

**Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 4:00 PM
Emerson Hall**

GBM
CP
Peter Vogell
(Zoom)

Present: Colin Powell, Chair; Gordon MacArthur and Peter Vogell (Zoom), Selectboard and Karen Motycka, Finance Officer.

Public: Marc Pelletier, Bruce and Roberta Boczkiewicz, Bob and Sam Friedlander, Bobby and Ruth Ann Vagt, Josh Adam, Kelly Gualtieri, Brock Muir, Brooke Tenney (Zoom), Helen Miller (Zoom), Ann Miller (Zoom), Penny Carlhian (Zoom), Sue Macomber (Zoom), Bob Beske (Zoom) and Jimmy Goodson (Zoom).

Colin called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. It was verified that a quorum was present by roll call. Colin explained that going forward, all present by Zoom would be muted and use of "chat" would be utilized during acknowledge members of the public to address questions.

Colin asked for a motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$38,798.55. Gordon made a motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount stated. Colin seconded the motion. No questions or discussion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Colin asked for a motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$85,803.22. Gordon made a motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount stated. Colin seconded the motion. No questions or discussion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Colin asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the February 7, 2022 meeting. Gordon made the motion. Peter seconded the motion. No discussion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Item 1.

Colin asked for a motion to approve the Victualer License for the Castine Cottages. Peter made a motion to approve the Victualer License. Gordon seconded the motion. No discussion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Item 2.

Colin read a memo from Sue Macomber to consider appointments to Boards and Committees. Josh Adam would like to serve a 3-year term, expiring 6/2025 on the Utility Board. As Marc Pelletier has resigned from the Historic Preservation Commission, Brooke Tenney, who is currently an Alternate Member, would like to replace Marc's term as a Regular Member, expiring 6/2024. Gordon made a

motion to appoint Josh Adam to a 3-year term on the Utility Board. Peter seconded the motion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Gordon made a motion to appoint Brooke Tenney as a regular member on the Historic Preservation Commission, replacing Marc Pelletier's term. Peter seconded the motion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Colin thanked Josh and Brooke for their willingness to serve.

Item 3.

Colin read an email from Nick Berry, Director at Witherle Memorial Library asking for permission to apply for a grant through Maine Community Foundation to install a Bike Repair Station. The requested grant amount is \$3,219 with no matching funds required. Gordon made a motion to approve the request. Colin seconded the motion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Item 4.

Colin introduced a request from Jack Spratt, Assistant Fire Chief to apply for a grant through the National Volunteer Fire Council for Turnout Gear. Jack has applied for this grant several times, there is no matching fund requirement. Gordon made a motion to approve the request. Colin seconded the motion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Item 5.

In Shawn's absence, Colin read the Town Manager's Report – See attached report to become part of the minutes. Gordon made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on March 7th, provided we receive all the information needed for sidewalk clearing. Colin seconded the motion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Item 6.

Colin asked if there was any other business. There was none.

Communications

Colin read a letter from Sam Friedlander, on behalf of Castine Arts Association. They would like to sponsor a "Flash in the Pans" concert on Monday, June 6th from 7:30 – 9 on the Town Dock. Gordon made motion to approve the request, but would like members of the band to park somewhere else,

rather than the slots in front of Compass Rose and the Variety. Colin seconded the motion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Colin read an email from Nick Berry, Director of Witherle Memorial Library. They are asking to use the Town Common (Emerson Hall – rain location) for an Author Reading on Saturday, July 9th from 4 – 7 pm. Colin made motion to approve. Gordon seconded the motion. Rollcall vote – Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Acknowledged members of the public to address their requests.

Josh Adam asked about the Department of Environmental Protection PFAS Map that he had brought up at the last meeting. He wanted to know why the Town was not aware of the PFAS levels in testing at the sewer plant. Colin told Josh that he would need to speak with Shawn when he was back from vacation.

Ann Miller asked about making Perkins Street, from Pleasant to Main one way. She has asked to have this done several times. Gordon said he felt the area needed to be looked at, to see if it was necessary or not. Brock Muir, who lives at the corner of Pleasant and Court thought a bigger area may need to be looked at – maybe Pleasant Street should be one way as well. Marc Pelletier brought up that Water Street from Main to Green is one-way, but not everyone follows the one-way rule. Enforcement is something to contend with.

Brooke Tenney asked about Recycling. Brooke had sent an email a week or so ago referencing a Bangor Daily News Article. Karen had forwarded the email and a copy of the BDN Article to the Selectboard. Consideration of additional expense to recycle will be taken up when looking at the budget.

Past Actions – there were none.

Selectboard Comments

Schedule next meetings. Selectboard – Monday 3/7/22 and Monday 3/21/22 both at 4 PM. Town Gown Meeting – Tentatively, Wednesday, 3/24/22 at 8 AM (Zoom).

With no other business, Colin asked for a motion to adjourn. Gordon made a motion to adjourn. Peter seconded the motion. Rollcall vote - Gordon voted Yes, Peter voted Yes and Colin voted Yes.

Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

Minutes by Karen Motycka.



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: February 21, 2022
Re: Town Manager Report

1. Request for Proposals (RFP) for Town Dock Sheet Piling Work. The Town of Castine is seeking proposals for the sheet piling project at the town dock. RFP packages were sent out to the three firms recommended by the Harbor Committee last week and bid opening is set for 3:00 PM on March 17th, 2022.

2. Traffic Ordinance Amendment. As of the writing of this report, the legal review, and revisions to the proposed amendment to the Castine Traffic Ordinance are not complete. Due to this, I recommend to the Selectboard to schedule a public hearing on this issue at your next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. American Rescue Plan Fund (ARPA) Expenditures. The final rule on ARPA expenditures has just been published and I am still working on the final plan to recommend to the Selectboard. As the Selectboard is aware, town officers may accept ARPA funds on behalf of the town but cannot expend the same without town approval. MMA has published a draft warrant article which reads as follows:

“To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$XXXXX of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (a/k/a American Rescue Plan Act or “ARPA” funds) received by the Town from the federal government for qualified projects, as authorized by the Select Board; provided, however, that the Select Board shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed expenditure of such ARPA funds prior to expenditure of the same”.

After the above goes through a quick legal review by the town’s attorney, I recommend that the Selectboard include an article like this on this year’s warrant for Town Meeting.