



TOWN OF CASTINE
SELECTBOARD, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
MEETING MINUTES

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Daniel Tenney
(Zoom)

DATE: Monday, June 16, 2025

TIME: 4PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Don Tenney, Doug Koos, Pat Bishop, Jeff Ackerman, Brooke Tenney, Liz Parish, Patrick Irving, David Adams, Joseph Harman, Debbie Bonaminio, Lauri Lyman, Brad Tenney, Georgia Zildjian, Kirk Langford, Tracy Lameyer, Mark Hurvitt, Leah Tenney Keating, Ann Blodgett, Allen Krantz (Blue Hill Peninsula Tomorrow, Co-coordinator) and David Avery of the Castine Patriot. Mtg was live streamed on YouTube.

Roberta Boczkiewicz opened the meeting at 4:02PM.

Roberta asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda: None.

Warrants: Roberta Boczkiewicz asked for a motion to approve the warrants, abatements, budget vs. actual and trial balance reports, bank reconciliations and excise tax collections. Amy Gutow made motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$28,668.66. Second by Dan Leader.

Roberta pointed out that this warrant covers 36 bills/27 vendors covering cleaning Emerson Hall, Elm Tree removal/pruning and purchasing 12 new blue chairs for EH mtg room. With no other discussion, Roberta asked for votes: General Fund Warrant approved 3-0.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made a motion to approve the Water Warrant in the amount of \$11,441.84. Second by Amy Gutow. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: Water Warrant approved 3-0.

Minutes:

- Amy Gutow made motion to approve the June 2, 2025, Selectboard Work Session minutes. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: 6/2/25 Selectboard Work Session minutes – approved 3-0.
- Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to approve the June 2, 2025, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Amy Gutow. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: 6/2/25 Selectboard Mtg minutes– approved 3-0.
- Amy Gutow made motion to approve the June 9, 2025, Selectboard Mtg minutes. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: 6/9/25 Selectboard Mtg minutes – approved 3-0.
- Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to approve the June 2, 2025, Informational Mtg minutes. Second by Amy Gutow. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: 6/2/25 Informational Mtg minutes– approved 3-0.
- Amy Gutow made motion to approve the June 9, 2025, Selectboard Work Session minutes. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: 6/9/25 Selectboard Work Session minutes – approved 3-0.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item 1. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced 6/7/25 Town Mtg review. The Selectboard wanted to clear up, clarify and point out a few items resulting from the Saturday, June 7th Town Mtg (see attached).

Item 2. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced approving Resolution of SWCA for Wildfire Protection Plan. Allen Krantz, Blue Hill Peninsula Tomorrow, Co-coordinator was present and addressed. Blue Hill Peninsula Tomorrow will receive CDS funds in the amount of \$225,000 to do a survey, and hire a contractor to work with stakeholders. SWCA proposal is \$207,000 and to complete in 18-months. Concerns were mentioned regarding CDS funds due to the questionable future of governmental funding at this time. Allen informed that it is noted in the contract that payments are subject to the availability of funds.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to approve the Resolution of SWCA for Wildfire Protection Plan. Second by Amy Gutow. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: SWCA Resolution for Wildfire Protection Plan – approved 3-0.

Item 3. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced approving a 4-day Town Office work week.

Joe Harman asked what the open/close schedule structure would be. There are a variety of options to consider. The Town Office staff will have to discuss and post when it is ironed out; 4 – 10 hr days is the aim, 40 hrs per week. A ½ day option was suggested as well.

Amy Gutow made motion to approve a 4-day Town Office work week. Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: 4-day Town Office work week – approved 3-0.

Item 4. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced approving PFAS Testing.

The Selectboard were recently informed that a private well water tested positive for PFAS. The property well owners (Tenney) have requested to test the 350ft Wadsworth Cove Rd well again. Dan Leader wanted to be clear. This is testing raw water. After water has gone through Castine's system and is treated, it has tested PFAS free. The property owners (Tenney) requested testing and will cover the expenses, but the Town is going to do its own test alongside the Tenney test. The test cost = \$500. The Selectboard all agreed this is good for gaining additional data and having a base.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to allow the Tenneys to do testing at the 350ft Wadsworth Cove Rd well and to approve \$500 for the Town to conduct its own test, side by side the Tenney's test, same water to be able to compare and have additional data.

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

PFAS Testing – approved 3-0.

Kirk Langford, Utility Board Chair, said the Town needs to be careful not to react to everyone who may have a hit on their water well tests.

Item 5. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced Board/Committee Updates:

Cemetery Association – Brad Tenney, Chair was present and addressed.

- Wet spring and the cemetery contractor experienced equipment issues as well; therefore, they are playing catch up.
- There have been large maple tree issues; one came down this winter and another may have to come down.
- Overall, everything and everyone is okay.
- Wilson Museum/CHS program with Georgia Zildjian lead person working on the project. Georgia explained there are quite a few African American Castine citizens buried in the Castine Cemetery and their graves have been located. The plan is to clean the graves, memorialize and mark them appropriately.

Utility Board – Kirk Langford, Chair was present and addressed.

- Not a lot new from the last report. There was a great recharge period, therefore our ponds are full.
- CGC received their annual Source Water Protection permit and there are two more routine applications to be addressed. This is for monitoring the use of pesticides within the Castine Source Water Protection Zone.

Discussion.

Don Tenney asked about the water line that services the Cemetery which comes from the CGC pond. Derik Goodine clarified. Due to the CGC pond and pump upgrades the water line going to the cemetery has experienced breakage. The cemetery water line will be severed and connected to Town water service near the Round School. The cost will be approximately \$6,500 not \$10,000.

Item 6. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced Lighthouse Lease.

