



TOWN OF CASTINE
SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS & OVERSEER OF THE POOR
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, March 31, 2025

TIME: 4PM

PLACE: 67 Court Street; Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Roberta Boczkiewicz, Chair; Dan Leader and Amy Gutow, Selectboard members; Derik Goodine, Town Manager; and Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

PUBLIC: Scott Vogell, Marcia Mason, Amy DeBeck and Brooke Tenney.

Mtg was live streamed on Castine's YouTube channel.

Roberta Boczkiewicz opened the meeting at 4:02PM. Quorum was confirmed.

Agenda:

Item 1. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced approving Warrants.

Dan Leader motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$87,238.98.

Second by Amy Gutow. Derik mentioned that he bought a small trailer for the speed monitor machine on TEMU for around \$328 compared to the same trailer found on Amazon for \$600.

Roberta said the big-ticket item on this warrant was paying the remaining cost, \$40,000, for purchasing the new Fire Dept vehicle. With no other discussion, Roberta asked for votes:

General Fund Warrant – approved 3-0.

Dan Leader made motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$3,721.27.

Second by Amy Gutow. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes:

Water Warrant – approved 3-0.

Item 2. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced discussion regarding potential GEI 2nd Public Forum Derik addressed. He said he's waiting to hear from the State to see if this forum will be eligible. The cost from GEI = \$6,788. Derik read from the GEI proposal outlining what would take place at this Public Forum regarding the Town Dock:

- Further engage local stakeholders, residents, and business owners
- Project update and identify priority assets and preliminary adaptation strategies for those assets
- Interactive forum to include small groups to be facilitated by a team leader and review a map that illustrates flood risk, vulnerable infrastructure, and proposed adaptation

strategies

- Forum to be held in early April; the initial project report deadline will be extended to May 30, 2025 if a 2nd public forum is scheduled

The original grant was \$55,000. The match for the grant is \$5,000. Derik said his time for in-kind costs would likely be \$1,000, leaving \$4,000 for the Town's match. Derik stated the contract with GEI was actually \$50,000, so part of the costs for the 2nd forum could be considered the matching funds for the grant. He said he needs to hear from the State, because they will determine if the subject matter for the 2nd forum aligns with the grant objectives, and thus eligible to be considered part of the Town's match. Once he hears from the State, there needs to be a conversation with Karen Motycka, Finance Officer, about where the additional matching funds would come from. Contingency account was mentioned. All agreed a 2nd Public Forum would be beneficial.

Communications:

- Email from Brooke Tenney asking permission to use the Town Common on Saturday, 4/5 at 12 noon to hold a "Hands Off" event. This event is nationwide and is geared towards allowing people to speak their minds on what's going on in our country.
Dan Leader made motion to approve the request. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz.
If anyone attends from the opposition, they would have to be allowed to speak as well.
With no other discussion, Roberta asked for votes. Hands Off event on the Town Common – approved 3-0.

Roberta pointed out a few other items:

- This Thursday, 4/3 at 6PM, Project Canopy Public Engagement in Emerson Hall.
- Saturday, 4/12 Bowdoin Day! Open to the public.
- Tomorrow, Tuesday 4/1, Roberta will be in Augusta to present information for LD761 to help secure funds for Fort George.

Item 3. Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Chapter 13 §405 (6)(A) Personnel Matter. Second by Dan Leader. Approved 3-0.
Executive Session in: 4:15 PM.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to leave Executive Session. Second by Dan Leader.
Approved 3-0.
Executive Session out: 4:54 PM.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to authorize the Town Manager, Derik Goodine, to hire Ina Schonberg for Castine Community Economic Development Director (CEDD) position and to

review contract terms with her. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: Hire Ina Schonberg as Castine CEDD – approved 3-0.

With no other business, Amy Gutow made motion to adjourn the mtg. Second by Dan Leader. Approved 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM. Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.

