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

DATE: Monday, February 6, 2023

TIME: 4PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Gordon MacArthur – Acting Chair, Colin Powell (ZOOM), Roberta Boczkiewicz, Selectboard members; Shawn Blodgett, Town Manager; Karen Motycka, Finance Officer & Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC: Marc Pelletier, Brooke & Gil Tenney, Scott Vogell, Joe Slocum, Josh Adam, Lynn & Justin Cooper, Ruth Ann Vagt, Bruce Boczkiewicz, Jim Bernard, Greer Pearce, Mark Morgioni, Ann Blodgett, and David Avery of the Castine Patriot.

Zoom: Helen Miller, Mary Kneisel, Liz Parish, and Penny Carlhian.

Gordon MacArthur opened the meeting at 4:00PM.

Gordon MacArthur verified that there was a quorum.

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

Gordon MacArthur asked for a motion to approve the warrants, abatements, budget vs. actual and trial balance reports, bank reconciliations and excise tax collections; Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$69,799.36. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Roberta stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve.

General Fund Warrant approved 3-0.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$13,914.25. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Roberta stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Water Warrant approved 3-0.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to approve the January 17, 2023, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Colin Powell. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Roberta stated yes to approve. Colin Powell stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve.

January 17, 2023, Selectboard Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the January 30, 2023, Selectboard Mtg minutes to approve Warrants. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes:

Roberta stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. January 30, 2023, Selectboard Mtg minutes approved 3-0.

Item 1. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving NEW Liquor License = Justin & Lynn Cooper, 76 Battle Ave, LLC (previously The Manor).

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz.

Gordon asked if they had any plans yet. Justin Cooper said it has been a slow process and that they do not have any exact plans yet. Gordon asked for votes: Roberta stated yes to approve. Colin Powell stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve.

NEW Liquor License approved 3-0.

Item 2. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving Re-appointment to the CHPC. Shawn clarified the confusion from the last Selectboard Mtg. Within the Castine Historic Preservation Ordinance membership is outlined to term out after 2 consecutive terms (6yrs; Arthur Layton has served a combination of alternate and regular membership that equals 5yrs which leaves a remaining 1yr to serve).

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to approve appointing Arthur Layton to the CHPC for 1-year, expiring 6/2023 (Arthur's term = 6/2022 - 6/2023). Second by Gordon MacArthur. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Roberta stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. CHPC appointment approved 3-0.

Item 3. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving the 2023 Mooring Site, Dock and Launch Ramp Rules & Fees Policy as recommended by the Harbor Committee.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz.

Karen Motycka pointed out that the rules and fees are the same as last year. Gordon asked for votes: Roberta stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. 2023 Mooring Site, Dock and Launch Ramp Rules & Fees Policy approved 3-0.

Item 4. Gordon MacArthur introduced the Town Manager's Report: Shawn Blodgett reported: #1 Fort George: There is a Mtg set up for Thurs, 2/9 with the State Bureau of Parks & Lands and State Representatives to discuss issues and concerns with Fort George. Possibly renegotiating the contract Castine has with the State that generated in the 1950's to maintain and help operate Fort George. The contract is supposed to be updated every 10 years which was last done in 1981. Shawn is hoping they will give Castine a funding source to maintain their property. It is a political issue.

#2 Town Dock: It looks like Bowden & Son, LLC can repair damage at the Dock from the 12/23/22 windstorm which will consist of paving around Acadia dock side. The cost is about \$13,000. This does not include the deck planking repair that is needed which will likely be done

by Public Works. Shawn needs the Selectboard to issue a procedural waiver per the Town's Purchase Agreement Policy as the contractor has done many jobs for the Town and time is of the essence.

#3. Adams School: Adams School experienced a burst pipe resulting from the Feb 4<sup>th</sup> arctic weather. They will be using Emerson Hall for a few classes for a couple of days.