Roberta started off by saying there was confusion resulting from the 6/7/25 Town Mtg vote believing that yes was approving automatically the Selectboard renewing a new 3-year lease with the current tenant. That is not the case. The warrant article approved gave authority to the Selectboard to "negotiate and enter into a lease for up to a 3-years" with whoever, current tenant or potentially a new tenant.

The Selectboard had a Work Session with current tenant, Tracy Lameyer.

Discussion. There were many present in support of the current tenant, Tracy Lameyer to remain a tenant and Lighthouse Ambassador.

- Joe Harman recommended the Selectboard vote to give the current tenant the lease. He said the Town Manager should not listen to the "outside noise"; there is not a problem with the current tenant or at the lighthouse. Joe said he thinks it's a perfect situation for the Town.
- Lauri Lyman commented that the rent should reflect at least 30% of the tenant's salary. The rent should be in line and reasonable to the national rate.
- Georgia Zildjian read a statement in support of the current tenant, her years of residing and service to Castine Dyce Head Lighthouse.
- Liz Parish asked for the rental history for the Lighthouse property after the fire in the 1990's. Liz said she is not against the current tenant but believes the keeper's house should be available to those who really need it i.e., incoming teachers, physicians, Town employees, MMA families or those who cannot afford other rentals.

Amy Gutow made motion to enter negotiations for a 2-year lease with the current tenant.

Second by Dan Leader. With no discussion, Roberta asked for votes: Lighthouse 2-year lease with current tenant – approved 3-0.

Item 7. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced the Town Manager's Report. Town Manager, Derik Goodine reviewed (see attached).

- Pat Irving asked about the Rt 166 Well issue. He asked why try to fix something that isn't broken? Pat said the Transfer Station will continue to contaminate the water so why bother abandoning the Rt 166 Well. Pat also mentioned the State report from about 3-5 years ago which should be in Town records. He said the Town would have significant

costs if they abandon the Well servicing those properties by the Transfer Station. Dan Leader suggested having a consultant review since this is outside his comfort zone.

- CEDD, Ina Schonberg, made an announcement regarding Castine receiving grant funds which will be awarded by the vendor the next day. These funds will be used to develop a Story Walk path with native plantings and benches in the meadow at the corner Court/Spring St (Water Dept property). Karen Motycka recognized Ina for applying for the grant a second time, one out of 25 awarded and over 990 applications in competition for the funds.

Item 8. Other Business as Required: NONE.

Communications: -Certified letter from Castine Community Learning Place (CCLP).

Roberta acknowledged the public present:

-Debbie Bonaminio requested that the Transfer Station be open 1 day a week with a later closing time. She said that working people cannot make it during the current open hours.

-Leah Tenney Keating asked what the certified letter from CCLP was about. Roberta said it reflected CCLP's concerns with the way Roberta represented when she said at a previous mtg that CCLP did not want to be apart of the ECE Ad-Hoc Committee.

Roberta said the Selectboard will be working on perimeters for a new Committee to be formed on the topic. If anyone has thoughts to share, they should send them to the Town Office.

-Lauri Lyman asked if an upcoming T/G Mtg will be scheduled. Roberta answered yes after they iron out everyone's conflicting and busy schedules this time of year.

-Don Tenney said there are substantial potholes on the Transfer Station roadway into the dump and out to the brush pile and asked if they could be fixed.

-Pat Irving asked those who visit the Transfer Station to make sure your load(s) are secure. It happens all the time when debris ends up on the main road (The Shore Rd) and those who live out there are picking it all up.

-Liz Parish asked that leftover gravel on lower Main St sidewalk be cleaned up. There is also an area on Perkins St. Derik said he would let PW know.

-David Adams revisited his suggestion to have a windvane at top of the Town Dock gazebo when constructed. Discussion. Maybe a windsock on top of the Harbormaster shack should be considered as well. This could be a welcoming feature for the community and for visitors.

-Joe Harman referred to a comment Gordon MacArthur made at a recent mtg regarding cleaning snow off sidewalks and liabilities to the Town. Discussion.

Amy Gutow said it might be good to get guidance from MMA legal. The law in Maine, Title 23 §3658, relieves responsibility to municipalities and any liabilities. It is different State to State.

Selectboard Comments/Past Actions:

- Roberta said the Selectboard has been working on drafting a Board/Committee protocol & procedure document outlining items such as, posting requirements for mtgs, submitting minutes, membership, etc.
- Roberta said the Selectboard will be sending a letter to the Town of Penobscot notifying them that the Castine Town Office will be eliminating registration services, etc. to Penobscot residents starting 1/1/2026. This should allow them time to figure out what they will need to do.
- Roberta announced the Traffic Calming slogan contest winners:
 - 1) Lobsters Crawl You Should To
 - 2) Slow it Down, Protect Our Town
 - 3) In Castine the Only Rush is the Tide – Drive Slow!
- Roberta announced that the annual Backshore mowing will be taking place sometime this week. It will likely mean the Rosa Rogosa brushes will be mowed due to public safety issues. But they will grow back!
- Derik addressed Dennett's Wharf sign request (to be located at the Town Dock canon area). Overall signs like these are not allowed. Local laws cannot supersede State laws. Directional signs for establishments can go onto Town roads that point out services available. Private business signs are not allowed.

Next Mtgs:

Mon, 6/23/25 – Selectboard Work Session at 3PM.

Mon, 6/30/25 – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg, TBD (end of the FY Warrants).

Mon, 7/7/25 – Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg at 4PM.

Mon, 7/21/25 - Selectboard/Assessors & Overseers of the Poor Mtg at 4PM.

With no other business, Amy Gutow made motion to adjourn the mtg. Second by Dan Leader.

Approved 3-0.

Mtg adjourned at 5:30PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.