

**Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2025, 4 PM
Emerson Hall**

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Present: Dan Leader, Acting Chair, Amy Gutow and Roberta Boczkiewicz (Zoom) Selectboard; Derik Goodine, Town Manager and Karen Motycka, Finance Officer.

Public: Brooke Tenney, David Avery "Castine Patriot", Gus Basile, Josh Adam, David Adams, Pat Bishop, Liz Parish, Apple Lieser and Kip Oberting (Zoom).

Dan called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. It was verified that a quorum was present.

Dan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

Dan asked for a motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$51,514.55. Amy made the motion to approve the warrant in the stated amount. Dan seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Dan asked for a motion to approve the Water Warrant. Amy made a motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$3,595.35. Roberta seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Dan acknowledged there was a Supplemental Tax Bill and asked Karen to explain. Karen explained that in receiving an updated Tree Growth Application, which is done every 10 years, it was discovered that Map 6, Lot 13-3 had expanded their lawn area by 2 acres, so those 2 acres were no longer eligible for Tree Growth. This Supplemental Bill in the amount of \$4,909.09 is the penalty for removal from Tree Growth. Amy made a motion to approve the Supplemental Tax. Roberta seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Dan asked for a motion to approve the May 5, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes on the Water Service Protection Ordinance, Sewer System Ordinance, Rental Housing Ordinance and Parking Ordinance. Amy made the motion to approve. Roberta seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Dan asked for a motion to approve the May 5, 2025 Selectboard Meeting Minutes. Roberta made a motion to approve. Amy seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Dan asked for a motion to approve the May 6, 2025 Selectboard Work Session Minutes. Roberta made a motion to approve. Amy seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Old Business: Dan read parts of a letter to the US Coast Guard from the Selectboard in regards to the Castine Harbor Buoy. The Selectboard opposes removal of the bell buoy. Amy made a motion to approve the letter being sent to the US Coast Guard. Roberta seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Item 1.

Dan introduced the Renewal Liquor License for Dennett's Wharf. Amy made a motion to approve the renewal liquor license. Roberta seconded the motion. Dan asked if there was any discussion. Kip Oberting, owner, was present by Zoom. He said they were looking forward to another season with the plan of being open an additional day each week and having breakfast hours. Apple Lieser, Bar Manager, was also present and said how happy she was for the season to begin. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Item 2.

Dan introduced two applications from the Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine regarding Liquor licenses for an Incorporated Civic Organization for two events. Roberta said because she sits on the Board for the Trinitarian Parish, she would recuse herself from the vote. Amy made a motion to approve the application for the July 26, 2025 Art Under the Elms event being held on the Town Common. Dan seconded the motion. Dan asked if there was any discussion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 2 – 0 (Roberta recused herself).

Amy made a motion to approve the application for the June 29, 2025 Piano Benefit taking place at the church. Dan seconded the motion. Dan asked if there was any discussion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 2 – 0 (Roberta recused herself).

Item 3.

Dan asked Derik for the Town Manager's Report. Derik read from his report (attached to the minutes). There were several items requiring Selectboard approval.

Discussion regarding having a "Talk Show" for preview of the Town Meeting Warrant and when to have – Friday, May 30, 2025 at 4PM or Monday June 2, 2025 after the 4PM Selectboard Meeting. It will be held on June 2, 2025.

Olver Associates needs direction on what the Selectboard would like the Sea Street Pump Station building to look like. Derik will see if Annalies is available to meet with the Selectboard during a Work Session.

Amy made a motion to approve for the Fire Department to apply for a Sustainability Grant, which if received, would cover paid time at the station when students are not in session. Roberta seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Amy made a motion to approve authorizing Derik, the Town Manager to award the sealed bid sale of the old harbormaster's boat. Roberta seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0.

Item 4.

Dan introduced Other Business – There was none.

Communications

Dan read a letter from Brooke Tenney requesting the Town allow them to have a third-party retest for PFAS at the Wadsworth Cove Road Well at the Tenney's expense. Dan said they would discuss this at their next Work Session.

Acknowledge Public

David Adams asked the Selectboard about putting a weathervane on the new Gazebo at the Town Dock. David has found a place in Eddington called the Weathervane Factory who could make one. David suggests having a boat on the weathervane, either the Hermione or the Bowdoin.

Brooke Tenney clarified that they want the untreated water tested at the Wadsworth Cove Road Well.

Selectboard Comments

Amy asked about the Maine DEP Notice of Intent to File for 15 Sea Street that was in their packets. It was for information, the Selectboard does not need to act on it. Kip Oberting, the owner, has applied to elevate the building.

Dan updated the room on housing groups. There are two housing groups; Castine is the lead town on a peninsula housing grant. The towns will work together to look for housing options. There is also a town housing group, which has met once. They will meet again on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5PM.

Derik relayed that MRC (the Town contracts with them for disposing our waste) is now calling themselves Municipal Waste Solutions. During the first of May, Castine's solid waste was sent to the Hampden facility as part of their test operations. They remove any recyclable materials and send them out. Once the facility is fully operational, the Town may wish to rethink separating out recyclables. The current tipping fee for recyclables through Cascella is \$225/ton whereas the current tipping fee for solid waste through Municipal Waste Solutions is \$87.62 and recyclables would be removed and sent along.

Schedule Next Meetings

Selectboard Meeting, Monday June 2, 2025 at 4PM. Town Meeting Review "Talk Show" immediately following.

Selectboard Meeting, Monday, June 16, 2025 at 4PM.

Reminder: Town Meeting is Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 8:30AM.

Dan made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. §405(6) to discuss a legal matter. Amy seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0. Executive Session in: 5:03PM.

