

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

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DATE: Monday, July 19, 2021

TIME: 4PM (In-person and ZOOM)

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Helen Miller (Zoom), Marc Pelletier, Liz Parish, Brooke Tenney, Bobby Vagt, Diane Modesett, Roberta Boczkiewicz, Bruce Boczkiewicz (Zoom), RuthAnn Vagt (Zoom) and Eli Forman (ZOOM) of the Castine Patriot.

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.

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 \$216,897.76; 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 \$912.52; 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 July 6, 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.

July 6, 2021, Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Item 1. Gordon MacArthur introduced adopting the Remote Participation Policy. Public Hearing was held on July 6th. Copies of the Policy are available at the Town Office and will be posted on the Town's website.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve. 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. Remote Participation Policy approved 3-0.

Item 2. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving the Special Amusement License – Scott Family Wedding. Peter Vogell made motion to approve. Second by Colin Powell.

The reception will take place at the Castine Golf Club. No discussion. Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Special Amusement License approved 3-0.

Item 3. Gordon MacArthur introduced appointing the Island Name Change Committee. Gordon read the list of volunteers (see attached). Peter Vogell made motion to approve. 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. Island Name Change Committee appointments approved 3-0.

Item 4. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving the annual Municipal Official appointments, effective July 1, 2021. Gordon read the list (see attached). Colin Powell made motion to approve. Second by Gordon MacArthur. No discussion. Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve; he abstained from his LPI appointment. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Annual Municipal Official appointments approved 3-0 (LPI 2-0; Peter abstained).

Item 5. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving various Board/Committee Re-appointments/Appointments, effective July 1, 2021. Gordon read the list (see attached). Colin Powell made motion to approve. Second by Peter Vogell. No discussion. Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Board/Committee re-appointments/appointments approved 3-0.

Item 6. Other Business as Required: NONE.

Communications: 1) Request from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine Church to use the Town Common from 2-6PM on Sunday, August 15th to host the ordination and reception of their ministerial intern from two years ago. Peter Vogell made motion to approve. Second by Gordon MacArthur. No discussion. UUCC request approved 2-0 (Colin abstained since he sits on the UUCC Board).

2) Request from Jonathan Weinstein and Jacqueline Thomas to use the Town Common and Emerson Hall for a small gathering to celebrate Jonathan's mother's 100th Birthday. They expect 15-25 guests on August 14th and they understand that Emerson Hall is a dry building (no alcohol allowed). Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Peter Vogell. No discussion. Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Jonathan Weinstein/Jacqueline Thomas request approved 3-0.

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

1) Liz Parish asked about the criteria for being appointed and serving on a Castine Board/Committee. She asked if non-residents could serve? It depends what Board/Committee is in question. Some are outlined by State Statute, and some by local Ordinance. Discussion.

2) Diane Modesett asked if the Town has considered security measures within the Town. There have been several incidents lately especially at the Town Dock. She said it is scary and it would be smart to be proactive. Shawn addressed. He has done some research on this topic and cameras. Most of them are internet based and/or cellphone based and can be costly. There is also the option of using "game cameras" but they will not be as productive. Marc Pelletier suggested bringing the options to the Town voters. He also suggested posting security surveillance signage which could help. Discussion.

3) Liz Parish asked if there were any further developments and plans to use the \$100,000 COVID Relief funds the Town is getting from the State. Shawn said Castine is supposed to be receiving \$107,564 and it can be spread out over 2 fiscal years and good through 2026. There are restrictions and limited items the Town can use the funds for. The Town has not yet received and are told it could be until the end of August. The Selectboard can accept the funds, but the Town voters will have to vote on how the funds are spent.

Liz suggested maybe hiring an engineer to redesign and restructure Perkins Street. The road, sidewalks, infrastructure, overgrowth, etc are all a big problem. We need an overall design for the street and outline on how to manage the property owners.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: NONE.

Upcoming Mtgs: Monday, 8/2/21 and Monday, 8/16/21 both at 4PM (In-Person & ZOOM) – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Wednesday, 7/21/2021 at 8AM - T/G Mtg (ZOOM), if needed – NO JULY T/G MTG. We meet in August.

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 4:36PM.

Minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.

Island Name Changing Committee

After advertising for membership, the Town had received interest from the following individuals to be appointed to the Island Name Changing Committee:

Caleb Jackson, or representative of Maine Coast Heritage Trust – owner of Lower Island.

Ralph L Smith, or representative of Uni, LLC – owner of Upper Island

Wallace Alston

Hans Carlson

Judy Fitzsimmons

Susan Hazlett

Marcia Mason

Debbie Rogers

Georgia Zildjian

Lisa Lutts, Castine Historical Society, Ex Officio Member

Note: Additional Members or Ex Officio Members may be added at a later date.



CASTINE MAINE U.S.A.

July 16, 2021

Selectboard
Town of Castine
P.O. Box 204
Castine, Maine 04421

Reference: Appointment of Municipal Officials

Dear Selectboard:

Pursuant to Title 30A, M.R.S.A., § 2636, I request that you confirm the following appointments for the 2021-22 fiscal year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

Municipal Officials

Finance Officer	Karen Motycka
Treasurer	Karen Motycka
Tax Collector	Karen Motycka
Town Clerk	Susan Macomber
Registrar of Voters	Susan Macomber
Code Enforcement Officer	Shawn Blodgett
Local Plumbing Inspector	Peter Vogell
Alternate CEO & LPI	Dale Abernethy
Harbor Master	Scott Vogell
Animal Control Officer	Henry Erhard
Health Officer (3-year term ending June 30, 2024)	Ingrid Scott

Department Heads

Library Director	Nicholas Berry
Fire Chief	Randy Stearns

Sincerely,

Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Castine Selectboard

FROM: Susan Macomber, Town Clerk

RE: Board/Committee Annual Appointments/Re-appointments

July 16, 2021

Please consider the following appointments/re-appointments, effective 7/1/2021:

Planning Board:

Beverly Bishop = 5-year term, expiring 6/2026

Donald Tenney, Alt = 1-year term, expiring 6/2022

Historic Preservation Commission:

Kelly Gualtieri (replacing Kay Hightower = 3-year term, expiring 6/2024

Harbor Committee:

J.T. Loomis = 3-year term, expiring 6/2024

Bill Corbett = 3-year term, expiring 6/2024

Tim Leach, Alt = 1-year term, expiring 6/2022

Utility Board:

Kirk Langford, Regular member (replacing David Avery), 3-year term, expiring 6/2024

Dale Abernethy, Alt = 1-year term, expiring 6/2022

Recreation Committee:

Karen Cukierski = 3-year term, expiring 6/2024

Cemetery Association:

Brad Tenney = 3-year term, expiring 6/2024

Victoria Blackwood (replacing Elizabeth Ballou) = 1-year term, expiring 6/2022