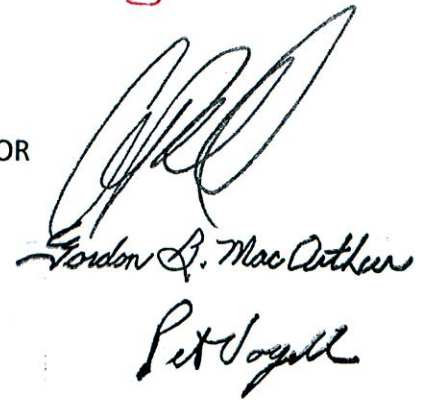


Appr. @ 9/21/20 Zoom Mtg.

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



Gordon B. MacArthur  
Peter Vogell

DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2020

TIME: 4PM (via ZOOM)

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: Doug Koos, Bobby & Ruth Ann Vagt, Brooke Tenney, Liz Parish, Sam Friedlander and David Adams.

Colin Powell opened the meeting at 4:00PM. Quorum was confirmed with Peter Vogell stating his presence; Gordon MacArthur stating his presence; and Colin Powell stating his presence. Colin asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda: NONE.

Motion was made to approve the warrants, abatements, budget vs. actual and trial balance reports, bank reconciliations, excise tax collections.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$300,603.29. Second by Peter Vogell. Colin asked for votes. Peter stated yes to approve.

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

General Fund Warrant approved 3-0.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve the Water Dept Warrant in the amount of \$13,945.06. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Colin asked for votes. Peter stated yes to approve.

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

Water Dept Warrant approved 3-0.

Peter Vogell made motion approve the Disbursement Warrant to the State Motor Vehicle agency in the amount of \$1,384.00. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Colin asked for votes.

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

Disbursement Warrant approved 3-0.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the August 17, 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.

August 17, 2020 Mtg minutes approved 3-0.



Abatement(s): Peter Vogell made motion to approve four tax abatements and four supplemental tax bills in the total amount of \$6,281.40 each (see attached).

Second by Gordon MacArthur.

Karen Motycka explained that there were four bills that ownership had not transferred over to the new owners. Colin asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve.

Four abatements and supplemental tax bills approved 3-0.

Item 1. Colin Powell introduced discussion regarding Contract Zoning Extension request from Doug Koos. Town Manager, Shawn Blodgett, reviewed with background history. The original contract zoning approval for the property owned by Madicourt LLC, M5 L9 was granted by the Town at the March 2013 Town Mtg. The original plan was to build up to 16 residential units on this property with up to 8 being deemed "affordable housing". Since the 2013 vote, the Town voted on June 13, 2017 to extend the building timeframe and authorize Madicourt LLC until August 10, 2019 and gave the Selectboard authority to extend approval for another 25-months, if requested, and if the Selectboard determined that satisfactory progress had been made by the revised date. The Town has no record of a request and/or of the Selectboard granting another extension. As of this date, only 1 of the 7 buildings authorized has been built which contains what is believed to be 4 of the 16 units from the original 2014 permit.

Doug Koos addressed saying he would appreciate an extension. He gave an update on the building status and that he got behind as far as requesting another extension. He added that he received tremendous community support for this project from the start. He said that he intends to have the 8 buildings, 1 is completed and the other 7, if extension is granted, are planned to be finished within the extension period. The infrastructure for all 8 buildings is in place.

Gordon MacArthur agrees with the concept, with the original vote to approve and with a 12-month extension but the Town needs to go through the correct process.

Discussion.

It was agreed for the Town Manager, Shawn Blodgett, to check with the Town's attorney in regards to the wording of the original 2013 article, the 2017 extension and on the process for granting another extension, if the Selectboard can even do so, since the 2017 extension expired on August 10, 2019. This issue will be revisited at the Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Selectboard Mtg.

Item 2. Colin Powell introduced the Town Manager's Report: Shawn Blodgett read his report (see attached). -Gordon MacArthur asked if there were any further updates from the Academy regarding the two COVID19 positive cases. There have been no further updates and no further outbreaks that we know about.

-#4 New Tanker Truck for the Castine Fire Dept: Gordon also asked who the two Fire Dept members were going to be that will fly out to the vendor's facility around 9/24<sup>th</sup>.



Shawn answered, Assnt. Chief, Tom Gutow and Lt. Geoffrey Knight.

Item 3. Other Business as Required: NONE.

