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

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2024

TIME: immediately following the Public Hearing

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 Brooke & Gil Tenney, Gus Basile, Tom Comiciotto, Randy Stearns, Scott Vogell, Liz Parish, Pat Bishop, Don Tenney, Mark & Danielle Morgioni, Amy Gutow, Kate Noel, Johanna Barrett, Troy Dickens, Jeff Ackermann, MMA students (Lydia & Piper) & Tonya Murray (Advisor) for Student Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), and David Avery of the Castine Patriot.

Zoom: Bruce Boczkiewicz, Aaron Martin and Peter Garrett.

Gordon MacArthur opened the meeting at 4:05 PM immediately following the Public Hearing and verified 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 \$47,328.04. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. Roberta said this warrant covers 37 vendors/58 bills, covering Fire Dept maintenance, sewer plant operations and replacing a pump at the sewer plant that allows the plant to remove sludge. The plant had to remove in liquid form until the pump was replaced. With no other discussion, Gordon asked for votes: General Fund Warrant approved 3-0.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made a motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$51,294.02. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Water Warrant approved 3-0.

Minutes: Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the September 16, 2024, Public Hearing minutes. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes:

9/16/24 Public Hearing minutes – approved 3-0.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to approve the September 16, 2024, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes:

9/16/24 Selectboard Mtg minutes – approved 3-0.

Gordon MacArthur made motion to approve the September 30, 2024, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes:

9/30/24 Selectboard Mtg minutes – approved 3-0.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item 1. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving appointment to the Harbor Committee.

Dan Leader made a motion to appoint Roger Marks, alternate member, term expiring 6/2025.

Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz.

With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Harbor Committee appointment – approved 3-0.

Item 2. Gordon MacArthur introduced approving revised Municipal Board/Committee Policy.

Roberta pointed out the changes using Zoom. Zoom will be used only when a Board/Committee member cannot be physically present or a Dept head, Consultant, etc is invited. When Zoom is used public participation must be allowed as well. Derik said the intent will be to have mtgs streamed on YouTube and only use Zoom when needed.

With no other discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Revised Board/Committee Policy – approved 3-0.

Item 3. Gordon MacArthur introduced update from the School Committee.

Kate Noel, current Chair, addressed. Kate is an outgoing member with her term expiring in November. The Adams School has had a successful start of the year. School enrollment is at 45 and is fully staffed. The largest issue the school faces going forward is the physical structure. The building is safe which is engineered confirmed but there are issues in the basement and attic that need attention. The anticipation is that funding request will come to the Town for anything not covered in the school budget and contingency. We should have the full engineer study within the next month. Drainage will be looked at as well.

Kate thanked the Fire Dept's involvement over the past year dealing with the course of action needed. The Selectboard thanked Kate for the updates.

Item 4. MMA SADD presentation. Tonya Murray (SADD Advisor) addressed. Student Against Destructive Decisions has a few upcoming programs on MMA campus to help keep our students safe and keep the Town aware. Tonya introduced student Lydia. Lydia is one of the founders of

the current MMA shuttle program. This program has been working great, approved process for drivers, completely student led, and the shuttle typically run Fri/Sat nights from 6PM-2AM. There is an on-duty phone service that goes to the RA. Lydia said there are plans to have student participation attending Town mtgs in the future, hopefully to start in the next month. Mark Morgioni asked what the community can do to help. Biggest factors said was to engage with the students, if you see something, say something and reach out to campus Safety. Discussion about speeding. Speed bumps, extra signage were a few suggestions for resolution. Gordon pointed out that MMA contributes monthly to the HCSD bill for contracting extra coverage. Karen Motycka said it is random patrolling when HCSD is fully staffed but if they don't have enough staffing Hancock County gets first coverage. The Selectboard thanked Lydia, Piper and Tonya for attending and for the SADD updates. This is a good program, and the Town wants to help any way possible.

