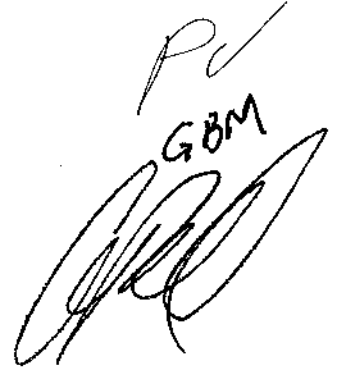


TOWN OF CASTINE
SELECTBOARD, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
MEETING MINUTES



DATE: Tuesday, July 5, 2022
TIME: 4PM (In-person; broadcast via ZOOM)
PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Liz Parish, Gus Basile, Helen Miller, David Adams, Josh Adams, Brooke Tenney, Roberta Boczkiewicz, Kate Noel and David Avery of the Castine Patriot.

Peter Vogell 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. Peter asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda: NONE.

Warrants: Peter 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 \$107,005.91; Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount stated. Second by Peter Vogell. No discussion. Peter 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 \$677.35; Colin Powell made motion to approve the Water Dept Warrant in the amount stated. Second by Peter Vogell. No discussion.

Peter 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 June 21, 2022, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Gordon MacArthur. No discussion. Peter asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. June 21, 2022, Selectboard Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve the June 30, 2022, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Gordon MacArthur. No discussion. Peter asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. June 30, 2022, Selectboard Mtg minutes approved 2-0 (Colin Powell absent).

Item 1. Peter Vogell introduced approving Amusement License – Arntzen Family Wedding.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Peter Vogell.

Wedding ceremony and reception at Fort Madison on Saturday, August 6, 2022.

Peter asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Amusement License – Arntzen Wedding approved 3-0.

Item 2. Town Manager's Report: Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager read his report (see attached).

Item 3. Other Business as Required. NONE.

Communications: -request to close Water St from Goody-B Wiseman section in front of the Water Street Annex Building for an exhibit/fundraiser on Wedn, July 13th from 4:30-8PM. There will be clear passageway for emergency vehicles and patrons to get to T&C Market. Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Colin Powell. Peter asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Request approved 3-0.

-request from Kimberly Morgan of Gran Fondo Hincapie: The Ultimate Cycling Experience group to use the Backshore Beach area as a Rest Stop for around 600 cyclists on Saturday, August 6, 2022, for their Bike Ride. The Bike Ride starts and ends at the Bangor Waterfront, ride through Bucksport and then into Castine. They are responsible for any equipment used, i.e., tents, tables, flags, port-a-potties, food, beverages, etc and will leave the Backshore Beach in better condition than they found it. They also hope to have local volunteers helping at the Rest Stop. Discussion. Arntzen Wedding event is on that same day. Colin Powell made motion to approve the request. Second by Peter Vogell. Peter asked for votes: Peter stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Request approved 3-0.

Peter acknowledged the public present for any requests, questions, or concerns: -Gus Basile reiterated his opinion that the Town voters decided at the 2016 Town Mtg to put a fire station off-neck, citing the discussion portion of the minutes of that warrant article. The Selectboard and Town Clerk, explained that the warrant article and actual vote only approved the funds to go into Reserve Accounts and that the discussions talked about a possible Fire Station or Substation off-neck. Gus suggested that if the Battle Ave location does not get used for a new Fire Station, then the land should be put aside so no one can build on it. He said we really must protect the Water Dept ponds. The surface ponds along with wells provides the Town's drinking water. Gus also asked about the very restrictive Source Water Protection Ordinance and how it would be enforced if a new Fire Station is built at the potential Battle Ave location. Shawn said policing is difficult. As the Code Enforcement Officer, he would be the one but unless he has a reason to visit a property or receives a complaint, he wouldn't necessary know of a violation. Gus pointed several recent opinions published in the Castine Patriot by Kevin Coady and Kip Oberting and also a report written years ago by previous Water/Sewer Superintendent George Motycka. Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, addressed Gus' comments and concerns. Shawn said that George Motycka's report was written from opinion and many of his concerns have been addressed and resolved. The Source Water Protection Ordinance is in place to protect that zone. There are approximately twenty-three homes/buildings in that zone. At this time, nine tests for PFAS/PFOS have been done; five by the Town and four by concerned citizens. One of those tests had a positive hit (2-parts per trillion – a low hit). Since then, guidelines have been followed and no PFAS/PFOS chemicals have been detected. Also, to note Federal Drinking Water Advisory levels have lowered the allowable limit. If that one test tested positive now it would not be in violation. Federal EPA is requiring testing starting this fall. Discussion.

