



Town of Castine

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

TIME: 4 PM.

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Estimated 15 members of the public.

Roberta called the meeting to order at 4PM.

Roberta introduced discussions regarding amendments to the Castine Traffic Ordinance.

The proposed amendments are as follows in RED:

- Article 1 -General Provisions; §1.6 Definitions: "Seasonal Parking Restrictions" =
1.6 DEFINITIONS: SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTION (WINTER SNOWPLOWING SEASON): No parking on any Town street or **parking lots** in effect during snow and cleanup events **except for the center rows (16 parking spaces) on the Town Dock designated for overnight parking, first come first serve. Overnight parking bans** will be notified via Push Notifications; posted on the Town's website and FaceBook page (NOTE: effective for one-year as a trial basis)
- Article 1 -GENERAL PROVISIONS; §1.6 Definitions: "Overnight Parking = change to
11PM to 6AM (was 12 midnight to 6AM)
- Article 2 -Parking Restrictions; §2.24: Season Parking Restrictions" =
2.24 SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS: In order to facilitate snow removal from town streets **or parking lots** and to minimize the potential for damage to privately owned vehicles, there shall be no overnight (any time during the period between **11 pm to 6 am**) parking on the paved surface or within four (4) feet of the paved surface of any town street or parking lot **except for the center rows (16 parking spaces) on the Town Dock designated for overnight parking, first come first serve.** Any property owner or tenant may request the Selectboard grant an exemption to the "within four (4) feet" provision of this section for the current

snowplowing season. The applicant for this exemption must demonstrate that no alternative parking could exist on the property.

- Article 2 -Parking Restrictions; §2.19: "Town Dock" = add *center rows designated for overnight parking.*
- Article 5 -Enforcement; §5.1: "Fines" = change 1st, 2nd and 3rd offenses with ticket amounts to *regular tickets = \$50; snow removal event tickets = \$100.*

Discussions:

- Mark Morgioni asked about record keeping and fines. It was explained that the Town Office has found it impossible to keep track of and it creates more work for staff with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd offenses tiered system. Also, if the ticket officer or someone else who is authorized to write tickets, they wouldn't necessarily know what offense a vehicle might have.
- Push Notifications have been working well on a per snow event basis which eliminated the Nov 1st to April 30th Overnight Parking Ban. When this was implemented, the spaces allocated on the Town Dock did not remain in place. This is needed to help with confusion and even though the Town is not responsible to help assist some who do not have parking available to them downtown.

With no other business, Roberta Boczkiewicz asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Dan Leader. Second by Amy Gutow. Approved 3-0.

Public Hearing adjourned at 4:09PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.