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

DATE: Tuesday, July 6, 2021
TIME: 4PM (In-person and ZOOM)
PLACE: Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Gordon MacArthur, Chair; Peter Vogell & Colin Powell, Selectboard members; Karen Motycka, Finance Officer and Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC: Helen Miller, Ann Miller, estimated 30 members of the public present (including ZOOM) for the Boston Post Cane Presentation to Ann Miller;

Selectboard Mtg portion: Helen Miller, Ann Miller, Marc Pelletier, Penny Carlhian, Liz Parish, Brooke Tenney, Bobby Vagt, David, Diane & Jackie (daughter) Modesett, David & Elise Adams, and Eli Forman (ZOOM) of the Castine Patriot.

Gordon MacArthur read and presented the Boston Post Cane plaque to Ann Miller. Ann Miller is Castine's oldest living resident at age 100. Pictures were taken of Ann and the Selectboard.

Gordon MacArthur opened the meeting at 4:00PM. Quorum was confirmed with Peter Vogell stating his presence; Colin Powell stating his presence and Gordon MacArthur stating his presence.

Public Hearing first for discussions regarding adopting a Remote Participation Policy.

A few questions were asked and answered. Basically, this Policy would allow the Town to continue conducting Zoom mtgs along with in-person presence.

Without further discussion, Gordon closed the Public Hearing and opened the Selectboard portion at 4:16PM. Gordon asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda: NONE.

Warrants: Gordon asked for a motion to approve the warrants, abatements, budget vs. actual and trial balance reports, bank reconciliations, excise tax collections.

General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$128,621.19; Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount stated. Second by Peter Vogell.

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

Water Dept Warrant in the amount of \$15,713.40; Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the Water Dept Warrant in the amount stated. Second by Peter Vogell.

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

Minutes: Peter Vogell made motion to approve the June 21, 2021, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Colin Powell. No discussion. Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve.
June 21, 2021, Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

No Town Manager's Report since Town Manager, Shawn Blodgett, was gone on vacation.

Item 1. Other Business as Required: Gordon MacArthur updated that Water Street paving project (section between Green Street and the Yacht Club) was awarded to Eaton's Paving in Deer Isle, expected to start sometime end of July or beginning of August and should take one day to complete.

Communications: 1) Letter from MMA asking permission to close off section of Pleasant Street from Stevens Street to Court Street on Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 7AM to 3PM. Colin Powell made a motion to approve. Second by Peter Vogell. Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. MMA request approved 3-0.

2) Letter from the State of Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands notifying the Town and community they received an application from UMO to place a floating breakwater to monitor wave energy on submerged lands approximately 1,345ft from Castine's shoreline. The Town or anyone within the community can submitted comments to the Bureau on or before July 28, 2021.

Gordon acknowledged the public present for any requests, questions, or concerns:

1) Marc Pelletier revisited from the last several mtgs and asked for clarification and definition of Castine's Noise Ordinance (Note: Castine does not have a Noise Ordinance; Marc is actually referring to Land Use Standards within the Zoning Ordinance). He said he has been told at these mtgs that the "Noise Ordinance" is not enforceable, so he questions what else within the Zoning Ordinance is also not enforceable (Note: the Zoning Ordinance is enforceable; the Land Use Standards applies to the CEO & Planning Board to use, if needed, when issuing out permits but is not enforceable to issues like an Amusement License or the MMA Training Ship).

Gordon MacArthur said he went and visited the proprietor of Otter's Waterfront Eatery who told him he would take every step he could to reduce the noise. Gordon said the proprietor was going to go up to Green Street himself to check out the noise his business puts out and invited anyone who has issues to come discuss it with him over coffee. Marc Pelletier said, at this point, it is not just about the noise but about the "Noise Ordinance" (Note: some community

members keep referring to “Noise Ordinance” which, in fact, the Town does not have a “Noise Ordinance”) and why it is not enforceable. Colin Powell said the Land Use Standards for noise written in the Zoning is for construction issues and gives parameters to assist the Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Board. Liz Parish, who has served many years on committees including Zoning, said attorneys have reviewed and looked over our Zoning Ordinance which is an enforceable document. Gordon said the Selectboard will further investigate this issue and a potential Noise Ordinance when the Town Manager returns from vacation. The process is: create a Noise Ordinance, hold public hearings for comments and input and then the proposed Ordinance would have to go before the Town voters.

2) David Adams said he has been reading and seeing all kinds of area towns planning and doing Maine200 celebrations and he was disappointed that Castine was not participating. He said there are several tall ships coming into port in Searsport, Bucksport, and Bangor like Castine was going to do a year ago. Maybe Castine did not know about it but great opportunities for Castine are passing us by. Discussion.

Peter Vogell pointed out that we have all dealt with the worst pandemic this country and world has seen or experienced. Maine’s Governor’s Executive Order just expired June 30, 2021, and we cannot expect to go back to normal 6 days after the Executive Order expired. The Town is doing the best it can and there needs to be time to cope. Castine has done well to stay safe. David Adams also said the Canadian filmmakers will not be in Castine until September since the Canadian border is still closed.

3) David Modesett said the area on Wadsworth Cove on the curve backside of Fort George is overgrown with brush and is quite a hazard. It needs to be addressed before an accident happens.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: NONE.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Monday, 7/19/21 at 4PM (In-Person & ZOOM) – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Wednesday, 7/21/2021 at 8AM - T/G Mtg (ZOOM), if needed.

Peter Vogell made motion to adjourn. Second by Colin Powell.

Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to adjourn. Colin stated yes to adjourn. Gordon stated yes to adjourn. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50PM.

Minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.