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Selectboard, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor Meeting Minutes Monday, October 5, 2020, 4:00 PM Via Zoom

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Present: Gordon MacArthur, Acting Chair and Peter Vogell, Selectboard; Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager and Karen Motycka, Finance Officer.

Public: Bobby and Ruthann Vagt, Brooke and Gil Tenney, Helen Miller, Barbara Fleck, Andy Chase, Tony Ferrara, Thomas Adamo and Eli Forman of "Castine Patriot".

Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and took a rollcall. A quorum was verified.

Gordon asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda? There were none.

Gordon asked if there was a motion to approve Warrants; Budget vs. Actual and Trial Balance Reports and Bank Reconciliations. Peter made a motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$115,194.32. Gordon seconded the motion. No discussion.

Approved by rollcall vote 2 - 0.

Gordon made motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$48,851.29. Peter seconded the motion. No discussion.

Approved by rollcall vote 2 - 0.

Peter made a motion to approve the Water Disbursement Warrant in the amount of \$418.01. Gordon seconded the motion. No discussion.

Approved by rollcall vote 2 - 0.

Gordon asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/21/2020 meeting. Peter made a motion to approve. Gordon seconded the motion. No discussion. Approved by rollcall vote 2-0.

Item 1.

Gordon asked who would lead the Solar Power Discussion. Tony Ferrara introduced himself and offered to lead the discussion. Prior to this meeting Tony had emailed a packet of information to Shawn regarding Brooksville's plan to enter into an agreement for solar energy (Shawn had forwarded the packet along to the Selectboard for this meeting). Barbara Fleck spoke in regards to the State of Maine passing LD 1711, which promotes solar energy. Tom Adamo spoke that the Town of Penobscot is currently working to enter into a solar power contract with Revision Energy. In Penobscot's case, the solar array will not be located within Penobscot Town lines but they are still able to participate in the solar program. Gordon thanked Tony, Tom, Barbara and Andy for the discussion. As Colin Powell, Selectboard Chair was not able to be present at today's meeting, Gordon felt no action should be taken. He thought discussion could continue at the next meeting.

Item 2.

Gordon asked Shawn to present the Town Manager's Report. Shawn Read his report with 5 topics. 1. Infrastructure and facilities update, 2. New Fire Department Tanker Truck arrival, 3. Maine Maritime Academy Presidential Commendation Award, 4. MRC/Recycling plant update and 5. Maine Municipal Association Annual Conference (report attached to these minutes).

Item 3.

Gordon asked if there was any other business. There was none.

Communications: Gordon asked if there were any communications. There were none.

Members of the Public: Bobby Vagt spoke to the Solar Power discussion. He said he had been involved with the Penobscot discussions. He went on to say that solar power projects are very complex.

Past Actions: None.

Selectboard Comments: Gordon passed along that George Stevens Academy would be making a presentation in regards to tuition at the 10/7/2020 Castine School Board Meeting at 5:15 PM.

Schedule next meetings: Selectboard, Monday, 10/19/2020 at 4PM and Town / Gown, Wednesday, 10/21/2020 at 8 AM – both scheduled thru Zoom.

With no other business, Gordon made a motion to adjourn. Peter seconded the motion. Approved by rollcall vote 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM. Minutes by Karen Motycka

Shawn Blodgett
Town Manager & Code Enforcement Officer
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MEMORANDUM

To:

Castine Selectboard

From:

Shawn Blodgett

Date:

October 5th, 2020

Re:

Town Manager Report

1. <u>Infrastructure and facilities update</u>. The lighthouse barn refurbishment is complete except for the finishing touches on the painting for the front side of the barn. The eastern street side of the home, the external doors, and internal vestibule painting are also remaining, but I expect that this project will be completed by Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

The paving project at Pleasant/Perkins Street intersection has again been delayed. The delay this time is due to a car wreck involving some of Bowden and Son LLC's equipment. However, the overall project started today as the hand paving work on the stormwater catch basin on Perkins Street was completed and the preparation work for the Pleasant Street catch basins began today.

The dock railing Phase III project around the Acadia Dock has been completed. The town dock floats will be taken out on either the 20th or 26th of October. The town dock restrooms will be winterized and locked up around this same time after some light refurbishment work on the inside of the restroom facility. Picnic tables and the historic signs around town will be collected up and stored immediately following Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day Holiday.



- 2. <u>New Tanker Truck for the Castine Fire Department.</u> The new fire tanker for the Castine Fire Department has safely made it to Maine and been outfitted in Ellsworth. The Fire Department will pick up the new tanker and bring it to the station tonight but will formally put it into service during their meeting on the 13th of October at 5 PM. The press is invited at this time.
- 3. <u>Maine Maritime Academy Presidential Commendation Award.</u> At 7:10 AM on the 06th of October during MMA morning colors in front of Leavitt Hall, four MMA students who are also members of the Castine Fire and Rescue Department will be honored by the school with MMA Presidential Commendation Awards for their lifesaving actions during the recent 9-1-1 call for a fall on Main Street. Their award recommendation is attached.
- 4. Municipal Review Committee/Coastal Resources Update. This week, Karen took part in the monthly MRC town hall. The path forward toward the goal of reopening this facility is beginning to take shape. Over the last couple of months, MRC received multiple letters of interest to purchase Fiberight.

