

Roberta J Boczkiwicz
(Zoom)



Town of Castine
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

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DATE: Monday, May 5, 2025

TIME: 4PM.

PLACE: Emerson Hall

PRESENT: Roberta Boczkiwicz, Chair, and Amy Gutow, Selectboard Member; Derik Goodine, Town Manager; Karen Motycka, Finance Officer, Susan Macomber, Town Clerk; Shawn Blodgett, CEO.

PUBLIC: Estimated 20 members of the public.

Mtg was live streamed on Castine's YouTube channel.

Roberta called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

Roberta introduced discussions on the following:

- 1) Proposed amendments to the Water Service Protection Ordinance
- 2) Proposed amendments to the Sewer System Ordinance
- 3) Proposed amendments to the Rental Housing Ordinance
- 4) Proposed amendments to the Traffic Ordinance: 1) Water Street one-way

(copies of proposed amendments can be obtained in the Town Office or are posted on the Town's website; www.castine.me.us)

Shawn Blodgett, CEO, addressed proposed amendments to the Water Service Protection, Sewer System and Rental Housing Ordinances.

Most of the amendments were due to incorporating the LD 2003 Accessory Dwelling Units law.

Rental Housing Ordinance:

- Adopted in 2018 which required properties to register their rentals, gave the Town an emergency contact list and contained life safety standards; this proposed revised version adds to the current
- Short-term rental definition = less than 28 days
- Long-term rental definition = 28 days + 1
- Allows inspections of rental units with a checklist containing safety items
- Proposed fees = \$100 for long-term rentals; \$200 for short-term rentals; and \$300 for both long-term and short-term rentals

Roberta said she liked the fee structure to start. It can be amended after one year, if needed.

Don Tenney asked if this would be for all seasons. Answer was yes, it would apply to all seasons.

Doug Koos asked what the standards would be for older buildings? Discussion. They would need adequate egress, fire extinguishers, etc.

Traffic Ordinance proposed amendment:

- Article 4 -Traffic Control; §4.8 One-Way Street(s)
Add Water Street one-way from Main St to Court St eastbound.

Discussion:

- Bob Friedlander said making the street one-way all the way up to Court Street would make it difficult and impossible for Mayo Point residents to get into Mayo Point Road unless going around the whole loop down Main St eastbound on Water St to Mayo Point Rd.
- Derik Town Manager suggested that the one-way be year-round not just summer and to restrict parking only to the water side of the street verses the land side.
- Scott Vogell said he would leave parking allowed on the land side.

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

Motion was made by Amy Gutow. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. Approved 2-0.

Public Hearing adjourned at 4:36PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.