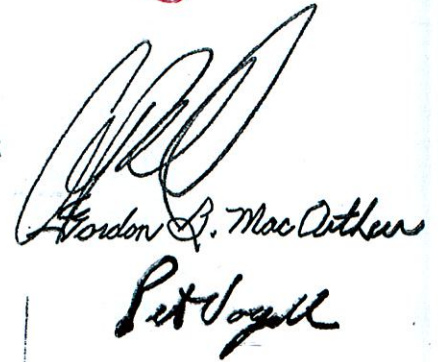


Approved via 10/5/20 Zoom Mtg.

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



Gordon B. MacArthur  
Peter Vogell

DATE: Monday, September 21, 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 Vagt, Jake Albon, Liz Parish, Diana Bernard, Nancy Sayre and Eli Forman of the Castine Patriot.

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 \$55,754.19. 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 \$2,945.14. 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.

Gordon MacArthur made motion approve a Disbursement Warrant to the State Motor Vehicle agency in the amount of \$2,960.00. Second by Peter Vogell. Colin asked for votes.

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

Disbursement Warrant approved 3-0.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve the Sept 8, 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. Sept 8, 2020 Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Item 1. Colin Powell introduced approving the November 3, 2020 Election Warrant.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve. 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. Election Warrant approved 3-0.

Item 2. Colin Powell introduced approving request from Community Childhood Learning Place (CCLP) to use Town property. Nancy Sayre addressed. CCLP is working hard to accommodate the changing school schedules to help with working families within our communities. They are also working hard to keep infants, toddlers and preschool children separate from school aged children to reduce COVID19 contact. This means that the CCLP side play area cannot be used, especially on days when the Adams School children arrive at 11:30AM instead of later. The after-school program currently has 10 children and because of COVID19 they are looking for an area that's close by, and a walkable distance for this age group. CCLP asked for permission to use the Spring Street well site as their temporary play space to accommodate the after-school age group. Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Peter Vogell.

Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, said that he does not see any problems with granting this request. He said that CCLP has insurance, therefore, there should not be any liability to the Town. Colin asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. CCLP request to use Spring Street well site as play space approved 3-0.

Item 3. Colin Powell introduced approving a Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Proclamation as Constitution Week requested by DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution).

Colin read the Proclamation. No discussion.

Colin asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Constitution Week Proclamation approved 3-0.

Item 4. Colin Powell introduced approving Contract with Mobius Automation, LLC for Water Dept Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCDAS) as recommended by the Utility Board. Peter Vogell made motion to approve. Second by Gordon MacArthur.

Shawn Blodgett said this is an aged system that failed twice last year and the Water Dept has funds available for it (\$68,900). Colin asked for votes.

Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Mobius Automation, LLC Contract approved 3-0.

Item 5. Colin Powell introduced continued discussions regarding Contract Zoning Extension Request by Doug Koos. Shawn Blodgett addressed. He said that he has been exchanging several back and forth emails with Town counsel. Madicourt LLC's attorney has advised them that they do not believe the 2014 subdivision approval has expired. This may be correct, but more research and investigation is needed. However, the contract zoning has expired, and the Town's approval of the contract zoning area is the mechanism that allowed the subdivision to be built. The Town's counsel notified Shawn this afternoon that she believes the status of the subdivision is unrelated to the status of the contract zoning. The contract zone has expired and

Madicourt LLC cannot rely on the subdivision approval as authority to move forward. Doug Koos of Madicourt LLC has asked that the Town's counsel work with his counsel to draft language for a future Town Mtg warrant article.

Doug Koos addressed. He requested that the Selectboard enter into an agreement and make record of this mtg to continue discussions, allow both counsels to iron out a resolution and authorize the Town Manager to work towards bringing the issue back to the Town.

Doug mentioned the previous Code Enforcement Officer and the error of overlooking the August, 2019 deadline. Shawn Blodgett clarified that it is not the Town's responsibility to keep track of deadlines such as this. Discussion.