**Communications:** -letter from Eastern Area on Aging thanking the Castine community for its continued support.

**Colin acknowledged the public present:** -David Adams brought up the Japanese knotweed infestation especially within the Backshore area. He wishes the Town would give attention to this problem. David said he recently bought a piece of equipment and would be happy to turn it over to someone to try it out. David also asked about the Elm Tree process. He said there is a big Elm on Court St in between Pleasant and Main streets that is completely dead. Shawn Blodgett addressed. Shawn said that he would love to find some invasive species grant money to assist with the infestation. Knotweed is known to spread even more when it is cut. The big Elm Tree on Court St is scheduled to be removed this fall; a Consolidated Communications line in the way which has taken time to address. Anyone who notices or has concerns regarding an Elm Tree in town should email to the Town Manager who will forward to the Tree Warden and Tree Committee.

-Sam Friedlander asked permission to host a community concert on the Town Common one afternoon in Sept (3PM on 9/19-9/20 weekend or 9/26-9/27) with COVID19 requirements in place. Local musicians will perform. The current Governor's Order allows up to 100 people gathering outdoors with social distancing.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the request with COVID19 restrictions. Second by Peter Vogell. Colin asked for votes. Peter stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve.

Concert on the Town Common with COVID19 requirements in place approved 3-0.

**Past Actions:** NONE.

**Selectboard Comments:** NONE.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Monday, 9/21 at 4PM - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Wednesday, 9/23 at 8AM - T/G Mtg.

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 4:40PM.

Minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.

### 2020 Abatements Supplementals

9/8/2020

Abatements							
#	Name	Map/Lot	Acc #	Value Abated	mil rate	Amount	Reason
1	Michael Morrison - Trustee	M9 L12	493	\$ 412,100	0.01140	\$ 4,697.94	To correct ownership (see supplemental below)
2	Michael Morrison - Trustee	M10 L1-1	494	\$ 13,000	0.01140	\$ 148.20	To correct ownership (see supplemental below)
3	Christopher & Isabel Silver	M16 L2A	824	\$ 35,100	0.01140	\$ 400.14	To correct ownership (see supplemental below)
4	Manor Group LLC	M17 L50G	443	\$ 90,800	0.01140	\$ 1,035.12	To correct ownership (see supplemental below)
Total						\$ 6,281.40	

Supplementals							
#	Name	Map/Lot	Acc #	Value Supplement	mil rate	Amount	Reason
1	Robert & Ana-Jean DeGennaro	M9 L12	493	\$ 412,100	0.01140	\$ 4,697.94	To correct ownership
2	Robert & Ana-Jean DeGennaro	M10 L1-1	494	\$ 13,000	0.01140	\$ 148.20	To correct ownership
3	Norsk Shore LLC	M16 L2A	824	\$ 35,100	0.01140	\$ 400.14	To correct ownership
4	WB Hills Martinn LLC	M17 L50G	443	\$ 90,800	0.01140	\$ 1,035.12	To correct ownership
Total						\$ 6,281.40	





# CASTINE MAINE U.S.A.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard  
From: Shawn Blodgett  
Date: September 08, 2020  
Re: Town Manager Update

1. Infrastructure Update. Since the last Selectboard Meeting, the paving projects on Madockawando Road and Latour Street have been completed. The RFP for the refurbishment of the Pleasant/Perkins Street intersection along with curbing along Pleasant Street closed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August and Bowden and Son LLC was the low bid. This work will be scheduled to begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September and residents that utilize this intersection should expect to be detoured. Contracted ditch maintenance around town has been completed for the season but we will continue to look for areas that need attention. We intend to hold 28% of the infrastructure budget and 34% of the ditch maintenance budget in reserve until the spring.

Old Maine Painting is scheduled to paint the lighthouse keeper' home beginning next week on or around the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. This scope of work was also increased to add a second coat of paint to increase the longevity of the end result. The scope of the maintenance of the shed at the lighthouse has continued to grow as more rotting wood is found which has increased the duration of the project.

The dock railing Phase III project will begin next week on or around the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. This project will replace the wooden rails around the Acadia dock and bring this section into line with the rest of the railing system at the town dock.

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2. Roadside Municipal Mowing. Atwell Edgecomb and Henry Erhard will go through town on Tuesday, the 8th to cut back weeds encroaching upon the town way.

3. Adams School Re-Opening. Recently, I held a meeting with Sheila Irvine to check in and see if they would have specific request of the town to support their reopening in the current unique COVID 19 environment. The Adams School does not have any specific reopening support requests for town hall or the Selectboard. Emerson Hall does remain available to the Adams School as an inclement weather facility for gym class. As of Friday, the Adams School expects to start the year with 50 in person students with another 7 home schooling.

4. New Tanker Truck for the Castine Fire Department. The vendor who is building the new fire truck for the Castine Fire Department has informed the town that the truck will be completed and ready for a turnover inspection on or around the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. The current plan will be to fly two members of the Castine Fire Department out to the vendor's facility to pick the truck up around the 24<sup>th</sup> of September..

5. Captain's Catch Last Day. The Captain's Catch will close for the season on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.