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

DATE: Monday, February 3, 2020

TIME: 4 PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Scott Vogell, Bobby & Ruth Ann Vagt and Corey O'Donnel (MMA student).

Colin Powell opened the meeting at 4:12 PM (Gordon MacArthur arrived late).

Colin asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda: None.

Colin asked if there was a motion to approve warrants and abatements; review Budget vs. Actual, Trial Balance Sheets, Bank Reconciliations and Excise Tax Collections.

Peter Vogell made a motion to approve Warrants and Reports. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 3-0.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the January 21, 2020 Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Colin Powell. Approved 2-0 (Peter Vogell abstained – absent from mtg).

Item 1. Colin Powell introduced considering sewer abatement request as recommended by the Utility Board. Peter Vogell made motion to approve as recommended by the Utility Board. Second by Gordon MacArthur.

Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager addressed. The Utility Board met on 1/28/20 to address the request from Richard Taylor, new owner at 9 Madockawando Rd. There is work being done to the property, including lawn and landscaping. Sprinklers were installed to water once the lawn work was completed. No second meter had been installed to subtract the outside usage from sewer portion of the bill since the outside water does not enter the sewer system. The house is empty while under extensive renovation work with no other water usage. Shawn observed the outside watering while on Madockawando Road visiting another project. The Utility Board recommends approving based upon the request meeting the criteria of section 3A of the Sewer Abatement Policy. Approved 3-0.

Item 2. Colin Powell introduced the Town Manager's report. Shawn Blodgett read his Town Manager' report (see attached):

-Item #2 Entrance & Excavation Fees: all agreed that leaning towards a 15% impact value as part of the fee schedule in the Entrance and Excavation Ordinance is the best option. The Selectboard has the authority to change the fee schedule which becomes effective after it's posted for 30 days. This issue will be on the 2/18/20 agenda.

Item 3. Other Business as Required: NONE.

Communications: 1) wedding request at Fort Madison from Jeannie McKenney for daughter Jennifer on June 12, 2021 (tentatively). They meet the criteria.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 3-0.

2) request from Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine Church (UUCC) to use Emerson Hall for a fundraising dinner on March 7, 2020. They anticipate 40-50 people to attend.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Peter Vogell. Approved 3-0.

Colin Powell acknowledged the public present: -MMA student, Corey O'Connell, Senior Class President, asked if the senior class could use the Backshore Beach to host their annual Keg Krawl on April 25, 2020. They are aiming to have the event in one location instead of several different places as in the past to make it safer. Corey contacted Fire Chief, Randy Stearns to discuss and see about a burn permit. Randy has concerns and at this time won't issue a burn permit. Discussion. Due to the nature of the event it gets complicated and the puts the Selectboard in an awkward position. Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, said he would look into more information and details to see if there are means to allow the Selectboard to approve such a request to help make it safer.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to table the request until further notice. Second by Peter Vogell. Approved 3-0.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: Peter Vogell said since he will not be in attendance for the 2/18/20 mtg, he favors no less than 15% for the Entrance & Excavation fee schedule. All agreed.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Monday, 2/11 at 9AM – Budget Work Session.

Tuesday, 2/18 at 4PM – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg (due to the President's Day Holiday).

Wednesday, 2/19 - T/G Mtg at 8AM in Emerson Hall (watch for cancellations).

Gordon MacArthur made motion to adjourn. Second by Peter Vogell. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.



## MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard  
From: Shawn Blodgett  
Date: February 02, 2020  
Re: Town Manager Report

1. 563 Castine Road. The property owners filed a response to dismiss our complaint. Castine's next step will be to file an affidavit with a deadline of Friday, the 07<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020. I am working with our attorneys on generating this affidavit and it will be submitted before the deadline.
2. Entrance and Excavation Fees. I respectfully request that the Selectboard authorize a \$1925.00 refund to Carolyn and Mort Arntzen and consider changing our Entrance and Excavation Ordinance fee schedule. See the attachment for a more thorough explanation of the reasoning behind this request. The fee schedule for this ordinance can be changed following a 30 day posting.
3. George Stevens Academy "Super Committee". I have heard back from Sedgwick Selectboard member Ben Astbury and he does not believe that this Committee will be formed until after Town Meeting season. Sedgwick's Town Meeting is early, but I do not believe that this initiative will move forward until after March. I have passed along this information to the Castine School Board who are determining who their representative will be once this this moves forward.
4. Maine 200 Update. I will defer to Colin if he would like to give an update to the public, but this is for the rest of the Selectboard. Castine is currently



awaiting a contract to be sent to get the Class "A" tall ship, the Oliver Hazard Perry which will be the last major piece of Castine's event lineup. The Perry was awaiting Portland, but it is our understanding that Portland is now a go. Castine's Maine 200 website should now be operational and a second round of fundraising will begin soon. Since the last Selectboard meeting, Castine applied for a \$10,000 grant with the Maine Women's Fund as well as \$10,000 and \$500 dollar grants with the Maine 200 commission which I sent in on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup>.

5. Castine Fire and Rescue Department Assessment. The Castine Fire and Rescue Department assessment is now going strong. I expect the results to be delivered to Castine in early April.