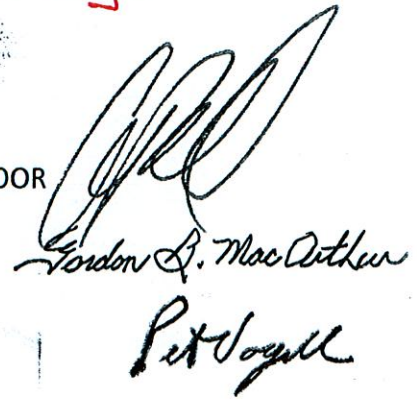


Approved @ 11/16/20 Zoom Mtg.

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



Gordon B. MacArthur
Peter Vogell

DATE: Monday, November 2, 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: Helen Miller, Roberta Boczkiewicz, Liz Parish, Bobby Vagt, Brooke Tenney, Phil Cotoni (MMA Soxedo) 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 \$23,388.20. 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.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the Water Dept Warrant in the amount of \$135.61. Second by Peter Vogell. 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 for October monthly State reports in the amount of \$2,853.75. 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 October 19, 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.

Oct 19, 2020 Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Item 1. Colin Powell introduced approving renewal Liquor License – MMA Sodexo.

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

Phil Cotoni, MMA Sodexo manager was present.

No complaints were received at the Town Office over the past year.

Colin asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. MMA Sodexo renewal Liquor License approved 3-0.

Item 2. Colin Powell introduced discussing recommendation for Negro Islands Name Change (proposal from the US Board of Geographic Names - BGN).

Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, addressed.

The BGN recently contacted Castine after receiving a petition to change the names of Negro Islands. The petition requested to change the names of Upper and Lower Negro Islands to Upper and Lower Bagaduce Islands. Shawn said he contacted the Historical Society to do some research and see what, if any, other names have been given to the Islands over the centuries. What was found is that the Islands have been so named since sometime around 1781 referencing in two historical documents. No other names could be found that ever applied to the Islands since the European settlers. There is no rush as far as the BGN is concerned and they would prefer that a consensus of all interested parties be gained before BGN votes. Interested parties include the Town and the current property owners, as well as State agencies and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who is the organization that charts the Islands.

Discussion.

Colin Powell said he favors taking no action at this time and take the issue to the Town voters at the 2021 Town Mtg. Both Peter Vogell and Gordon MacArthur agreed.

Item 3. Colin Powell introduced the Town Manager's Report: Shawn Blodgett read his report (see attached).

#3. Solar Power: Update = Shawn Blodgett added that he found out that the Town of Brooksville does not have any other related contracts. Castine has two current electric supply agreements; once expiring in 2021 and the other in 2024.

Item 4. Other Business as Required: NONE.

Communications: NONE.

Colin acknowledged the public present: -Brooke Tenney said that she and Gil moved to Castine full-time in 2007-08 and the Castine Comprehensive Plan was being worked on which was adopted by the Town voters in 2010. She said she understood that the Plan had a 10-year cycle and asked if anything has been done to update. Shawn Blodgett said that initially work

was to start on the Plan this year, but it has not been due to issues like the pandemic. He said it should be updated.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: -Colin Powell said he would like to thank everyone at Town Hall for helping to make Halloween happen under the current COVID19 conditions and requirements. It worked well and the safety factors in place were greatly appreciated.

Korey DeBoth, MMA student volunteer firefighter & Town COVID19 Educator; Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager and Castine resident, Chad Cukierski were key in making the event safe for the kids and families.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Monday, 11/16 at 4PM - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Wednesday, 11/18 at 8AM - T/G Mtg (ZOOM).

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 4:16PM.

Minutes by Susan M 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: November 2, 2020
Re: Town Manager Report

1. Infrastructure and facilities update. The lighthouse maintenance and refurbishment project has been completed for this season. In total, Castine spent \$26,315 in labor and materials on multiple projects for the facility, but we are still well capitalized for future improvements should they become necessary or desired.

The paving project at Pleasant/Perkins Street intersection has been completed.

The town floats at the dock have been removed and staged in the harbor parking lot. The town restrooms and the Captain's Catch building have been winterized. Public works completed light refurbishment work on the restroom building prior to locking it up for the winter.

Castine Public Works replaced rotting gables on the Wastewater treatment plant and will be painting the same before hard weather sets in.

The Town Clock has been re-set again and appears to be working.

Castine has accepted delivery of salt and sand and we are well stocked for winter.

2. Renaming of "Negro Islands." The United States Board of Geographic Names (BGN) recently contacted Castine after having received a petition to change the name of the "Negro" Islands. The petition requests to change the names of the Upper and Lower Negro Islands to the Upper and Lower Bagaduce Islands. In



response to this request, I contacted Lisa Simpson Lutts, the Executive Director of the Castine Historical Society, to research what, if any, other names have been given to these islands over the centuries. What she found is that these islands have been so named since sometime around 1781-1826 as there are references in two historical documents naming them during this timeframe. Lisa couldn't find another name that has ever been applied to them since European settlers arrived. I contacted the Board of Geographic names and there is no rush for a response back to them as they prefer that a consensus of all interested parties be gained before the BGN votes. Interested parties would obviously include the Town of Castine and the current property owners, as well as certain State agencies and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who is the organization that charts the islands.

3. Solar Power. I met with the Brooksville Selectboard this past week regarding their solar power contract with ReVision Energy. I am currently going through their contract and once complete, I will update the Selectboard.

4. COVID 19. As most already know, Maine is experiencing an uptick in new COVID cases as well as the testing positivity rate. In response to this, Governor Mills has made changes to previously issued Executive Orders. Starting November 4th, the indoor gathering limit will be lowered back to 50 total persons regardless of capacity and 5 people per 1000 feet of shopping space for facilities with the space to accommodate these numbers of shoppers. The Keep Maine Healthy Grant deadlines have been extended to December. Connecticut, New York and New Jersey have been removed from the list exempting visitors from these States from the 14 day quarantine or recent test requirement. New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts are still currently exempt from quarantine or testing, but Massachusetts may soon be taken off the exempt list as well.