



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

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

TIME: 4PM

PLACE: Emerson Hall

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

PUBLIC: Pat Bishop, Liz Parish, WG & Nancy Sayre, Scott Vogell, Don Tenney, Lewis Cohen, Tom Comiciotto and David Avery of the Castine Patriot.

Roberta Boczkiewicz opened the meeting at 4:03PM and quorum was confirmed.

Agenda:

Item 1. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced Solar Updates.

Derik addressed. He said he did not have a lot to report resulting from last week's solar discussion. He is waiting to receive data and finance information. Derik said we must get the data to investigate further the finance part. The goal is to get it all in place by 12/31/25 before changes in regulations are made. He suspects no bond will be needed as CEI looks promising for obtaining funds. Roberta added that the returns from solar is important to make sure it would be worthwhile and feasible for the Town. Derik said realistically it would be 11-12 years before the Town would see savings.

Item 2. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced discussions on the draft GEI Town Dock Study.

Derik addressed. He said the Town will hold a Public Informational Mtg after we receive the final draft version from GEI. Right now, the Harbor Committee met in Work Session several times reviewing the document. A lot of elements are being discussed, i.e. parking.

The consensus at this time is to concentrate on short-term items and prioritize what needs to be done first:

- Wave attenuators are needed asap
- Utilize our CDS matching funds to expand the Town float area for dinghy storage

The Harbor Committee is meeting again Tues, 9/30 at 5PM to concentrate on short-term items.

The Town needs to watch for grant opportunities. Roberta said she feels it's better to have a

proactive plan versus a reaction plan and be able to pay for it.

Scott Vogell, Harbormaster, said the wave attenuation system is a must and the most important. He said he is working on costs and putting together recommendations. With the repair work and solutions for protection that have been done, the wave crashes and surges are next to address. Derik said planning is important as he did not want to address immediate items and then have it change later during the long-term stage and spend money twice. Derik said we have to use the GEI study document as a tool and take time to review it. Scott said the study is 2/3rds textbook. It will be better to explain to citizens visually. Visual speaks 1,000 times better. Discussion.

Item 3. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced discussions with the Town Manager:

Derik addressed. 1) Pat Bishop email requesting to use the Town Common for the 2nd annual Arts Under the Elms event on Sat, 7/25/26. It would run the same way it did this summer. It was successful and enjoyed by many. There may be a slight conflict with CHS House & Garden Tour event as they want to have a reception utilizing the Town Common on Fri 7/24/26 the evening before. Pat said it might be an issue with two major events back-to-back like that. Roberta said it looks like CHS will be asking permission to have Food Trucks at the Town Common for their House & Garden Tour event on Fri, 7/24/26.

Roberta said she would have recuse herself from voting on this request, therefore, it will have to be addressed at Mon, 10/6 mtg when Dan Leader will be present. Derik said the Food Truck request might have to get Town approval.

2) Anodes needed at the Town Dock have been ordered. They are being manufactured at a cost of \$2,626.12 for 12 anodes. We need an additional seven combined with the five we had left in our inventory to do all sheet pilings that need it. We will have a few left over for our inventory. Amy asked what do Anodes do? Where do they go? Derik and Scott explained. They are about 36" long and 4" across and they get fastened to the sheet pilings. They attract the electrolyte static that mainly comes from the MMA ship. If the pilings did not have this protection they would deteriorate faster.

Derik asked that the Selectboard approve the anodes expense up to \$3,000.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to authorize the Town Manager to make the anode purchase up to \$3,000. Second by Amy. With no other discussion, Roberta called for votes: Anodes = approved 2-0.

3) Derik said he needs the Selectboard to approve delegating him to vote at the upcoming annual Maine Municipal Association business mtg (MMA) on 10/8 and 10/9. The Town Office will be closed on these dates. Roberta said she would be attending the conference as well.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to approve delegating Derik Goodine, Town Manager, to vote on issues at the annual MMA business mtg. Second by Amy Gutow.

With no other discussion, Roberta called for votes: Delegating Derik to vote at MMA's annual business mtg = approved 2-0.

4) Michael Carroll from Municipal WasteHub will be at the Mon, 11/17 Selectboard Mtg to review status of the WasteHub. Derik said he thinks this will help us decide on the future of our recycling program. Michael is getting numbers together to show us what options can be done to save money.

5) Local road assistance certification has been sent into the State so that Castine can continue to get its stipend funds.

6) Derik said he is waiting to hear back from Tracy Lameyer regarding signing the Lighthouse Lease. Mark got called out of Town so it's delaying his providing proof of residency. Once this is all in place the lease can be signed, and Derik will notify the Selectboard.

Roberta announced that there would a Maine Maritime Academy (MMA) Campus Facilities Master Plan Mtg at Emerson Hall, tomorrow, Wed 9/24 at 3PM. Information is posted on the Town's website.

With no other business to address, Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Chapter 13 §405 (6)A to discuss a Personnel Matter. Second by Amy Gutow. Approved 2-0.

Executive Session in: 4:34PM

(NOTE: Dan Leader Selectboard member was present via ZOOM).

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to leave Executive Session at 5:35PM. Second by Amy Gutow. Roberta called for votes: Roberta, Amy in person & Dan on Zoom all stated yes to approve. Approved 3-0.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Chapter 13 §405 (6)C to discuss a Real Estate Matter. Second by Amy Gutow. Roberta called for votes: Roberta, Amy in person & Dan on Zoom all stated yes to enter into Executive Session. Approved 3-0.

Executive Session in: 5:36PM.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to leave Executive Session at 5:57PM. Second by Amy Gutow. Roberta called for votes: Roberta, Amy in person & Dan on Zoom all stated yes to approve. Approved 3-0.

With no other business, Roberta made motion to adjourn. Second by Amy Gutow. Roberta called for votes: Roberta, Amy in person & Dan on Zoom all stated yes to approve. Approved 3-0. Mtg adjourned at 5:58PM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk/Executive Session notes by Derik Goodine, Town Manager.

