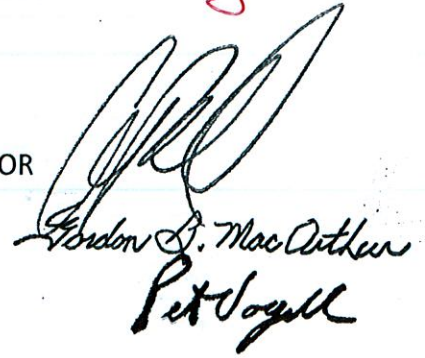


Approved @ 6/15/20 Zoom mtg.

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



Gordon J. MacArthur
Peter Vogell

DATE: Monday, June 1, 2020

TIME: 4PM.

PLACE: Emerson Hall (via ZOOM – mtg # 204-220-8848)

PRESENT: Colin Powell, Chair, Gordon MacArthur, Peter Vogell, Selectboard members; Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager; Karen Motycka, Finance Officer and Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.
PUBLIC: Bobby & Ruth Ann Vagt, Liz Parish, Brooke Tenney and Phil Cotoni (MMA Sodexo Manager).

Colin Powell opened the meeting at 4:05 PM (a few minutes to get everyone on ZOOM).

Colin Powell verified that there was a quorum with Gordon MacArthur, Peter Vogell and himself all stating their presence.

Colin 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; General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$51,269.69 and Water Warrant in the amount of \$1,698.80. Second by Peter Vogell.

Colin asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Both Warrants approved 3-0.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve the May 18, 2020 Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Gordon MacArthur. No discussion. Colin asked for votes.

Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve.

May 18, 2020 Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Item 1. Colin Powell introduced approving request for extension of Liquor License on Premise – MMA Sodexo.

Phil Cotoni, MMA Sodexo Manager, was present.

No complaints were issued to the Town Office over the past year.

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

Colin asked for votes.

Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve.

Approved 3-0.

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

Peter Vogell asked if the Town was requiring people to wear masks at the Transfer Station. Shawn said the Town is following the State guidelines which states that you must wear a mask in places that won't allow social distancing.

Item 3. Other Business as Required: NONE.

Communications: Letter from Unitarian Universalist Congregation Church (UUCC) requesting to use the Town Common for small group gatherings. The hope is to have gatherings available, for about an hour a couple times a week, to provide socialization for members of the congregation especially for those who live alone and have been isolated for the last two months due to COVID-19. Brooke also added to the request to allow Sunday services which would generate approximately 30 members. Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, said he checked with Maine Municipal Association Legal Dept (MMA) to make sure there were no legal ramifications because of Church and State (since the Town Common is Town owned property). MMA Legal said there are no legal issues as long as every organization is treated the same.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the request from UUCC. Second by Peter Vogell. Peter said the Church is responsible to make sure their gatherings including Sunday services do not generate more than 50 people under the current Governor's Executive Order. Colin said the Church will also have to watch for inclement weather.

Colin asked for votes.

Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve.

Approved 3-0.

Colin acknowledged the public present: -Liz Parish asked if T&C Market employees were required to wear masks. Shawn said his understanding for the wearing masks requirement is that they be worn in places that do not allow for proper social distancing. He said that the store has a plexiglass shield up and they only allow a certain number of people in the store at a time. Liz also requested that someone look at the Lighthouse grounds, specifically to the right of the driveway facing the Lighthouse. She said it is a mess and not being taken care of. Shawn said he would take a look and added that the Lighthouse itself needs attention, i.e., new paint job, shed roof replacement, etc. Liz asked when the current Lighthouse lease expires. Sue Macomber looked it up and reported = June 30, 2022.

Discussion.

-Brooke Tenney asked if Bobby Vagt could give a Castine Area Relief Fund (CARF) update. Bobby said with the efforts by many within 6-weeks, the program has supplied meals and/or assistance to 22 households in Castine, Penobscot and one in Orland; as of recent, 3 families no

longer needs the help; the program has raised over \$10,000; getting the word out could be better as it has been mostly by word of mouth which is working; if anyone wishes to donate, either volunteer time or money, they can contact Bobby or one of the local ministers.

PAST ACTIONS: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: Colin Powell said as Emerson Hall opens to the public, he wanted to extend his appreciation to the staff for keeping things running during these challenging times which makes a huge difference. He also said he thanks the whole community as we get through this pandemic together. Both Peter Vogell and Gordon MacArthur agreed with Colin's statement of thanks.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Monday, 6/15 at 4PM – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

No T/G Mtgs scheduled at this time due to COVID19.

Peter Vogell made motion to adjourn. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Colin asked for votes.

Gordon stated yes to adjourn. Peter stated yes to adjourn. Colin stated yes to adjourn.

Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33PM.

Minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: May 29, 2020
Re: Town Manager Report

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19). As of 12:30 p.m. on the 29th of May, Hancock County still has had 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19 but is down to zero active cases, with 10 victims recovered, and one death. The Town of Castine continues to stay abreast of the situation through Maine Center for Disease Control, Hancock County Emergency Management and many others.
2. Castine COVID-19 Actions. With the reduction in Hancock County's active cases and with no evidence of community spread here, we have continued to gradually increase services back to previous norms while following State guidelines and checklists for re-opening. Follow the link below to the State checklist. (<https://www.maine.gov/decd/sites/maine.gov/decd/files/inline-files/COVID%20Checklist%20for%20ME%20Phase%202%20Public%20and%20Community%20Buildings.pdf>).
Starting on June 02d, Emerson Hall will reopen with restrictions. Please see the attachment to this report of visit the Castine Town web page for details on the restrictions for Emerson Hall.
3. Certified Local Government Grant Award. On Tuesday, the 26th of May, we received confirmation that we have been awarded a \$7080.00 Certified Local Government Grant from the State Historic Preservation Commission. Along with the matching funds of \$4720 that organizations in Town must provide,



this money is intended to be used to develop a Historic Properties Management Plan for Fort George.

4. Historic Signs Up. Castine's Historic signs will be emplaced around town this week. Backshore Beach was cleaned up on the 20th of May as well.

5. Town Clock and Cupola Restoration. North Country Restoration has arrived and has their staging set up. They will be concentrating on the Town Clock first next week in order to get their staging out of the way for church services.



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Residents
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: May 29, 2020
Re: Emerson Hall Reopening

1. With the publication of the State of Maine rural reopening plan on May 18th (<https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists>) and most of the state moving into Phase Two (2) of the reopening plan on June 1st (<https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine>), Castine continues to adjust.

2. While we strongly encourage all Castine Residents to continue to conduct as much business as possible either online or over the phone, starting on June 2d, Emerson Hall will be re-opening with restrictions. Guidance on restrictions can be found below:

a. All patrons must wear a mask, use the provided hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing parameters while conducting business at Emerson Hall.

b. To limit the number of Castine Residents in the building at one time, walk-in customers will not be allowed without prior coordination. Call 326-4502 or send an email to the staff to set up an appointment.

c. No more than two customers will be allowed in the building at one time.

d. The Emerson Hall restrooms are closed to the public though the Castine Town Dock restrooms are open.

e. Any resident who has been beyond the borders of Maine, whether they be seasonal or year round, must complete the state mandated 14 day quarantine period before coming to Emerson Hall for any business.