (10) feet restricted parking limit and increased it to (25). However, I think Sue captured the intent of the conversation best in her minutes of the Public Hearing. The verbiage from Sue's minutes states "Prohibited corner parking distance is from 10 to 25 feet, where posted." I believe that the intent is to increase prohibited parking distance to 25 feet at trouble spots, but other places can remain the same. Sue tells us that you do not need to have another public hearing on this, but can discuss it and vote at your next meeting.

7. Fire Department Assessment. Attached is the revised bid for the Fire Department Assessment at \$16,055. Gordon, there is a hard copy in your box. As a reminder, we have \$15,000 budgeted. I propose that as soon as I am back in the office, we move forward with this assessment and I request that we find the extra \$1055. Another option would be to pay as we go and I can cut more of the assessment deliverables out to bring this under \$15,000.



8. Future Actions. Henry and Larry will be filling potholes around Town with cold patch in the very near future.