

Town & Gown Mtg NOTES

Friday, April 11, 2025 9AM in Emerson Hall

Attending: Roberta Boczkiewicz, Dan Leader, and Amy Gutow, Selectboard members; Derik Goodine, Karen Motycka, Sue Macomber, Craig Johnson (MMA President), and Peter Stewart.

Public: Randy Stearns (Fire Chief) and Ruth Ann Vagt.

Mtg was live streamed on Castine's YouTube.

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AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION/CONSENSUS

Call to Order	Roberta opened the mtg – Quorum confirmed. Everyone applauded Craig Johnson's recent appointment as MMA's President.
MMA Graduation	Saturday, 5/3/25, Jared Golden will be the guest speaker. It is being kept quiet but will do publicity around 10 days to 2 wks prior to Graduation day. Maybe someone can show Rep. Jared Golden Castine's Fire Station while he's here in Town. Dan Leader pointed out the unfortunate that protestors may be present. Craig said MMA is reviewing with State Police on protocol.
Traffic Calming	Dan Leader said the Selectboard, Town Manager and Finance Officer recently completed the Town budget and have budgeted funds for traffic calming. He said with doing research to start, the cost could be an estimated \$10,000; items on the list for consideration: stripping center lines on streets, speed monitor and speed plateaus. Dan asked if MMA would be able to help with this process, including financially. Craig said that MMA would continue to meet with the Town to go through this process and indicated that Peter Stewart, MMA Director of Public Safety and Facilities should be involved with those mtgs. Roberta Boczkiewicz also mentioned the Town wants to implement a Traffic Calming Slogan campaign and wish for MMA and the students to participate (i.e. "Slow your Roll" – Derik Goodine). Everyone thought this was a great idea. Derik Goodine asked if MMA could check into the streetlight on corner of Water/Pleasant streets. It is flickering all the time, and the Town Office has received complaints. Peter Stewart said they would check into that.
MMA Pier Improvement Project Updates	Craig updated: 92 pilings out of 352 are set. It has been amazingly quiet. Craig said during the summer it will likely be louder but currently it has been much better than anticipated. - Caution to residents, visitors and boaters regarding the MMA waterfront project. Sue Macomber said the Harbormaster is aware, working on getting the word spread and included it in his report for the upcoming Town Report. MMA will send language to post onto the Town's website, Facebook page, etc. - MMA is working on summer program with Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in NH again which will run 3rd wk of June through early August. 64 participants, the same as last year. - Dan Leader said the Selectboard recently appointed a Housing Ad-Hoc Committee. He said it would be helpful, crucial and a benefit for the Town and MMA to work together on this important topic. MMA is starting a study for MMA workforce housing needs. Everyone thought it was a great idea to coordinate the two processes. Craig said it is a part of their charge for MMA to work with the Town. Dan Leader asked if off-neck was in the plan for MMA housing. Peter Stewart said it is not. Dan said Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) has mapping of zones where housing could be built off-neck in Castine. MMA needs

	housing – the Town needs housing. NOTE: Craig Johnson has been appointed to the Town's Housing Ad-Hoc Committee.
Castine Comprehensive Plan Implementation	Roberta Boczkiewicz said the Town is interested in having MMA students involved with the Town's Comp Plan implementation process. She said it would be excellent to have their thoughts and ideas and have that diversity. Roberta should contact Rachael Cotroni when ready for student feedback and participation.
General Discussion	Dan Leader said the Selectboard learned recently from the Community Childhood Learning Place (Round School) that MMA is strict with employees arriving at work by 7:30AM. Craig said he received an email from the Round School. MMA can work with the Round School to see if they can accommodate MMA families who need childcare.
Public Comments/ Future Meeting Dates	NONE. Town will contact MMA to discuss May's mtg date to be held at MMA since the first week of May is Graduation. Dan Leader made motion to adjourn. Second by Amy Gutow. Approved 3-0. Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 AM.