

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



DATE: Monday, June 21, 2021
TIME: 4PM (In-person and ZOOM)
PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Scott Vogell, Helen Miller, Ann Miller (ZOOM), Marc Pelletier, Penny Carlhian (ZOOM), Liz Parish, Brooke Tenney, Josh Adam, Bobby Vagt (ZOOM), Roberta & Bruce Boczwiekwicz, David & Jackie (daughter) Modesett, Randy Stearns, Jack Spratt, David Adams, Bob Friedlander, and Eli Forman of the Castine Patriot.

Gordon MacArthur opened the meeting at 4:00PM. Quorum was confirmed with Peter Vogell stating his presence; and Gordon MacArthur stating his presence. 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 \$48,887.69; 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. Gordon stated yes to approve. General Fund Warrant approved 2-0.

Water Dept Warrant in the amount of \$2,613.29; 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. Gordon stated yes to approve. Water Dept Warrant approved 2-0.

Colin Powell arrived to the Mtg.

Minutes: Peter Vogell made motion to approve the June 7, 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 7, 2021 Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Item 1. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving the FY22 Pollution Control Facility Budget. Peter Vogell made motion to approve. Second by Colin Powell.

Utility Board reviewed at their June 16th mtg and recommends approval in the amount of \$551,428. The budget is flat and down approximately \$900 from last year's budget. Gordon called for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. FY22 Pollution Control Facility Budget approved 3-0.

Item 2. Gordon MacArthur introduced an Award from the Maine Senate recognizing Castine Fire Rescue Dept through the Spirit of America Foundation. Gordon MacArthur read the letter from State Senator, Kimberly Rosen. Randy Stearns (Fire Chief) and Jack Spratt (Asst. Fire Chief) were present to receive the award. Gordon thanked the Fire Rescue Dept for all they do and for the volunteerism. Peter and Colin both added their thanks and appreciation.

Item 3. Gordon MacArthur introduced the Town Manager's Report: In Shawn's absence, Karen Motycka (Finance Officer) read the town manager's report (see attached).

#3 LD 1312 and Other Legislative Updates: Marc Pelletier asked for clarification. The final bill reads that basically towns can keep their local zoning rules intact and it will be upheld.

#4 Contracts Signed: Josh Adam said he was unclear on what was done in Phase 1 regarding a new Fire Station. It was explained that Phase 1 consisted of the Feasibility Study which evaluated Castine's station and equipment. This study established the need for a new Fire Station. Shawn requested that Port City Architecture include an Environmental Impact evaluation into the next Phase.

Item 4. Other Business as Required: NONE.

Communications: **1)** Letter from Trinity Church requesting permission to hold occasional services at Fort Madison. The Selectboard said they have no issues except they should coordinate with the Town Office. Gordon MacArthur 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. Trinity Church to use Fort Madison for services approved 3-0.

2) Letter from resident Therese Biggie requesting permission to close off section of Pleasant St for a corn-hole fundraising event at MMA Ritchie Field to benefit the Women's Volleyball Team. The section of Pleasant St will be treated just like they do for MMA Football tailgating. And as a backup plan, she asks permission to hold the corn-hole fundraiser at the Backshore Beach. Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Colin Powell. Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Details for Corn-hole Fundraiser approved 3-0.

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

1) Marc Pelletier revisited from the previous mtg his complaints regarding noise from Otter's

Waterfront Eatery. He said the music is louder than 60 decibels during daylight hours which is outlined in the Zoning Ordinance and other neighbors share this concern. Discussion. Marc wanted to know if this language was considered the Town's Noise Ordinance. Gordon said the section on noise in the Zoning Ordinance is not a Noise Ordinance. The Town will have to develop and pass one if that is what the voters want. Shawn Blodgett went to Otter's and spoke with the owner. The owner asked that anyone with issues to speak to him directly. Discussion regarding Amusement Licenses and the Special Amusement Ordinance. Gordon said this issue will require further work and a potential Noise Ordinance to go before the Town voters.

2) David Adams said he was hoping that plans for last year's 2020 Bicentennial Celebration could happen for next year (2022). He presented an article about the Town of Searsport celebrating their 175th Birthday. Colin Powell said that Castine's Maine 200 Committee met back in the spring, they will meet again in the fall to start plans for a celebration in 2022.

3) David Modesett pointed out that his wife was approached by a panhandler on Main St. They have never been approached like that before in Castine so he wanted to make sure the Selectboard and Town Office were aware and hope the Town's people will not encourage.

4) Ann Miller asked about the one-way option for Perkins Street that she mentioned at previous mtgs, especially section by the Pentagoet Inn. During the summer it gets crowded and dangerous. Gordon said it is a work in progress and does not have a final determination yet. Most of Perkins Street has issues with parking, accessibility for emergency vehicles, etc.

5) Liz Parish asked if tree limbs and overgrown bushes could be trimmed. Many areas have overgrowth into the sidewalks. Gordon said he will investigate to see how we can take care of this matter.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: NONE.

Upcoming Mtgs:

Tuesday, 7/6/21 at 4PM (In-Person & ZOOM) - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

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 4:53PM.

Minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: June 18, 2021
Re: Town Manager Report

1. Infrastructure Update. Castine will begin paving the remainder of Latour Street on either the 21st or 22d of June, weather depending. This project will put new overlay on the remaining 584' of severely degraded pavement on the center section of this street. A notice of this paving project has been put on the town web and facebook page and emails sent out to most Latour Street property owners. I have also gone door to door, but most homes are not occupied at this time. Also, a request for proposals has went out for the next paving project which will take place in the vicinity of 55 Water Street to the Castine Yacht Club. Bids are due for this project by 2:00 PM on the 22d of June.

2. Island Name Changing Committee. The Selectboard of the Town of Castine seeks five to seven interested individuals to participate on the Castine Island Name Change Committee. Submissions of interest to join this committee should be made to townoffice@castine.me.us and be made no later than the close of business of July 02, 2021.

3. LD 1312 and other legislative updates. After a good deal of public outcry, the accessory dwelling unit bill moving through the legislature in Augusta was amended as follows: "Use permitted. A municipality shall allow one accessory dwelling unit, as defined in section 4301, subsection 1-C, to be located on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit as long as the unit is located outside



of the shoreland zone, subject to all locally adopted accessory dwelling unit land use requirements, and either the primary or accessory dwelling is owner occupied. Adopted ordinances or regulations cannot have the effect of circumventing the intent of this section.” Another legislative update is that local municipalities will soon have the authority to continue to meeting through remote means provided that the local government allows remote meetings through a policy or ordinance.

4. Contracts Signed. We have signed a contract with the Hancock County Planning Commission to guide Castine’s newly appointed Comprehensive Plan Committee through the process of updating the town’s plan. This contract will cost the town a not to exceed price of \$19,750, which will be spread out over two fiscal years. We are well funded for the first installment to begin the work which will start with the first meeting on the 14th of July. We have also given a notice to proceed to Port City Architecture to move into Phase II of the new fire station project. This phase will encompass site evaluation, environmental impact analysis, conceptual site design and conceptual building design along with refining the overarching cost estimates for future budgeting. I do not expect to see the final contract proposal from Port City Architecture until after June 28, 2021. I have authorized Karen Motycka, Castine Finance Officer, to sign this contract on my behalf.

5. Town Manager Out of the Office. I will be out of the office from the 21st of June, 2021 through the 12th of July. For Town Manager issues, please contact Karen Motycka. Dale Abernethy will be the principal Code Enforcement Officer while I am gone.