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Town of Castine  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2024

TIME: 4 PM.

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Estimated 30 members of the public including David Avery from the Castine Patriot; ZOOM = 1.

Gordon MacArthur called the meeting to order at 4PM.

Gordon introduced discussions regarding the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election Town Referendum Ballot. There is a requirement to allow voters discussion on any referendum ballot so that they can ask questions and be informed for voting.

The ballot consists of three (3) questions:

Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance: Shall the Town adopt a Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance.

- Roberta pointed out that the proposed Ordinance had been reviewed by the Town's attorney with just a few areas of changes to incorporate clearer legal language.
- If this Ordinance is passed it will allow selling products grown on one's property without going through the State licensing, procedures, inspections of kitchens (i.e., making salsa from the farm tomatoes)
- Section in the Ordinance was correct to reflect that a Castine Zoning Ordinance Home Occupation Permit would be needed as well as a Sign Permit, if applicable

Discussions:

- No discussion.

2024 Castine Comprehensive Plan: Shall the Town adopt the updated 2024 Castine Comprehensive Plan.

- Kate Noel, Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair, said the State reviewed and approved the Plan earlier this year

- If the the Plan is approved the next step would be to go the Town's Boards/Committee's (B/C) to identify and work on specifics and to establish an Implementation Committee for the Plan

Discussions:

- Joe Slocum thanked the Comprehensive Plan Committee for all their hard work completing such a huge, important task.

Part-time Community & Economic Development Director: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$23,500 from Surplus to hire a part-time Community & Economic Development Director for the remainder of the fiscal year.

*Note: a) If approved, the breakdown for funds will be \$18,500 for compensation and \$5,000 budget for expenses;*

*b) the FY25-26 will include funds for a full year's compensation for this position.*

- If approved the position would be advertised and assist with grants, special events, social media chores, promote Castine businesses and other items that may seem appropriate for this position

Discussions:

- No discussion.

With no other business, Gordon MacArthur asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Roberta Boczkiewicz. Second by San Leader. Approved 3-0. Public Hearing adjourned at 4:05PM. Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.