Item 5. Gordon MacArthur introduced discussions regarding preliminary Hydrogeological Battle Ave Report with Aaron Martin, Savee & Maher engineer.

Aaron Martin was present by Zoom. He reviewed the report summary. Gordon asked that he review the conclusion of the report. Field work did not find any contamination. Soils are clean. Groundwater sample taken from two upgraded wells and one downgraded well. Groundwater flows towards Battle Ave not the Water Dept or the Town's water supply. The groundwater from one well showed some elevated levels of PFOA exceeding residential drinking water exposure risk.

Recommendations would be for additional sampling to see if samples would change during another season. Lost Aaron Martin on Zoom.

Discussion.

Joe Slocum asked what the position is to move forward. Can we get confirmation from the engineer if the Town can proceed on parallel tracks. Gordon said he felt the Town can move forward once we get the final report. Dan Leader said once the final report is in hand we can work on an RFP and start discussions on the Fire Station/community needs, how big, what it should look like, etc. Gordon agreed; the first step will be an RFP for a station design, work with the Fire Dep, and once RFP for design is done, we then do RFP for construction phase.

Bobby Vagt asked if there was any concern with the fractures in area of the Water Dept. Peter Garrett (Zoom) said that was a good question and he would look into it and get back to the Town. Gus Basile said he understands we use the ponds not the wells. Karen Motycka said that is not correct, the Town uses mostly wells with some pond usage.

Gordon said the preliminary report is available at the Town Office and is posted on the Town's website. Town Manager, Derik Goodine, reviewed his conclusions from the report. He said the current situation won't change if a fire station is located on that property.

Gus Basile asked what happens when the fire trucks come back to the station, get washed, etc? Would whatever is washed off from the trucks end up in the ponds? He asked same to the affect of plowing snow and big rains. It was explained that in the conclusion portion of the report, it states, when the trucks are cleaned the lot is plowed, the water will not go to the ponds. "Groundwater elevation data confirms that groundwater flow from the proposed fire station portion of the site is directly to the south, towards Battle Ave, and not towards the Town's water supply".

Item 6. Gordon MacArthur introduced the Town Manager's Report. Town Manager, Derik Goodine reviewed (see attached).

Additional information: Watercourse Mtg with Selectboard, Planning Board and property owners on Court St, Green St, Main St and Water St on Wed, 10/23 at 7PM.

Library to apply for the annual Steven & Tabitha King Grant for Botanical Garden: Dan Leader made motion approve for the Library to apply for the Steven & Tabitha King Grant. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Library to apply for grant – approved 3-0.

Item 7. Other Business as Required: None.

**Communications:** Roberta mentioned several emails about a) the watercourse issue out back; and b) parents about a few recent incidents over MMA Homecoming weekend and this past weekend. Sarah Tenney Stammen addressed. She said that a Castine youth was almost hit on a scooter by a truck on Perkins St and during MMA Homecoming weekend several youths were offered alcohol and cigarettes when passing a group at a house on Court St. Sarah said safety for our children and the community needs to be addressed. She suggested a committee be formed with reps from the Selectboard, community and MMA. She would be happy to volunteer. Discussion. Roberta Boczkiewicz made a motion to form a Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee – approved 3-0. Amy Gutow asked how the Ad Hoc Committee would exist with the already monthly T/G Mtgs. The Ad Hoc Committee can work with and be present at the monthly T/G Mtgs. Discussion.

Johanna Barrett said that students/MMA must be held accountable. Dan Leader said everyone in Town has the responsibility to make the community safe. He said it is mentioned constantly at the T/G Mtgs.

**Gordon acknowledged the public present:** -Scott Vogell said that speed bumps installed is a good idea to consider. Gordon said the Town has to be careful with speed bumps as it could mean assuming liability issues. Dan said it is worth researching. Derik Goodine added that

expectations for lowering speed limits is no good unless there is enforcement. (Note: need to follow up with the State on request for speed limit review coming up Windmill Hill).

