



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

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DATE/TIME/PLACE: Monday, October 27, 2025, immediately following the Work Session in Emerson Hall.

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

PUBLIC: Bobby Vagt, Don Tenney, Bob Friedlander, Tom Comiciotto, Gus Basile, Anne Gorman, Joe Slocum, Rachel Sawyer, Brooke Tenney and Ina Schonberg (CEDD).

Mtg was live streamed on Castine's YouTube channel.

Roberta opened the meeting at approximately 4:50PM immediately following the Work Session and quorum was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Item 1. Dan made motion to approve the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$51,570.93. Second by Amy. Roberta said this warrant covers 28 bills/22 vendors which includes the sidewalk machine shed vendor with a 2% discount. With no discussion, Roberta called for votes: approved 3-0.

Item 2. Roberta made motion to reject all bids for OPM and repost the RFP removing the required 5-year qualification for prior experience with fire, police and/or public safety buildings. Second by Dan. Derik explained the reason for reposting the RFP. We received one bid that does not meet that requirement but has extensive experience and training. We want that bidder to be eligible for submittal. Discussion regarding what the revised language would be, deadline date and the review process. Derik plans to review with Randy. Amy suggested that if any new RFPs are received that the review process includes the original review group that participated in the first round. All agreed. With no other discussion, Roberta called for votes: approved 3-0.

COMMUNICION: The Selectboard received letter, hand-delivered by Whitney Schofield, Castine Community Learning Place (CCLP) Director, requesting a 10-year renewal Ground Lease. This starts the clock ticking under the terms of the current lease. The Selectboard will prepare for a Town vote.

Dan reviewed several options for the Town vote. The Selectboard wants to ensure the best accessibility for voters for voting. Discussion.

Anne Gorman asked if the lease question to the voters would be comparable to the Lighthouse Lease. Answer: the language is being considered and not final, but it may be similar to what it was 10 years ago.

Roberta asked if there were any other questions:

-Don Tenney asked if the Selectboard will want to know details, plans, dates and scope of work from the Tree Committee for improving street scape around the Town Common. Answer: no, occasional updates would be preferred.

-Rachel Sawyer asked if the provision for the CCLP building is that it has to stay and be used for childcare. Answer: will double check.

-Josh Adam asked for continued clarification (from last Mtg) regarding RFP listing Battle Ave as site for fire station. He said he did further research and Derik is not authorized to list Battle Ave. Answer: Roberta reiterated, as done in previous Mtg, that the first task for the OPM will be a geological study on site and/or all other items needed to determine if Battle Ave is a sufficient site; then work on design suitable for project. The Town's Attorney reviewed the RFP, details have been made clear. Derik reviewed OPM details and why Battle Ave was listed. All other tests will be done to see if the land at Battle Ave lot can support a fire station and then design the building.

-Brooke Tenney asked what the plan is due to the recent PFAS test being higher than the first test. Answer: Derik said the results even though higher it is still not huge as its parts per trillion. It is such small amounts. The well is set to create a collection point with different factors to contribute. Brooke asked will the well be tested again. Answer: at this point, not sure.

Amy asked what the next step for Savee & Maher is. Answer: Derik said they are still working on the history piece for the area to try to determine if there is a likely source of where the PFAS could be coming from. They are interviewing around 8 people to collect the history.

-Gus Basile asked if a warning sign will be posted at the Court St StoryWalk due to contaminated soil from the Golf Club especially with the Spring St well located nearby. Answer: Dan said he contacted CEO Shawn about this issue. Shawn searched through records and does not find any documentation saying soil from the Golf Club's recent project went onto the Court St lot. There is no evidence of it. Ina said that children of all ages are and will be encouraged to stick to the pathways on the property. It is not a playground.

With no other discussion, Roberta made motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 §405(6)(E) to consult with the Town's Attorney. Second by Dan. Approved 3-0. Executive in: 5:22PM.

Roberta made motion to leave Executive Session. Second by Dan. Approved 3-0. Executive Session out: 6:40PM.

With no other business, Roberta made motion to adjourn the Mtg. Second by Amy. Approved 3-0. Mtg adjourned at 6:41PM.

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