

**Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 21, 2022, 4:00 PM
Emerson Hall**

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

Public: Marc Pelletier, Bruce Boczkiewicz, David Adams, Don Tenney, Gus Basile, Bobby and Ruth Ann Vagt, Debbi Neve, Helen Miller, Brooke Tenney, Charles Hart, Josh Adam and David Avery for "Castine Patriot".

Zoom: Liz Parish and Penny Carlhian.

Colin called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. It was verified that a quorum was present.

Colin asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

Colin asked for a motion to approve warrants, abatements, budget vs actual and trial balance reports, bank reconciliations and excise tax collections. Gordon made a motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$90,208.75. Roberta seconded the motion and commented that the bills covered items from infrastructure to work at the Fire Dept. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Colin made a motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$1,976.14. Gordon seconded the motion. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Colin asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes. Gordon made the motion to approve, Colin seconded the motion. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 2 – 0 (Roberta abstained).

Colin asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2022 Selectboard Meeting Minutes. Gordon made the motion to approve, Colin seconded the motion. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 2 – 0 (Roberta abstained).

Item 1.

Colin introduced Elect a Chair for the period November 2022 – November 2023. Gordon made a motion to elect Colin Powell as Chair. Roberta seconded the motion. Colin explained that it

has been customary for the board member serving his or her last year of their term to sit as Chair. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Item 2.

Colin introduced Various Boards/Committee Appointment(s) and Resignation(s). Gordon made motion to appoint Patrick Haugen to the Tree Committee as a regular member, replacing the remainder of Johanna Barrett's 3-year term, expiring June 2025. Colin seconded the motion. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Gordon made a motion to accept Roberta Boczkiewicz's resignation from the Planning Board as it is now a conflict being a Selectboard member. Colin seconded the motion. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 2 – 0 (Roberta abstained).

Shawn said that he had received a request from Justin Cooper to sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member, with term expiring June 2023. Gordon made motion to appoint Justin Cooper as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with term expiring June 2023. Colin seconded the motion. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Item 3.

Colin read a memo from Shawn Blodgett with the Island Name Change Survey Results (memo attached to become part of the minutes). For the individual island names, Esther Island and Emanuel Island had the greatest number of votes. For the collective or group name for the islands, The Meguntic Islands had the greatest number of votes. Colin then proceeded to read the "Recommendation for New Names for Upper and Lower Negro Islands" that would be sent to the United States Board of Geographic Names (attached to become part of the minutes). Gordon made a motion to approve the recommendation, Roberta seconded the motion. Colin asked for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Colin thanked the Island Name Change Committee and the Community at large for all the work that went into the name change.

Item 4.

Colin introduced the Town Manager's Report. Shawn read his report (attached to become part of the minutes). Shawn also brought up that the Town needs to be thinking about the next steps for Fort George. Perhaps a committee should be appointed to prioritize actions. David

Avery had a question related to Fort George. He wondered why the flag was not being flown. Shawn answered that the flag needed to be replaced and we were waiting for supply chain, but the flags have arrived, so we will have put up.

Item 5.

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

Communications – there was none.

Colin acknowledged members of the public.

Josh Adam asked about the Fire Department Report. He said he understood that an Environmental Impact Report was supposed to have been done and he did not see as part of the final report from Port City Architecture. Shawn said that he had just had a chance, this afternoon, to read the report and he would have to follow up with Port City.

Helen Miller asked about the donations from the Bicentennial Committee. She said that a donor had asked her for an update and she wanted to get back to them. Bobby Vagt said the donors should contact a member of the committee with any questions. The committee does need to meet, but it probably will not happen within the next several weeks.

David Adams said in addition to Fort George, he also had concerns about St Castin's Habitation, which is on the Historic Register. There have been and continues to be erosion problems. David says that Blue Hill Heritage Trust has an easement on the property and is supposed to visit annually and ensure that it is stable. He would like to see some sort of an archeological study done there. Marc Pelletier was curious as to where St Castin's Habitation is located? It is located on the Pemberton property.

Past Actions – there were none.

Selectboard Comments – Colin thanked all who helped with Election.

Schedule Next meetings – Monday, 12/5/22 and Monday, 12/19/22 both at 4PM. As there are three weeks in between this meeting and the next, Karen would like a meeting sometime in the middle to pay bills. Selectboard agreed to schedule.

With no other business, Roberta made a motion to adjourn. Colin seconded the motion. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM.

Minutes by Karen Motycka.



