

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



DATE: Tuesday, September 28, 2021,

TIME: 2:00 PM (Zoom available)

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: David Adams, Marc Pelletier, Wallace & Alice Alston, Debbie Rogers, Pam & Bob Scott, Marcia Mason, Diana Bernard, Kathy Eaton, Arthur "Buzz" Layton, Judy Fitzsimmons, Caleb Jackson (MCHT), Meadow Dibble (ZOOM) and David Avery of the Castine Patriot.

Gordon MacArthur, Chair opened the meeting at 2:00 PM. Quorum was confirmed with Peter Vogell stating his presence; Colin Powell stating his presence; and Gordon MacArthur stating his presence.

Item 1. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving and signing the November 2, 2021, Election Warrant. Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, read a letter sent from the Smith/Good Family, owners of one of the Negro Islands asking that the Town slow down the renaming of the Islands process. Gordon read a statement addressing that a Town Referendum question pertaining to the Island Name Change (see attached). Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the November 2, 2021, Election Warrant. Second by Peter Vogell. The Election Warrant consists only of the Annual Municipal Officials ballot. Gordon asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Election Warrant approved 3-0.

Item 2. Gordon MacArthur introduced possible appointments to a Sidewalk Committee. Gordon read the list (see attached). Peter Vogell 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. Sidewalk Committee appointments approved 3-0. Marc Pelletier asked what the next move should be as he would like to see the Committee get started right away. Shawn said he would get it organized and be in touch with the volunteers.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to adjourn. Second by Peter Vogell. 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 2:13 PM.

Minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.

The November Election will not have a Town Referendum question pertaining to the Island Name Change.

Earlier today the Town Office received a "Petition" from Bob Scott with 61 names asking that the Selectboard slow down the name change process. As is customary, the "petition" was forwarded along for legal advice. A call was also put in to the US Board of Geographical Names asking if Castine could have more time to submit Island name recommendations.

The US Board of Geographical Names confirmed that Castine could wait until either after the May 2022 Town Meeting or the November 2022 Election to submit recommended names.

Legal counsel stated;

- What Mr. Scott submitted was not a petition, but was written as an informal request.
- If it were a petition, some of the signatures were not valid as they were either not registered voters or were not original signatures.
- Secret Ballot Referendum questions going to open poll voting must be submitted 60 days prior to the poll date. This is true for both petition articles as well as articles prepared by the Municipal Officers.

As the Island Name Article was not prepared and available 60 days prior to November 2nd, it will not appear on the ballot.

The Selectboard will regroup with the Island Naming Committee and discuss at a future Selectboard Meeting.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Castine Selectboard

FROM: Susan Macomber, Town Clerk

RE: Appointment to an Ad-Hoc Sidewalk Committee

September 27, 2021

Please consider the following appointments:

Sidewalk Ad-Hoc Committee:

Marc Pelletier
Bobby Vagt
Gus Basile
Tom Comiciotto
Karen Cukierski
Bill Lyons
Bob Beske
Johanna Barrett
Diana Bernard