

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

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DATE: Monday, August 19, 2024

TIME: 4PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Gordon MacArthur, Chair, Dan Leader, Selectboard member (Roberta Boczkiewicz, absent); Derik Goodine, Town Manager and Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC: Liz Parish, Don Tenney, Bryan & Sarah Carey, Mark & Danielle Morgioni, Brooke Tenney, Tom Comiciotto, Gus Basile, Marc Pelletier, Bob Friedlander, Julie Bohan, Scott Vogell, Helen Miller, Jeff Ackermann, Brock Muir, Debbie Bonaminio, David Adams, Doug Koos and Jeffrey Roth of the Castine Patriot.

Zoom: Ruth Ann & Bobby Vagt, Mary Kneisel and Michelle Robinson.

Gordon MacArthur opened the meeting at 4:00 PM and verified there was a quorum.

Gordon announced that the Listening Session regarding Food Sovereignty is postponed to Monday, 8/26 at 9AM since Selectboard member Roberta Boczkiewicz had an unexpected absence and she is the point person for hosting the Listening Sessions.

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 \$217,244.38. Second by Dan Leader. Gordon said this warrant covers about thirty-eight items, the largest paying Hancock County taxes. With no other discussion, Gordon asked for votes: General Fund Warrant approved 2-0.

Dan Leader made motion to approve additional General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$467.50. Karen received an additional bill after original warrant was printed; therefore, she processed a second GF warrant. No Water Warrant at this mtg. Second by Gordon MacArthur. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Second General Fund Warrant approved 2-0.

Minutes: Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the August 5, 2024, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: 8/5/24 Selectboard Mtg minutes approved 2-0.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the August 12, 2024, Selectboard Mtg minutes.

Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: 8/12/24

Selectboard Mtg minutes approved 2-0.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the August 12, 2024, Executive Session Mtg minutes. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: 8/12/24

Selectboard Executive Session Mtg minutes approved 2-0.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item 1. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving Renewal Liquor License – Danny Murphy's Pub. No complaints were received at the Town Office over the past year.

Dan Leader made motion to approve. Second by Gordon MacArthur.

With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Renewal Liquor License – Danny Murphy's Pub – approved 2-0.

Item 2. Gordon MacArthur introduced the Town Manager's Report. Town Manager, Derik Goodine reviewed (see attached).

Derik also added the following:

- Approval of extending Ina Schonberg's Grant Writing Contract; 6/30/24 to 12/31/24.
Dan Leader made motion to approve Town Manager, Derik Goodine, to sign extended Grant Writing contract with Ina Schonberg. Second by Gordon MacArthur.
With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Extending Grant Writing Contract – approved 2-0.
- Ordered, paid and will get reimbursed approximately \$122 for parking violation notices.
Derik used broad language in order to reuse in future years.
- FEMA update – signing for Fort Madison; still waiting on Water Street, Emerson Hall weathervane, etc.
- State Street stop sign has been vandalized with white paint; it will be replaced in the next day or two.
- Still investigating damaged picnic table at the Backshore Beach along with other beach violations; picnic table was old so it may have collapsed due to age.

Item 6. Other Business as Required: -Dan Leader reported that he had a nice conversation with Stone Fox Farm Creamery Ice Cream food truck who said they've had a fabulous time in Castine, experienced great business and people and want to return next year. They also said they are members of the Maine State Food Truck Association, and they plan to report of the great season and experience they found in Castine.

Sue Macomber said that Star Fire Pizza Food Truck will be at the Town Dock Tuesday & Wednesday (8/20 & 8/21) from 3-7PM.

Communications: a) email from Bobby Vagt informing of a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Adams School playground on Friday, 9/6 at 1:30PM. They wish to have Paul Fallow present and recognize him and his crew for all their help with the work and equipment installation. Gordon and Dan both agreed the playground will be great for the Town. Gordon pointed out the Town contributed funds towards the project.

b) UMO parking request at the Town Dock during floating offshore wind project. Derik said he is waiting on additional details; therefore, request is on hold.

c) Derik said joint mtg between the Selectboard & School Board is not finalized. The School Board is waiting on engineer report and additional details.

Gordon acknowledged the public present: -Liz Parish commented that there were many donations and fundraising efforts for the playground project not just the Town's contribution.

-Don Tenney asked about new street signs being posted. He noticed that Madockawondo is posted as a street, and it should be road.

-David Adams commented on the Food Truck being on the Town Dock for the whole summer in front of the Acadia Dock blocking the view. Gordon & Derik said the main reasons for this location is due to safe traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians and power that numerous food trucks need if they don't have a generator.

-Gus Basile asked about report from the Battle Ave test boring. He said it was completed about a month ago. The Selectboard said no report has been received at this time.

-Liz Parish asked about the Lighthouse Lease and when it expires. The Lease expires June 2025 and at this time the Town believes the current tenant does not wish to renew.

-Bob Friedlander asked if the Town Dock gazebo was going to be rebuilt. Gordon said maybe but not until next year and that it would likely be rebuilt to what it was before the storms. Marc Pelletier said the Town should think hard on a future gazebo design. Dan said he feels the Selectboard would be open to look at other options. People want the shade and have positively commented on the blue tent structures this summer. Scott Vogell, Harbormaster, said much of the feedback on the waterfront is favoring the open space and like the blue tents better for shade.

-Liz Parish asked for status on hiring an Economic Development Director. Gordon responded that a public Listening Session on the topic was held recently. The Selectboard are still reviewing details. Not all Selectboard members agree on the subject. The Selectboard will discuss further at their upcoming Work Session.

-Mark Morgioni asked what the deadlines are for having Economic Development Director and Food Sovereignty issues on the November Election ballot. Sue Macomber reviewed timeline and said she had to double check a few details. The two main requirements to fulfill is holding a

Public Hearing when having a referendum ballot and being ready for Absentee Voting at least 30 days prior to the Election.

PAST ACTIONS: NONE.

Selectboard Comments: - NONE.

Next Mtgs:

Monday, 8/26/24 – Listening Session (Food Sovereignty) at 9AM.

Monday, 8/26/24 - Work Session immediately following the Listening Session.

Tuesday, 9/3/24 – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg at 4PM.

Dan Leader made motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Chapter 13 § 405 6(F) confidential documents review. Second by Gordon MacArthur.

With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes to enter into Executive Session.

Executive Session approved 2-0. Executive Session in: 4:29 PM.

Dan Leader made motion to leave Executive Session. Second by Gordon MacArthur.

Approved 2-0. Executive Session out: 5:30 PM.

With no other business, Dan Leader made motion to adjourn.

Second by Gordon MacArthur. Approved 2-0.

Mtg adjourned at 5:32 PM. Minutes Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

Monday, August 26, 2024 4:30 PM

Work Study Agreement with MMA I will be signing
Ina Contract for grant writer Distributed to the BOS I will sign extension
FEMA Status Update
Signs 3 Way Intersection on order? Need to verify that they were ordered with Karen. Mentioned it last week.
NBRC Grant is Due September 6 Work has begun on it, Need to talk to Ina again about Project Canopy and TMOBILE Grant for Garden on Water St
Perkins Street Residents on Parking Letter Draft in Your Box
One Sided Black and White Campaign Style Parking Ticket Warning Signs Sample in Your Box
Karen Vacation this week and next
Shawn and Henry Vacation this week
MTCMA Association Institute last Tuesday Evening until Friday, Networked, Stress Management Session, Leadership as a Manager, O and A with County Managers, and Personnel Management Sessions

