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**Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 1, 2023, 4:00 PM
Emerson Hall**

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

Public: Marc Pelletier, Joe Slocum, Gus Basile, Josh Adam, Brooke Tenney, Sue Loomis, Don Tenney, Bob Friedlander, Bob Beske, Kate Noel, Ann Blodgett, Zoey Tenney, David Adams, Liz Parish, Brock Muir and David Avery for "Castine Patriot".

Zoom: Bruce Boczkiewicz, Helen Miller, Apple Lieser, Mary Kneisel, Penny Carlhian, Max Katzenberg, Ingrid Paronich. (both for Dennett's Wharf) and Sue Macomber.

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

Colin asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. Roberta asked to have Kate Noel, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee update the board as item 1-A, to be taken up first. Motion was made by Colin to add to the agenda. Second by Gordon. Colin called for a vote.

3 – 0.

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 \$34,355.90. Roberta seconded the motion. Roberta gave a short breakdown of items on the warrant. Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Colin asked for a motion to approve the Water Warrant. Gordon made a motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$10,512.40. Roberta seconded the motion. With no discussion, Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Colin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Selectboard Meeting. Gordon made a motion to approve the April 18, 2023, Selectboard Meeting Minutes. Roberta seconded the motion. With no discussion, Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Item 1 -A.

Colin introduced Kate Noel, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee to give an update on the Comprehensive Plan progress. There are two more public informational hearings to review the Chapters. Drafts will be put on the website. The plan is to send the final draft to the

State in June. It typically takes the state six weeks to review. It should be ready for the Town to vote on mid to late August. Colin thanked Kate for the update.

Item 1.

Colin introduced approval of 15 Sea, LLC (Dennett’s Wharf) liquor license. Gordon made motion to approve. Colin seconded the motion. Both Max Katzenberg and Ingrid Paronich were present by Zoom for any questions. With no questions or discussion, Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Item 2.

Colin introduced approval of 15 Sea, LLC (Dennett’s Wharf) Amusement License. Roberta made motion to approve. Colin seconded the motion. With no questions or discussion, Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Item 3.

Colin introduced review of FY Town Budget Articles. Karen did a quick review of the articles. Shawn reviewed the last two articles about the ARPA Funds. Within the past several days, it has become unclear as to whether the ARPA Funds can be used on sidewalks and economic development. Shawn will do a little more research and these two articles may need to be removed from the warrant.

Item 4.

Colin introduced the Town Manager’s Report. Shawn read the report (attached to become part of the minutes). Shawn added that there were other options for the ARPA Funds. The money could be used towards either the Sea St Pump Station or Western Court St.

He also updated the Board on several other grant opportunities. The first being a Harbor Management Grant for up to \$15,000. It appears that these funds could be used to fix the December 23, 2022 storm damage. Considering we already have a scope of work and a price of \$13,000 to fix, Shawn asked permission to apply by the May 19th deadline. There are 25% required matching funds, but considering we were going to pay the entire \$13,000, seems like a great fit.

There is a Shore and Harbor Planning Grant, which is up to \$50,000. This might be a good fit to get design work done for how the Town Docks should be reconfigured with the Maine Maritime Academy pier extension. Deadline for this grant is June 2nd.

The third harbor grant opportunity is a Boating Infrastructure Improvement Grant. The Federal government gives a chunk of money to the State to divide up into smaller grants. They also

offer larger grants directly through the Federal Government. Most of the larger grants go to large harbors such as Charleston, SC and Jacksonville, FL but maybe worth looking into.

Gordon made a motion to approve an application for the Harbor Management Grant that is due May 19th. Colin seconded the motion. With no discussion, Colin called for a vote.

Approved 3 – 0.

Marc Pelletier asked Shawn how much Maine Maritime Academy would pay in Building Permit fees for the new pier. Shawn said he would need to investigate as Maine Maritime is tax exempt and he was not sure if that would exempt them from paying fees as well.

Item 5.

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

Colin asked if there were any communications. There were none.

Colin acknowledged members of the public.

Liz Parish asked for an update on the former Bakehouse property. Gordon read a statement. "A property owner has made multiple allegations against members of the Castine Planning Board, the Code Enforcement Officer and the Traffic Enforcement Officer/Harbor Master. The Selectboard of Castine takes allegations of error seriously. The Selectboard is in the process of working with an independent investigator to fully investigate all allegations. The Selectboard will not be able to make public comments on this issue until the investigation has been completed."

Past Actions – There were none.

Selectboard Comments – Roberta informed the group that discussions at the last Work Session included having Board Chairs attend Selectboard Meetings periodically to update what each board has been working on. They also started working on a public engagement policy. Gordon reminded everyone that the Work Sessions are open to the public and are available by Zoom, if requested, so anyone may attend. However, the public may not participate as the board needs this time to get things done.

Schedule Next meetings – Selectboard Work Session, Monday, 05/08/23 at 9AM, Town Meeting, Saturday, 05/13/23 at 8:30 AM and Selectboard Meeting Monday, 05/15/23 at 4PM.

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

Approved 3 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.
Minutes by Karen Motycka.



MEMORANDUM

To: Castine Selectboard
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: May 01, 2023
Re: Town Manager's Report

1. New Public Works Hire. I'm pleased to announce that the Town will be hiring Scott Ferrando to join Henry on Castine's Public Works crew. Scott will come to the job with an extensive background in construction and property management as well as diplomas in automotive repair and traffic management. Scott will be joining us as soon as we can onboard him.

2. Castine Fire Rescue Department. Today was another busy day for the CFRD. Owing to last night and this morning's storm, trees damaged power lines on the Castine Road, The Shore Road and Latour Street. At last report, the line still hadn't been repaired in the vicinity of Wilson Point or on Latour Street. The Fire Chief is staying in constant contact with CMP to affect these repairs.

3. Grant and External Funding Update. Since the last meeting, the letter of interest for the Northern Border Regional Commission Grant opportunity was submitted. Our yearly report for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) was submitted and we have received word that indications are good for funding through the multiple Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) packages that the town submitted. However, in the filing of the town's annual SLFRF report, there is no category available in the reporting for the expenditures we were going to propose to the town for next year's



appropriations. This may require a last-minute Warrant Change, but I have several calls to make before recommending this to the Selectboard.

4. Memorial Day. On May 29th, the Town will commemorate Memorial Day. While final details are still being worked out, the veterans of this community wanted to return to the traditional Memorial Day ceremony. To this end, the event will begin at approximately 10:00 AM at the cemetery. After a brief prayer and ceremony, a procession will proceed to the Common where there will be a commemoration at the Civil War statue. The procession will then move to the dock area where a wreath will be floated to commemorate those lost at sea.

5. Town Floats In. All town floats are now in the water.

6. Town Office. Sue has been starting back part time in the town office and will be increasing her time in the office as her recovery from surgery allows.