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Town of Castine
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, November 7, 2022

TIME: 4:00PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Roberta & Bruce Boczkiewicz, Don Tenney, Kate Noel, Ann Blodgett, Brooke & Gil Tenney, Bob Scott, Bob Beske, Scott Vogell, Gus Basile, Ruth Ann & Bobby Vagt, Mark Morgioni, Ruth & Ken Scheer, David Adams, Bob Friedlander, Marc Pelletier, Bente Hartmann, Josh Adam, Luke Prescott and Alexandro Rojas (both MMA students) and David Avery of the Castine Patriot.
Zoom: Liz Parish, Merissa Roessiger-Rogers, Mary Kneisel, Penny Carlhian and Helen Miller.

Peter Vogell opened the meeting at 4:00PM and introduced the topic of discussion:

1) to discuss amending the Traffic Ordinance –

- Proposed revision to the Overnight Parking Ban
- Other Parking Issues

Request came from resident Bente Hartmann to consider extending the Overnight Parking Ban from November 1st to December 1st. In recent years the weather has been manageable with not much snow if any that required snowplowing so Bente does not see a reason why it the ban could be not extended out later than November 1st.

Gordon MacArthur reviewed statistics he documented over the last 20 years. The month of November 1) average is 50% – 50% required plowable snow events verses none; 2) 1st fifteen days = 30% plowable snow events; and 3) 2nd fifteen days = 60% plowable snow events.

Marc Pelletier asked what the Town's procedure was for plowing on those rare occasions in October or in May? Why cannot it be the same for November?

Shawn/Karen said the plow contractor is responsible for removing snow and ice from public streets from Sept 1 to May 15. Peter Vogell said for this year starting November 1st tickets have been issued and some have been paid. Would it be fair to those to now change the rules?

Discussion.

Shawn read email from 91 Water Street homeowner, Chip & Lara Terry, regarding parking on Water Street. Peter said the reason for No Parking on south side of Water Street is because it is not safe, and we must have adequate passage for emergency vehicles.

Discussion on regulations and signage for parking near corners. There are several corners in Town that are dangerous corners and do not currently have signage or line striping. Scott Vogell, Parking Ticket Officer, said this is a problem. There have been numerous near miss

accidents that he knows about or witnessed.

MMA student, Luke Prescott, asked about overnight parking for watch students on the ship.

They have been given conflicting information and asked for any suggestions. Peter said several years ago the Town designated the 6-7 spaces in front of the Town Dock restrooms as parking for MMA watch students to attempt to help. Discussion.

The Town Dock odd/even spaces designation was reviewed, and the students were told they needed to discuss further with MMA.

At end of discussion, Peter Vogell made motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 3-0.

Public Hearing adjourned at 4:22PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.