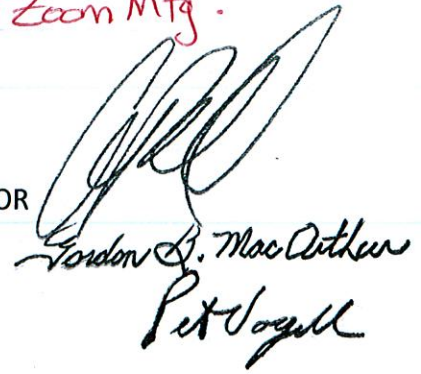


Appr. @ 5/18/20 Zoom Mtg.

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



Gordon B. MacArthur
Peter Vogell

DATE: Monday, May 4, 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, Ann Blodgett and Eli Forman of the Castine Patriot.

Colin Powell opened the meeting at 4:02 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: Gordon MacArthur said he wanted to add discussion regarding Town Mtg. All agreed.

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 \$35,962.57 and Water Warrant in the amount of \$25,155.59. 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.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve a Disbursement Warrant for April State Reports in the amount of \$2,129.50. Second by Peter Vogell.

Colin asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Disbursement Warrant approved 3-0.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the April 21, 2020 Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Peter Vogell. No discussion. Colin asked for votes.

Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. April 21, 2020 Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Item 1. Colin Powell introduced COVID19 updates regarding Governor Janet Mills recent extended Executive Order for "Stay Safer at Home" and the 4-Stage Plan for re-opening Maine's economy. Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, reviewed.

Governor Mills issued the updated Executive Order and a 4-Stage Plan on April 28 with the "Stay Safer at Home" extension through 5/31 and the 4-Stage Plan starting 5/1 month by month (Stage 2 on 6/1; Stage 3 on 7/1 & 8/1; Stage 4 time to be announced once the success of the previous stages are determined). During Stage 1 any gatherings or groups of people more than 10 are prohibited and starting Stage 2 those gatherings and groups increases to not more than 50. Travelers arriving in Maine are required to a 14-day quarantine and are expected to arrive with provisions to last through that 14-day quarantine period. The businesses allowed to open utilizing a checklist issued by the Governor's office are outlined within each Stage (see attached). (<https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-presents-safe-gradual-plan-restart-maines-economy-2020-04-28>)

Item 1A. Colin introduced discussions regarding Town Mtg.

Gordon said since it is obvious that our traditional May Town Mtg will not take place on the target date of Saturday, 5/9, he recommends focusing on June and review monthly. He said it is important for our community to be able to participate in local government by attending this mtg and having it in May will prevent this. Right now the target date can be Saturday, 6/6. Colin said it is unlikely given the details of the Governor's Executive Order that Town Mtg can happen in June but he supports the idea to keep it open and review each month to see how things progress.

Brooke Tenney said there are a lot of people in our community of the older population and these people are recommended to stay at home. She said she is concerned that most will not be able to attend a mtg even in June.

Discussion.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to schedule the Town Mtg on Saturday, 6/6. Second by Peter Vogell. Susan Macomber, Town Clerk, advised that the Selectboard should not schedule a date/time at this point but to review each month and once decided, the mtg will be advertised and posted within the 7-day requirement. Shawn Blodgett & Karen Motycka agreed.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to withdraw his previous motion and not specify a date/time at this time but to review each month so Town Mtg can be scheduled as soon as it is allowed and safe. Second by Peter Vogell.

Colin Powell 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).

Primary/Referendum Election: Town Clerk, Sue Macomber said she has been working with the State regarding the upcoming Election and updated that the June Election has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 7/14 with polls open from 8AM to 8PM. Our polling place will be set

up and practicing social distancing requirements as outlined by the State and all other public safety measures which will likely take place in upstairs Emerson Hall. We will be advertising this information and encouraging Absentee Voting as much as possible.

Item 3. Other Business as Required: NONE.

Communications: NONE.