#4 Community Resilience Partnership Grant: We've received one bid to complete the LED switch out. We have an insulation contractor coming on 2/14 to do an estimate for upstairs Emerson Hall. Public Works crew are going to be sanding the stage, therefore, upstairs will not be available to the public from 2/14 -2/24.

#5 Heat Pumps: Efficiency Maine has a program for Municipalities that will cover a large percentage of the cost to install heat pumps as primary heat source. We are planning to install four heat pumps (Town Clerk's office, Main Mtg room, basement mtg room and replace the old unit in the Town Manager's office). The boiler heat would be secondary and set at a low temperature. The estimated cost is \$5,000 - \$6,000.

#6 Pollution Control Facility Furnace: It was reported previously that the WWTP was going to need a new furnace. The new furnace is in, running and the cost of the project was just over \$30,000.

Arctic Blast Weather: We had two MMA students/Fire Rescue Dept members on phone duty over a 24-hour period of time as a call center to assist those who might need a warming shelter or other help. This cost \$480 and we are extremely grateful to these two individuals. In fact, a structure fire in Penobscot was called in during this coverage and because of the coverage Castine had a quick response to the fire. We may want to consider a way to fund this type of coverage in the future.

#7 Budget Work Session: Shawn requested a Budget Work Session to be held before 2/12. Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve issuing a procedural waiver per the Purchase Agreement Policy for Town Dock repairs. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Roberta stated yes to approve. Colin stated yes to approve. Gordon stated yes to approve. Purchasing Agreement Policy waiver approved 3-0.

Roberta Boczkiewicz thanked the Town Manager for closing the Transfer Station and coming up with the Fire Rescue coverage plan during the Saturday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> brutal arctic timeframe.

Item 5. Other Business as Required = Gordon MacArthur said he would like to recognize a past Castine citizen and Selectboard member, Jeffrey Colquhoun who recently passed away.

<u>Communications</u>: -Request from Gil Tenney regarding the Wood Bank at the Transfer Station asking approval to place a shed at the current site. The shed would be an 8X16 prefab structure for tools and storage and placed on a cement or gravel pad. Shawn addressed. He said there is plenty of space so that is not an issue. He recommended supporting.

Discussion. There were questions about liability and authority. Karen Motycka suggested holding off giving approval until liability and authority questions are answered.

Gordon acknowledged the public present: -Josh Adam asked Shawn about Homeland Security funding from a while back to be used to fix fencing at the Water Dept. Josh said there are currently two areas with broken and/or collapsed fencing. Shawn said Maine Drinking Water Program provided \$7,900 in funding about 2 years ago to fix fencing. These are new breaks that Shawn will have to investigate but was already aware of one. Josh also asked if anyone had seen the 1/23/23 Bangor Daily New (BDN) front page reporting on PFAS in Maine Rivers. Discussion regarding PFAS. Castine is doing what is needed to be in compliance.

-Marc Pelletier asked if the Town could find out or do research regarding Fort George and its contract with the State on what can be done for the future. He said that 1981 is a long time for a contract not to be updated. Shawn said we do have to use caution and be careful with what we ask for.

## **PAST ACTIONS: NONE.**

<u>Selectboard Comments:</u> -Gordon MacArthur reminded everyone present that MMA's Public Informational Mtg regarding their waterfront project was after the Selectboard Mtg at 6PM upstairs.

Upcoming Mtg:

Tuesday, 2/21/23 (due to the President's Day Holiday) at 4PM – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to adjourn. Second by Gordon MacArthur.

With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Roberta stated yes to adjourn. Colin stated yes to adjourn. Gordon stated yes to adjourn.

Approved 3-0. Mtg adjourned at 4:43PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.



### 2023 POLICY MOORING SITE, DOCK and LAUNCH RAMP RULES and FEES

Moorings Site Fees: Yearly Fees for the 2023 season are due May 31, 2023

Resident: \$125 Non-Resident: \$375

Late Fee:

\$50 plus base fee for payment received between June 1 and July 31.

After July 31 the Mooring Site Permittee will be instructed to remove the

mooring equipment.

