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

DATE: Monday, September 19, 2022

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Bobby & Ruth Ann Vagt, Liz Parish, Brooke Tenney, Pam & Bob Scott, Roberta Boczkiwicz, Josh Adam, Gus Basile, Tom Comiciotto, Roxanne Coady, and David Avery of the Castine Patriot.

ZOOM: Helen Miller and Bruce Boczkiwicz.

Peter Vogell opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Peter Vogell verified that there was a quorum with Gordon MacArthur, Colin Powell, and Peter all present in person.

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

Peter Vogell made motion to approve the warrants, abatements, budget vs. actual and trial balance reports, bank reconciliations and excise tax collections; General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$224,798.14. Second by Colin Powell.

Peter asked for votes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. General Fund Warrant approved 3-0.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve Water Warrant in the amount of \$609.73. Second by Gordon MacArthur. Peter asked for votes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Water Warrant approved 3-0.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve the September 6, 2022, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Gordon MacArthur. No discussion. Peter asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. September 6, 2022, Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Item 1. Peter Vogell introduced approving the November 8, 2022, Election Warrant.

Peter Vogell made motion to approve. Second by Colin Powell.

No discussion. Peter asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. November 8th Election Warrant approved 3-0.

Item 2. Peter Vogell introduced approving the November 8, 2022, Election Clerks (see attached). Peter Vogell made motion to approve and to give authority to the Town Clerk to appoint any additional Election/Ballot Clerks as needed. Second by Gordon MacArthur. No discussion. Peter asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. November 8th Election Clerks approved 3-0.

Item 3. Peter Vogell introduced approving the Island Name Change Binding Survey (see attached). Colin Powell made motion to approve. Second by Peter Vogell. This survey is requested by the Island Name Change Committee (INCC). The aim is that the majority choice will be sent by the Selectboard to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names as recommendation for replacement names. If majority chooses the *None of the Above* option, the Selectboard will contact the U.S. Board of Geographic Names with no recommendation for replacement names. Peter asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Binding Survey approved 3-0.

Item 4. Peter Vogell introduced the Town Manager's Report: Shawn Blodgett read his report (see attached).

Lighthouse Days: Saturday, Sept 10th with approximately 120 people visiting. There were 2 EMTs on site who are MMA students and Castine Fire Rescue Dept members. They will get paid for their time at the event. There were no vertigo incidents this time around, but it has been determined that having the EMTs on site as a safeguard is invaluable.

#2. Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) Grant: Peter Vogell made motion to approve for the Town to apply for the CRP Grant which requires a 10% cost share (maximum \$5,000). Second by Gordon MacArthur. No discussion. Peter asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Peter stated yes to approve. Apply for CRP Grant approved 3-0.

Item 5. Other Business as Required = NONE.

Communications: NONE.

Peter acknowledged the public present: -Gus Basile asked if the Town had any word back from DEP regarding the proposed new Fire Station. All were confused by Gus' question. Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager, said the Town was waiting on report from Port City Architecture if that was what Gus was referring to. Shawn said the Town had just received a draft report the week before. Copy was sent to him, Fire Chief Randy Stearns, Asst Chief Tom Gutow, Asst Chief Jack Spratt and the Selectboard. A few changes, clarifications and revisions have been sent back to Port City. Shawn said once we get the revised version returned, he

anticipates it will go the Utility Board for review. Eventually the Selectboard will schedule a Public Informational Mtg and an application to the Planning Board.

Discussion.

Peter Vogell said as soon as we receive the final report, we will decide on what next to do.

PAST ACTIONS: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: NONE.

Upcoming Mtg:

Monday, 10/3/22 and Monday, 10/17/22 both at 4PM – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Wednesday, 10/19/22 at 8AM - T/G Mtg if needed.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to adjourn. Second by Colin Powell.

Peter asked for votes. Gordon stated yes to adjourn. Colin stated yes to adjourn. Peter stated yes to adjourn. Approved 3-0.

Mtg adjourned at 4:17 PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Castine Selectboard
FROM: Susan Macomber, Town Clerk

RE: November 8, 2022 General Election/Ballot Clerks

September 16, 2022

Please approve Election/Ballot Clerks for the November 8, 2022 General Election and authorize the Town Clerk to appoint any other Election/Ballot Clerks as needed:

Republicans

Scott Vogell
Kathleen Eaton
Thomas Comiciotto

Democrats

Robin Mass
Gunilla Kettis
Ray Nualla

Independent

Alicia Anstead



Island Name Change Binding Survey

As recommended by the Island Name Change Committee (INCC)

Select your choice for the Individual Island Names and the Group Island Name replacements. The Selectboard will notify the U.S. Board of Geographic Names with the majority choices.

NOTE: Choosing the None of the Above option is not a selection for keeping the Islands original names. If the majority chooses None of the Above, the Town will contact the U.S. Board of Geographic Names and make no recommendation for replacement names.

Individual Island Names – Please select **ONE**:

- Esther Island (Upper) and Emanuel Island (Lower)
- Jackson Island (Upper) and Pidianiske Island (Lower)
- None of the Above

Group Island Names – Please select **ONE**:

- Meguntic (translated from Algonquin/Penobscot language origins as 'smooth choppy waters')
- Sikkwenahk (translated from Algonquin/Penobscot language origins to identify the horseshoe crabs appearing abundantly around the islands)
- None of the Above



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: September 19, 2022
Re: Town Manager's Report

1. Recycling. In my conversations with Nina and Larry at the transfer station, the community has started to get used to the new standards of recycling and issues have rapidly declined. I would like to thank the community for being flexible and everyone's continued adherence to the new zero sort protocols.

2. Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) Grant. By close of business tomorrow, I would like to apply for a \$50,000 CRP grant. This grant requires a 10% cost share from the local community. Our hope is to focus the grant dollars on weatherization of municipal buildings and the switching of old fluorescent or incandescent lighting to LED. To prepare, we have conducted a lighting audit of Emerson Hall, Witherle Memorial Library and the Adams School and found at least 97 lights and several exit signs that could be switched out to gain efficiency. Emerson Hall's ground floor emergency exit doors are not energy efficient, and the upstairs insulation is completely substandard. As stated, this grant requires a 10% cost share which if the town receives the full amount will equate to \$5,000. We have over \$18,000 in the Emerson Hall maintenance account right now. I respectfully request the Selectboard's authorization to apply for this grant.

3. Elm Tree Committee Donations. In the very near future, we will place a donation tab on the town web page in case an interested party wishes to donate to the preservation and maintenance of Castine's elm trees.



4. Meeting with Maine Department of Transportation. On the 9th of September, we had a meeting with the Region 4/5 Planning for Maine DOT and the newly hired planner for the Hancock County Planning Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to highlight the periodic flooding on the Dunbar Road and across 166A in the vicinity of Dunc's Meadow. Even though the Dunbar Road section is over the Castine border and in Penobscot, it is a significant public safety concern for Castine as flooding in this area adds to response times for ambulance service coming from Blue Hill. They have agreed to look into conducting a point analysis on response times so that this project might receive a higher prioritization to be renovated in the future.

5. Perkins/Pleasant/ Water Street Project Update. Our contractor for this project has returned from vacation and started the process to prepare the area for repaving today.