-Gus Basile asked if there is any responsibility to the landlords who allow big parties, etc at their houses. Derik said these events need to be reported to the police. We can propose an Ordinance.

-David Avery said that there will be Castine Community Forum taking place on Wed, 10/23/24 at 6PM upstairs Emerson Hall. He said he hopes to have a Zoom link available.

-Danielle Morgioni asked about having a dead porcupine removed on Battle Ave. It has been dead and decaying for about 2wks. Karen Motycka said typically dead animals are only removed by Public Works if it is in the roadway and poses a public safety hazard.

**PAST ACTIONS:** NONE.

**Selectboard Comments:** - NONE.

**Next Mtgs:**

Tuesday, 10/15/24 – Selectboard Work Session at 9AM.

Monday, 10/21/24 – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg at 4PM.

Dan Leader made motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRS Chapter 13 §405 (6)(A) Personnel Matter. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz.

With no discussion, Gordon asked for votes: Executive Session – approved 3-0.

Executive Session in: 5:28 PM

Executive Session out: 6:00 PM

With no other business, Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to adjourn. Second by Dan Leader. Approved 3-0. Mtg adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Minutes Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.



Monday, October 7, 2024 4:00 PM

- FEMA works continues on submitting estimates
- RFP for Waterfront will go out and go up on NHMA Website this week
- NBRC Next Round Invite - Ina and I working on this. October 18 at 5PM Deadline.
- Hydro Geo Study Discuss 10-07-24
- Solar Study Coming Should be in, in a week
- CMP new poles Went with CMP to look at poles and also water line crack.
- MMA Convention
- Wetherle Library has applied for a Steven and Tabitha King Grant for Botanical Garden
- ~~106~~ and ~~106A~~ paving - 166/166A
- Letters went out to 13 Addresses about water issue behind Main and Green St which flows towards Water Street.
- Currently Reviewing Community Action and Service Provider Grants
- Ina has reached out to Wilson Museum and Historical Society about Lidar money contributions for T-Mobile Grant for Interpretive Garden on Water St LIDAR would be \$3,500 including the report. The grant is for \$50,000. We could also apply for Certified Local Government Grant for LIDAR maybe also
- Need Executive Session under Title 1 MRS 504 6.A Personnel Matter at 100724 BOS Meeting

#### Things for the Future Date

- Meeting with WG and Nancy in November at some point on Round School, and also discussion on an affordable child care program for Castine to attract young families
- Affordable Housing Committee after Comp Plan is approved, perhaps create a housing authority or development corporation?
- Question HCPC about hazard waste day and towns contributing \$500 or more towards fixed costs for future collection events 2025/ 2026 Budget
- Pesticide Policy find Redundancies in Policy and in Zoning Ordinance, Planning Board?, and Utility Board? Need to do this is my "spare time"

#### Schedule

- Referendum Public Hearing and BOS Meeting 10-07-24 4PM
- Grant work with Ina October 8, 2024 1-4pm
- Castine Historic Preservation Commission Oct. 8, 2024 4PM
- October 10 and 11, 2024 Derik off Thursday and Friday- Thursday for Car Reg, and Car Appointment and Inspection, and Driver's License and Friday is daughters surgery. I will be working remotely intermittently for emails etc and will be available by phone.
- Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day October 14, 2024 Office Closed
- BOS Work Session 10-15-24 9AM
- Planning Board 10-15-24 4PM
- Legislative Forum in Ellsworth at City Hall 10-16-24 6pm-8pm
- Advanced General Assistance 10-18-24 at MMA Augusta 9-4:30pm
- MMA Risk Management Online Training for Risk Mgmt University Advanced Training 2-3PM
- Derik's Birthday 10-26-24 Bring Cake and Ice Cream, no don't it is a Saturday
- Docks out 10-28-24

