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Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
"Castine Municipal Solid Waste Ordinance"
Monday, April 4, 2021, 4PM
Emerson Hall and Zoom

Present: Peter Vogell, Chair; Colin Powell and Gordon MacArthur, Selectboard; Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager; and Karen Motycka, Finance Officer.

Public: Bob Beske, Marc Pelletier, Brock Muir, Ann Blodgett, Brooke Tenney, Roberta Boczkiewicz, Bobby and Ruth Ann Vagt, Josh Adam, Ann Robinson, Ted Hale, Liz Parish (Zoom), Helen Miller (Zoom) and David Avery for the Castine Patriot.

Peter opened the Public Hearing at 4 PM for the "Castine Municipal Solid Waste Ordinance". He asked Shawn to guide the group through the need to update and the changes (copies of the current ordinance and draft ordinance is attached to these minutes).

Shawn explained that the current "Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling Ordinance" was adopted by the Town on March 22, 1993. It mostly deals with commercial haulers and the annual licensing from the Town. The updated draft version updates the use and process as it exists today as well as updates definitions. The one question he had was whether the Town wanted to continue with general contractor charge accounts. Currently there are about 8 charge accounts. The process is cumbersome; the Transfer Station Attendant makes slips out when stuff is dropped off at the Transfer station; the attendant drops slips off at the Town Office and once a month the Town Office bills them out. They are supposed to be due upon receipt, however regularly we send out 30 day reminders.

Peter asked for any questions or comments. David Avery asked how the Town ensures things going into the Transfer Station are from Castine. If the Transfer station attendant does not recognize someone, she will introduce herself and find out who they are and where they live. She will also ask contractors where debris is coming from.

With no further questions or comments, Peter closed the Public Hearing at 4:10 PM.

Minutes by Karen Motycka