Colin acknowledged the public present: -Brooke Tenney asked if the Castine Area Relief Fund (CARF) notice can be better advertised. Someone told her the other day they could not find any details about the program. She said it cannot be found on the Town's website. Bobby Vagt said that a member was working on a statement to be published and Sue Macomber said there is a notice posted on the website, on the Homepage and on the Community News page.

-Liz Parish asked if we know that there are no COVID19 cases in Castine?

As we know there is no way to be 100% certain, there are not enough testing, some people do not experience any symptoms, etc. Liz said she is concerned that people in Castine or coming to Castine think that COVID19 can not reach or exist in Castine. The attitudes need to change. She asked if the Town could post an updated notice outlining the Governor's current order and remind the community of these details.

Discussion including the Governor's current Executive Order and wearing masks in public.

PAST ACTIONS: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: 1) Gordon MacArthur made a statement regarding a citizens' concern: "All parking on Town streets/roads is public and open to all. You cannot prohibit someone from parking in a public parking space and keep it designated for a specific person and/or business. Also, that applies to the benches on Town property. They are there for anyone's use. No one can tell someone else they cannot use them".

Upcoming Mtgs:

Monday, 5/18 at 4PM – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

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

Gordon MacArthur made motion to adjourn. Second by Peter Vogell. 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 4:47 PM. Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.



CASTINE MAINE U.S.A.

Shawn Blodgett
Town Manager & Code Enforcement Officer
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MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: May 04, 2020
Re: Town Manager Report

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19). As of 12:30 p.m. on the 04th of May, Hancock County now has had 10 confirmed cases of COVID-19 but only 1 active case with 9 victims recovered. The Town of Castine continues to stay abreast of the situation through Maine Center for Disease Control, Hancock County Emergency Management and many others. On April 29th, Governor Mills extended the "Stay Safer at Home" Executive Order to May 31st. The details of this Executive Order can be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-extends-maines-stay-home-order-2020-04-30>

Further, on April 28th, Governor Mills unveiled the plan to reopen Maine's economy with a rolling month by month plan. Details of this plan can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-outlines-vision-gradual-safe-reopening-maines-economy-2020-04-23>

2. Castine COVID-19 Actions. With the reduction in Hancock County active cases and a well understood social distancing plan in place at the transfer station, we have started to gradually increase services back to historical norms. Starting this Wednesday, the 06th of May, the transfer station will be open from Wednesday through Saturday during the normal and posted hours. Curbside pickup of refuse will continue to take place on Mondays with re-cycling pickup

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however, the opening of these restrooms is a concern as we will have no way to supervise social distancing or clean these restrooms on as routine a basis as will be required in the COVID-19 environment in which we currently find ourselves. We will continue to press forward to get the restrooms ready to go and I will speak with the Selectboard as to a recommended opening date in separate correspondence.

6. Town Report. The Town Report has been printed and picked up. Though the report is complete it does not contain a detailed date for the Town Meeting.

7. Castine's Maine 200 Celebration, 4th of July and Memorial Day. The Maine 200 Steering Committee met this morning and voted to recommend to the Selectboard that Castine postpone the Maine 200 event to 2021. We have already started planning to shift the lineup of events to a date, to be determined in the future, to 2021. On April 28th, the Governor published Maine's re-opening plan which prohibits gatherings of more than 50 people along with the self-quarantining for 14 days those travelers coming to Maine through August. In light of this, my recommendation to the Selectboard would be to not hold a 4th of July celebration this year like those that have been held in the past. I'll be in touch with the Selectboard with a plan once it is coordinated. As with the 4th of July celebration, a Memorial Day plan needs to be generated. In the very near future, I will get in touch with Castine's Memorial Day celebration organizers. For this event, the crowds are typically smaller, so I am hopeful to find a way to safely continue forward with some type of Memorial Day Celebration. However, details of this have yet to be worked out, so I will follow up with the Selectboard with a recommendation in the very near future.