

Town & Gown Mtg NOTES

Friday, January 17, 2025 9AM in Holmes Heritage Room on MMA Campus

David Lewis *RJB*
(Zoom)
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Attending: Roberta Boczkiewicz, Amy Gutow, Dan Leader (ZOOM), Derik Goodine, Karen Motycka, Sue Macomber, Craig Johnson (MMA Interim President), Rachael Ctoni, Peter Stewart, Diedra Davis, Scott Vogell (Harbormaster), Randy Stearns (Fire Chief).

Public: Bobby Vagt, Marc Pelletier, Colliers, Andy Webster (Castine Patriot), Zander Parker (HC Chair) and Bill Corbett (HC).

Zoom: Selectboard member Dan Leader and CEI representative Lisa Vickers.

AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION/CONSENSUS

<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Town Waterfront Design Study presentation</p>	<p>Roberta opened the mtg – Quorum confirmed.</p> <p>GEI Lisa Vickers gave a presentation. She reviewed various projected flooding scenarios based on information from the Maine Climate Counsel. Flooding events are based on still water at highest high tide without including wave action. Images displayed showed moderate flooding at the edge of the Town Waterfront of about 1/2-foot in 2025, and 3-feet of regular flooding by 2100. It was mentioned this issue is being addressed by other coastal Towns in the area.</p> <p>Comparatively Castine is on a similar track in terms of problem solving and construction efforts. There will be a Community Forum on Thurs, 1/30 – GEI with be visiting the Town Dock around 11am for high tide, 4pm for low tide and 7-8pm for Community Forum at Emerson Hall (EH). After the 1/30 mtg projects can be better prioritized, factor costs and consider other items.</p>
<p>General Discussion</p>	<p>-Craig mentioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • speaking with Senators King & Collins’ offices. CDS (Congressional Delegation Spending) will be done early this year. Craig said this would be a good time for the Town & Academy to work together and coordinate for this. It has worked in our favor in the recent past. • a Reed & Reed contractor speeding past a community member who got the vehicle information and contacted MMA. It was dealt with. Reed & Reed contractor apologized. He politely pointed out that it’s not just the students. • 29 pilings are in at the MMA Pier Improvement Project. They have started drilling, therefore, the noise heard yesterday is what we will hear for now. • HCSD & State Police have been present quite a bit lately. <p>-Zander asked on behalf of the HC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if MMA could share information with GEI when MMA must dig out the seabed in the stage of their Pier Improvement Project as this could help with Town project planning. Craig did not see a problem with that. • concerns have come up at HC mtgs regarding the new ship’s transom and navigation into the Town Dock. Craig said MMA is learning everything they can from MASS Maritime & SUNY. Their new ships have similar issues as they deal with tidal/current matters in both locations. <p>-Bill (HC) asked if there were any future plans for MMA Andrews Hall? Craig said not yet but they are open for ideas.</p> <p>-Dan recommended having a possible working group combining the Town’s HC and MMA members and to meet regularly. It would be worth it due to the various mtgs, discussions and planning needed. There is a lot to work out. Zander said he feels this is what was planned with GEI and is being done already with Selectboard, HC and GEI doing</p>

	<p>the monthly updates which includes T/G Mtgs like today's mtg. Also, utilizing public engagement and first mtg scheduled is on 1/30. Discussion.</p> <p>-Robertta said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDOT Peter Coughlin met with Selectboard recently and reviewed traffic calming ideas. There were a lot of good ideas to consider including: speed plateaus, speed sign with flashing, stealth, data collecting modes, middle striping our Town streets. MDOF will assist with the State roads after that Town is on its own. Derik is working on a trailer for the speed sign. Selectboard would love MMA to be in on the discussions for considerations. • at the 1/27 Selectboard Work Session a banker will be present to discuss financing for housing project. Maine Dept of Housing might be present as well. If MMA can attend that would be great. <p>-Dan said he was at a mtg yesterday about reducing solid waste out of Town and composting is being investigated. Dan asked if MMA is composting. Peter & Craig answered no that it all goes out in solid waste. Peter said MMA looked into composting several times, but their Food Service Dept does not have the ability to transport. Dan asked if a system was to be worked out would MMA consider? Peter answered they would have to work with their Food Service Dept but there were other issues of concerns like sorting. MMA is not against it they just would have many logistics to work out.</p> <p>-Amy Gutow asked MMA if they are familiar with solar energy programs and credits. Peter & Craig answered yes. MMA has been apart of a collaborated State program since 2020-21. MMA receives net energy credits from about 30-40 solar panels across the State and is maxed out on credits, even with the ship gone, and has no available capacity. The program is a 20yr commitment, therefore, MMA would not be able to collaborate with any solar project the Town might take on.</p>
<p>Public Comments/ Future Meeting Dates</p>	<p>NONE.</p> <p>Town will contact MMA to discuss February's mtg date: tentatively Friday, 2/7/25 at 9am in EH.</p> <p>Robertta Boczkiewicz made motion to adjourn. Second by Dan Leader. Approved 3-0. Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 AM.</p>