 Following a round of questionnaires and financial investigations, these interest letters led to the development of 3 viable candidates to purchase the facility and re-start operations. Two of the candidates would need to hire operations staff while one would run and manage the facility themselves. The plant is not completely shut down as there is a skeleton crew on sight continuing to maintain the sight which will make the re-start more efficient. MRC expects that a deal to close on the purchase of the plant will be signed sometime in December. If the deal is closed in December, MRC expects that operations will start back up within 4-6 weeks of closing. In the meantime, Castine's Municipal Solid Waste continues to go to PERC with no added cost to Castine taxpayers.
- 5. <u>Maine Municipal Association Annual Conference.</u> MMA will hold it's yearly conference in a virtual manner this year. Castine's Town Clerk, Finance Officer



and Manager will be taking part in classes throughout the period of 07th of October through the 13th. During this time period, there may be times where responsiveness at Emerson Hall will be reduced.



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Tuesday, September 15, 2020

President Brennan and Captain Cashman,

It is my great pleasure to nominate Midshipmen 1/C Korey DeBoth and 1/C Nicholas Ferré for the Maine Maritime Academy Presidential Commendation in recognition of their lifesaving efforts on Wednesday September 9th, 2020. Upon review of the MMA Regimental Manual, Section 010.01, I believe that these individuals clearly meet the established eligibility criteria for this highest honor. Also involved in a significant, supporting manner were Midshipmen 1/C Noah Morin-Roy and 3/C Daniel Henesy, who are also well worthy of your recognition.

A few minutes past 11 o'clock in the morning on Wednesday, September 9th a man working atop the roof of a three and half story building on Main Street in Castine fell roughly 30+ feet, striking his head against an emergency generator enclosure before landing on the ground behind the building.

Hearing the fall and shouts from witnesses, DeBoth and Ferré, who were outside of their nearby rental property, rushed to the scene. Upon arrival, they quickly assessed the situation. DeBoth began immediate patient assessment and emergency medical care while Ferré returned to their home to retrieve their CFRD medical kits and activate the 911 system. Ferré then returned to the scene and established communications with the Hancock County Regional Communications Center via his portable fire department radio.

DeBoth and Ferré's professional and accurate assessment indicated the urgent need to rapidly transport the man to a trauma center. DeBoth and Ferré requested the activation of the Lifeflight of Maine critical care helicopter as they recognized the severity of the situation. They knew the patient's chance of survival was extremely time sensitive, and Lifeflight was the quickest means of transportation to an advanced medical care facility.

Soon thereafter additional Castine Fire Rescue personnel arrived on scene to assist, to include Midshipman 1/C Noah Morin-Roy and Midshipman 3/C Daniel Henesy who arrived with CFRD's rescue truck. At the direction of EMTs DeBoth and Ferré, the four Midshipmen worked cooperatively to stabilize the patient, treat his wounds and prepare him for transport.

Morin-Roy and Henesy then departed in the rescue truck and established an impromptu helicopter landing zone on the MMA practice field in order to facilitate the landing and transfer of the patient to the Lifeflight helicopter crew. They accomplished this task quickly and safely, seamlessly putting their previous fire department landing zone training into action.

Upon the arrival of Peninsula Ambulance Corps, DeBoth and Ferré continued to provide patient care and assist under the direction of the higher level-licensed Paramedic on scene. The patient

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was then moved into the ambulance, transported to the practice field and transferred to the care of Lifeflight's helicopter crew.

DeBoth and Ferré's near-instantaneous arrival and prompt, decisive emergency medical care is likely responsible for the immediate survival of the patient. Both of these individuals are volunteers with Castine Fire Rescue Department and completed the EMT course offered at MMA. Both have also worked part-time for Peninsula Ambulance Corps as EMTs for the last two years. The training, knowledge and experience they gained while working for both of these organizations gave them the confidence and leadership skills needed to successfully respond to this call, manage the scene and treat this gravely injured patient with the utmost professionalism and care.

I am extremely proud of all of our MMA student volunteers at CFRD. I believe that this kind of quick, decisive thinking and proactivity speaks volumes not only about these four individuals, but also the education and leadership skills they have learned at MMA. These Midshipmen embody the very best of what MMA's student body has to offer, both to itself and to the Castine community at large.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen "Jack" Spratt

Asst. Chief, Castine Fire Rescue Department

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cc: (1) Randy Stearns, Fire Chief, Castine Fire Rescue Department

(2) Shawn Blodgett, Castine Town Manager

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