Amy made a motion to leave Executive session at 6:12 PM. Second by Dan. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3 – 0. Executive Session out: 6:12 PM.

With no other business, Amy made a motion to adjourn. Roberta seconded the motion. Dan called for a vote. Approved 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Minutes by Karen Motycka; Executive Session notes via Derik Goodine, Town Manager.

Town Manager's Report 05-19-25

*Approval of submission of First Responder Grant, I will give you copy at meeting that I got today.

-MMA has requested that we have a structural engineer look at salt shed walls before we fix them. I will be discussion with Olver this week.

*Need permission to award the Harbor Master Boat bid when it comes due on Tuesday May 27, 2025.

-PFAS - There may be a letter about a request to do some additional PFAS Testing.

Water Street Engineering and Meet with Annaleis - Discussed this with Annaleis last week, and will discuss some more this week. She is going to look at the retaining wall on Water Street between Main and Green St.

-Water Department Generator Grant - Awaiting next steps on this.

*Water Street Guardrails - I met with Greg Bowden again. We are looking at placement of large concrete blocks every 4 feet along much of the section of road. Total of 75, 4 foot blocks at a cost of \$75 per block, not including costs of going to get them and install them. I also ordered signs for changing Water Street to One Way.

-We now own www.castineme.gov as a domain.

-Attended Tech Conference and subject matter was AI. Not many vendors there, but I learned a lot and I am amazed at what we can do at the local government level with AI.

-PT Public Works/General Services Position- This add is up on Maine Municipal and Indeed, Facebook and will be up on website and in Ellsworth American

-New Congressionally Directed Spending Grants - We wait and see.

-Fort Madison Engineering RFP - Need to do RFP, but also need to see if we can alter it to possibly put in boat launch or better ocean access. Ina is looking at a grant. Also Water Street RFP will be same format as Fort Madison.

*Lighthouse Property Lease - Talked to Tracey today and told her the Board awaits Town Meeting direction, but they are weighing several options. Still want to send letter to her.

*Gazebo Design - The roof is no similar to the old one and Welcome signs will be on each gable end. It is also closer to the size of the old one. I await a final plan. Currently, we have been approved for funding for a total of \$18,065.69 Our share is \$1,807, if state kicks in their share.

*Wells across from Transfer Station - I emailed him (DEP) again, but haven't heard back

-26 Water Street - The road was repaired and sidewalk rebuilt.

-School - They will be doing drainage work this summer. Do we want to look at doing School Street Sidewalk elimination at top of Town Common for 2025? Depends on the costs, and what other priorities there are ahead of it. It doesn't rise to my top priority right now. Still want to talk to Joe about this also and go take a look with him.

-Sweeping, Striping, Catch Basin - Sweeping and most of striping completed last week.

-Traffic and Parking Issues - Joe is working on the pavement marking stencils and also the sign package that Scott mentioned.

-Wildfire Protection Grant - We are still working on getting some changes done and then there will be a contract with SWCA.

-Solar Update - Waiting on Revision for their proposal and Solar bills to work their way through the legislature. Select is waiting for these results of these bills also.

*OPM RFP and Fire Station - This week it is my priority project if nothing comes up. I started reviewing and working on it a bit last week.

-Waterfront/Town Dock Study - Second Public Forum was good for people sharing their ideas. It is up on Youtube.

- Cyber Security Grant - Nothing new on this except that I signed us up for year two.
- Dock CDS Grant Funds- Ina is going to take a Cohort on this also which is useful for these grants to hear the questions and issues.
- *CDS Grant for Sea St Pump Station- I have a plan for you to look at because they want to start finalizing the design.
- *-Infrastructure Plan Update Costs - Now we await the update, and I leave this here to keep it on my mind.
- *T-Mobile Grant We should know something middle of June. Perhaps it is good news.
- AARP for Story-walk Park- we did not get this grant.
- Blue Hill Peninsula Tomorrow Climate Resilience Leadership Development Project Grant- No Update. Four town study of demographics and challenges within those demographics and climate change. Surry, Brooklin, Castine and Sedgwick are the 4 towns.
- Project Canopy Grant - No Update, but Ina is working on it.
- Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee - Next Meeting Date?
- *Main St. Historic Light Repairs - They are working on a proposal. I talked to them last week.
- Flag Pole - Joe is putting up shorter version of broken pole and we will assess whether the mast will work or not.
- Fire Department Dry Hydrant - Awaiting Funding
- Ad Hoc Early Childhood Education Committee - Need to discuss at some point after discussion with CCLP.
- Radar Trailer - It is almost ready to put out.
- Housing Opportunity Program Grant - They have met. Dan may be able to give an update.
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- Things for the Future Date
- MMA Risk Management Assessment Checklist - Need to hire someone to do some things.
- Pesticide Policy find Redundancies in Policy and in Zoning Ordinance, Planning Board?, and Utility Board?
- Roof Inspection for Emerson Hall and Weathervane still needs straightening
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- Schedule
- 05-19-25 BOS Meeting 4PM
- 05-20-25 Planning Board 4PM
- 05-21-25 Harbor Committee
- 05-26-25 Memorial Day - Office Closed
- 05-28-25 FEMA Training Northeast Harbor All Day
- 05-29-25 FEMA Training Northeast Harbor All Day
- 05-30-25 Warrant Preview 4PM?
- 06-03-25 ECEC Meeting 5pm
- 06-07-25 Town Meeting Saturday

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, In 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Selectboard of the Town of Castine, Maine, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Town of Castine, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, We urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.


DATED THIS 20th day of May, 2025.



Roberta Boczkiewicz, Chair




Dan Leader, Selectboard


Amy Gutow, Selectboard

A true Copy,

Attest:


Susan M. Macomber, Town Clerk

