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

DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

TIME: 4PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Gordon MacArthur, Chair, Roberta Boczkiewicz, Dan Leader, Selectboard members; Karen Motycka, Finance Officer; and Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC: approximately 16 members of the public including David Avery of the Castine Patriot.

Zoom: Brock Muir, Liz Parish, Debbie Rogers, Helen Miller, Bruce Boczkiewicz, Pat Bishop, Michelle Robinson, Bente Hartmann and Julie Bohan.

Gordon MacArthur opened the meeting at 4:00 PM to discuss proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance.

Gordon reviewed the proposed changes section by section, page by page of the Ordinance (see attached).

Gordon asked for any discussion.

- Scott Vogell suggested installing a mirror on Pleasant St in area of the walking path.
- Marc Pelletier suggested adding one-year trial period regarding spaces designated on the Town Dock for MVU. The Selectboard agreed.
- Karen Motycka, Finance Officer, asked how the Town Office would keep track of repeating offenders for tiered list of fines. This is going to create more work.
- Sue Macomber, Town Clerk, said she has concerns with placing MVU at each end of center section on the Town Dock (in front of the canon – flagpole area) as it could present issues with parking and pedestrians.
- Peter Stewart, MMA Campus Safety, said the Town still needs to have a winter parking ban in the Ordinance or it will be extremely difficult for snow removal. Discussion. The idea is to implement the new Push Notifications and have parking ban in effect when needed. Peter said MMA would help when it can by opening up campus parking lots for parking.
- No designated Town employee parking spaces for Town Office, Adams School, or Library.
- MVU's in designated areas in proximity of Safe Harbor. MVU's placement 100 ft away from other food establishments so that they are not competing – this is the Selectboard's intent and try it for a year.

- Overnight parking INN permits not needed if parking ban is eliminated -Selectboard wish to have this in place as a safeguard.
- MVU applications will go before the Selectboard and be assigned space(s) on the Town Dock. This will be a learning curve and Selectboard will do its best. MVU's on the Town Dock will have a one-year trial period.

Summary for changes resulting from the Public Hearing:

- §1.6 - seasonal parking restriction definition;
- §2.19 – MVU one-year trial basis;
- §2.25 – exception to long-term parking for vehicles with a visible INN permit.

With no other discussion, Gordon closed the Public Hearing at 4:37 PM.