DINGHY STORAGE/TIE UP FEE:

Resident: \$125 per season Non-Resident: \$225 per season

Commercial Use (Resident Only): \$125 per season

OVERNIGHT DOCKAGE FEES:

Boats: \$3 per foot of length per night

Windjammers (Resident): \$5 per night

Windjammers (Non-Resident); \$25 per night

LAUNCH RAMP FEES:

 Vessel launch or haul-out using a vehicle with a GVWR or registered weight less than 10,000 pounds: No Charge

 Vessel launch or haul-out using a vehicle with a GVWR or registered weight greater than 10,000 pounds: \$12 each use

Vessels (such as barges using ramps) loading or offloading

cargo, vehicles, machinery and so on: \$50 each use

FINES:

\$50 Exceeding speed limit in harbor:

 Acadia Dock: Boat overstaying 20-minutes limit: \$75 per hour • Town Dock: Boat overstaying 2-hour limit: \$25 per hour

• Dinghy Dock: Valid permit not displayed after June 30: \$50 per day

PUMP-OUT SERVICES (Use at Your Own Risk): Boat pump-out services, with attendant present, are available at no cost from 9AM to 5PM May 1 to October 15. No appointment is required July or August; an appointment with the Harbor Master is necessary at other times.

#### DOCK, LAUNCH RAMP AND MOORING RULES:

Acadia Dock Floats: "Pick-up and Drop-off Only"; tie-up is limited to 20-minutes.

#### Town Dock Floats:

- a. From June 15 to October 15 tie-up is limited to 2 hours between 9AM and 5PM. After 5PM, overnight dockage is permitted at the applicable fees.
- b. Before June 15 and after October 15, tie-up is limited to 2-hours unless permission otherwise is obtained from the Harbor Master.
- <u>Maximum length of a boat</u> docked at either Float shall not exceed 80 feet except for Windjammer cruise vessels or vessels with advance permission from the Harbor Master.
- Dinghies:
  - a. The number of dinghies stored on top of the Acadia floats is limited to 2 and they shall not exceed 10'0" in actual length.
  - b. Maximum dinghy sizes are as follows:
    - Motorized dinghies shall not exceed 13'0" in actual measured length (stem to transom) and 6'0" in actual width and engine not to exceed 15hsp.
    - Non-motorized dinghies shall not exceed 14'0" in actual measured length and 6'0" in actual width.
    - Dinghies supporting a commercial use shall have priority to tie to the inside of the Acadia Dock float. Exceptions to maximum dinghy size may be approved by the Harbor Committee upon recommendation from the Harbor Master.
- <u>Trailers</u> shall not be left unattended for more than 1 hour in the Town Dock parking lot from June 15 to October 15.
- <u>Trash</u> may be dropped off by visiting boaters, limited to one bag per week weighing 15 lbs. or less and must see a dockhand or municipal employee before disposing of. **Fee** = \$2 per bag.
- The Use of the Town Launch Ramp is subject to, and shall comply with, the provisions of Article 6 of the Waterfront Ordinance and shall not be used to load or offload hazardous cargo such as fuel trucks.
- <u>Private Mooring Site Permits</u> are granted exclusively for the Vessel listed on the application. Any change in the Vessel using the assigned Private Mooring Site requires written approval from the Harbor Master pursuant to §5.10.2 of the Waterfront Ordinance. Not applicable to Secondary Private Moorings.
- Use of Town-owned Moorings will be at the discretion of the Harbor Master.
- <u>In all matters of Public Safety</u> the decision of the Harbor Master is final as it pertains to the Castine Harbor and Town-owned facilities such as docks, wharfs, floats, moorings, and launch ramps.

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| Colin P. Powell, Chair                       | Gordon B. MacArthur                               | Roberta I. Boczkiewicz |
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| Attest:                                      | February 6, 2023                                  |                        |
| Susan/M. Macomber, Castine Town Clerk        |   | SEAL                   |
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