The Selectboard all recognized that Doug Koos made the error with the August, 2019 extension deadline and let it expire. Gordon MacArthur said he thought it was appropriate for the attorneys to work for a resolution. Peter Vogell asked who would pay the attorney fees. Shawn said they could work through that but felt it was not a cost the Town should pay for.

Item 6. Colin Powell introduced the Town Manager's Report: Shawn Blodgett read his report (see attached).

Item 7. Other Business as Required: NONE.

**Communications:** NONE.

**Colin acknowledged the public present:** NONE.

**Past Actions:** NONE.

**Selectboard Comments:** Gordon MacArthur pointed out vehicles parked in the section at top of Main St where white lines indicate a NO Parking zone and there is also a fire hydrant located in that zone. There is some confusion in that area. Shawn said the marked area is misleading so the Town will correct. Parking Ticket Officer, Scott Vogell, did issue out warnings.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Wednesday, 9/23 at 8AM - T/G Mtg (ZOOM); agenda item = COVID19 updates.

Peter Vogell said he appreciated the Academy's hard work and the excellent job they're doing regarding COVID19.

Monday, 10/5 and Monday, 10/19 both at 4PM - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Colin Powell 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 4:25PM.

Minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.



## MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard  
From: Shawn Blodgett  
Date: September 21, 2020  
Re: Town Manager Report

1. Infrastructure Update. The lighthouse barn refurbishment is complete except for the roof and painting. Much of the painting on the cottage has been done and the preparation of the barn is currently taking place. I intend to contract with the same firm that is doing the painting to put the new roof on the barn as they also do general contracting work. The bid for the roof is \$4400 for taking the existing cedar shingles off and replacing them with architectural asphalt shingles at 5" of shingle exposed to the weather. After speaking with several other roofing contractors, I believe that accepting this bid is in the best interest of the town to ensure that this work is completed before bad weather sets in.

The paving project at Pleasant/Perkins Street intersection has been delayed due to the needed manhole cover being on back order and Aaron being on vacation this week. This project will now begin on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September and run through the 02d of October. This project will regrade the intersection and take the hump out, then shim and repave. Stormwater catch basin swales will be added up Pleasant Street at the same time to aid in catching more storm water coming down the eastern edge of Pleasant Street.

The dock railing Phase III project around the Acadia Dock is nearing completion. This project 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.

2. Contract Zoning – Madicourt LLC. Madicourt LLC's attorney has advised them that they do not believe that the Subdivision approved in 2014 has expired. More research and verification needs to be done, but this may be correct. However, the Contract Zoning has expired and the town's approval of the contract zoning area is the mechanism that allows the subdivision to be built. I received word this afternoon from our counsel that she believes that



the status of the subdivision is unrelated to the status of the contract zone. The contract zone has expired and that Madicourt LLC can't rely on the subdivision approval as authority to move forward. Doug Koos of Madicourt LLC has asked if the town's counsel could work with his counsel to draft language for a future town meeting warrant article.

3. Hancock County Planning Commission. The Hancock County Planning Commission has recently hired a full-time planner to act as their Planning Director. This position has been vacant for several years. The HCPC has sent a request to Castine to restart paying dues which was assessed to be \$1290 a year. I intend to respond back that as this was not budgeted for at town meeting this year and we will not be able to pay these dues for this fiscal year. From the introductory town hall meeting with the HCPC, there are many communities in Hancock County that are in the same fiscal condition.

4. New Tanker Truck for the Castine Fire Department. The new fire tanker for the Castine Fire Department will be picked up by Assistant Chief Tom Gutow and Lieutenant Geoffrey Knight on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month. They will drive the truck back from Minnesota and be in Ellsworth for equipment installation on or around the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month.

5. Town Dock and Floats Coming Out. Scheduling for the annual float removal at the town dock is still being worked out. The floats will be pulled, tides permitting, between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October. With the end of the season, the closing of the Captain's Catch and the coming of cooler weather, the town dock will now only be staffed on weekends. We intend to keep the waterfront restrooms open until after Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day when we will winterize them and close them for winter.