MEMORANDUM

To: Residents of Castine
From: Shawn Blodgett – Town Manager
Date: November 10, 2022
Re: Island Name Change Survey Results

1. On November 9, 2022 at Noon, Selectboard member Gordon MacArthur, Hans Carlson, the Vice Chairman of the Island Name Change Committee and I met to count the results of the Island Name Change Survey. The survey submissions were tallied in total three times with each survey response being read separately by two different individuals. Several members of the public as well as the press observed the process.

2. The results of the survey are as detailed below:

-For the individual island names

Esther Island and Emanuel Island ----- 136

Jackson Island and Pidianiske Island----- 111

None of the Above ----- 94

-For the collective or group name for the islands

The Meguntic Islands-----171

The Sikkwenahk Islands----- 88

None of the Above----- 80

3. A formal recommendation will be made by the Castine Selectboard to the United States Board of Geographic Names to change the names of the islands to Esther and Emanuel Islands individually and the Meguntic Islands collectively. This action will end Castine’s involvement in this process and future inquiries or concerns should be made to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.



MEMORANDUM

To: United States Board of Geographic Names
From: Castine Selectboard, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor
Date: November 21, 2022
Re: Recommendation for New Names for “Upper and Lower Negro Islands”.

1. On October 20, 2020 the Town of Castine received notice that your office had received a petition to change the names of the “Upper and Lower Negro Islands”, collectively known as the “Negro Islands”. These islands are located within the boundaries of Castine, Maine. On May 08, 2021 at Castine’s annual Town Meeting, the town voted to support the changing of the names of these islands. From June of 2021 until September of 2022 a committee appointed by the Selectboard conducted exhaustive research and community outreach which culminated with a binding survey. To ensure maximum participation, the survey took place in conjunction with the elections on November 08, 2022. Castine’s recommendations for these island names are detailed below.

2. For the individual island names the Town of Castine recommends the following:

That the name “Upper Negro Island” be changed to “Esther Island”.

That the name “Lower Negro Island” be changed to “Emanuel Island”.

Esther and Emanuel were two of the earliest known African American inhabitants of Castine dating to between 1785-1790. There is no record of either Esther or Emanuel in later town records or censuses.

For the collective, or group name, for the islands the Town of Castine recommends the following:

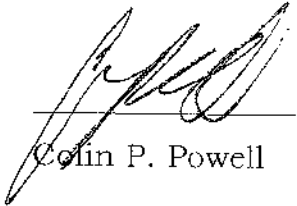
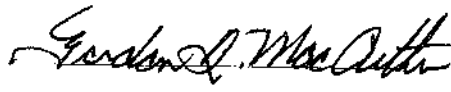
The Meguntic Islands.



“Meguntic” is derived from the Algonquin and/or Penobscot languages and is translated into English as “smooth in choppy waters”.

3. This formal recommendation to the United States Board of Geographic Names is made on behalf of the citizens of Castine by the Castine Selectboard, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor on November 21, 2022.

For follow on inquiries or coordination, contact Shawn Blodgett, the Castine Town Manager at shawn@castine.me.us or by phone at (207) 326-4502.


Colin P. Powell
Gordon B. MacArthur
Roberta Boczkiewicz



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: November 21, 2022
Re: Town Manager's Report

1. Infrastructure Update. At long last, the Perkins/Pleasant/Water street stormwater mitigation project is completed. There will be some minor follow up work to be completed in the spring, but the infrastructure is in place and functioning well. With weather setting in, our paving traditional paving projects are also completed except for Tarratine and potholes. Public works will be patching Tarratine with perma-patch which is not weather dependent and filling potholes around town in the coming days and weeks.

2. Fire Department Phase II Report Received. The final version of the Phase II Fire Department report has been received. It is currently posted under announcements on the Fire Department's web page. As town hall's primary and backup web page manager's are out right now, the town web page is languishing a bit, but we will have it posted soon.

3. Island Name Change Recommendation. Before we dive into the recommendation, I would like to publicly thank both former and current members of the Island Name Change Committee for their work in navigating through this initiative. There are a couple of minor housekeeping issues left for the committee such as compiling minutes for the record before I would recommend to the Selectboard that they disband, but their work is largely complete. In front of the Selectboard is the recommendation to go to the United States Board of Geographic Names. As previously released in a



statement released on November 16, 2022, the results were clear from the town. The recommendation reads:

4. Sailing Ships Maine Opportunity. We were recently contacted by Sailing Ships Maine with an opportunity for area high school aged children to live and work aboard the Oliver Hazard Perry in Newport, RI. The opportunity is funded by a grant from the State so there is no cost to applicants, or their families and transportation is provided to Newport from Portland. The program is called the Maritime Trades Program and runs from November 28 through December 02. We have already informed the parents of all high school aged children with ties to Castine that we are aware of but I want to take this opportunity to get the word out to anyone else that might be interested. I have been told that two families have already signed up.