-Liz Parish asked for an ARPA fund update. What are the funds being used on? At the 2022 May Town Mtg voters approved for the first round, \$52,000, of ARPA funds to be used on the Perkins St

drainage project. There are no plans for the second round yet and regardless the Town voters will have to approve. Liz asked if there will be discussions on possibilities for usage. Shawn answered yes.

-Helen Miller thanked the Town Office staff for their recent help on a technical matter. She added that she thought Dr Marjorie Olivari and her entire team deserved to be recognized and thanked for being unsung heroes during these trying times. Helen also asked for an update on Bicentennial donations. She is being asked for a status from some who donated. Colin Powell said the Committee is planning and targeting to have a celebration next summer. Covid restrictions earlier this year prevented any planning for this 2022 summer.

-David Adams expressed his dismay at the Island Name Change Committee's (INCC) process for the renaming of Negro Islands. He said that "Negro" is a respectable name. Martin Luther King Jr used it often. David said the INCC needs to do more research into the history of the Islands and African Americans in this area. He said that resident, Arthur Layton, found pertinent information in the New York Public Library that could be useful to the Committee.

Colin Powell explained that the Town is in the process of advising the U.S. Geologic Survey Board which is going to change the name with or without the Town's input. Gordon MacArthur said David had valid suggestions and he should attend an INCC mtg. Their next mtg is on Thursday, 7/7 at 4PM.

Past Actions: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: None.

Upcoming Mtgs:

-Mon, 7/18/22 both at 4PM - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to adjourn. Second by Colin Powell. Peter asked for votes: Peter stated yes to adjourn. Colin stated yes to adjourn. Gordon stated yes to adjourn. Approved 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:15PM.

Minutes by Susan M Macomber, Town Clerk.



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: July 05, 2022
Re: Town Manager Report

1. Perkins/Pleasant Streets Stormwater Drainage Project Update. This project paused due to locating a drain stub and is now stopped again waiting on delivery of catch basins. Speaking with our project manager and contractor, I am hopeful that they will receive at least a partial shipment of the catch basins by the end of this week and the project can continue.

2. Catch Basin Clean Out. Castine Public Works in conjunction with a vendor will be conducting stormwater catch basin clean out throughout town starting tomorrow. We have not conducted this

3. Upcoming Road Closure. Residents should expect delays on The Shore Road on the 11th and 12th of July as the State Department of Transportation will be installing a culvert under the road just to the South of Gilpin Road. There will be a detour posted taking drivers out on the New Road and then North through Penobscot and vice versa.

4. British Canal Historic Sign Vandalized. On the evening of 03 July, the British Canal historic sign was vandalized. Quick action by concerned citizens repaired the sign sparing the Town of Castine some embarrassment on the 4th of July, but the sign is being removed and repaired today. If residents notice the sign's absence, it is not stolen this time, but only being repaired.



5. Second Tranche of ARPA Funds Received. The Town has received and deposited the second tranche of Castine's apportioned American Rescue Plan money. This funding totals \$52,385.44. I will address requests for spending this money with the Selectboard at a future meeting.

6. 4th of July. I think most that took part in Castine's 4th of July celebration left our community with a very positive feeling of the day's events. However, this event could not happen without many people working behind the scenes to plan and coordinate everything that happens. There are too many people to single out, but I would like to specifically thank Sue Macomber, Karen Motycka, Fire Chief Randy Stearns and the Castine Fire Rescue Department, the entire Recreation Committee, the Castine Town Band, and the Castine Merchants association for either volunteering their time or by providing contributions which enabled all of the activities that brought so much joy to so many.