



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Selectboard Members Present-

Executive Session

1. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(E) Consultation with legal counsel.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(E) Consultation with legal counsel.

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

2. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for applications 11/12/2024A & 11/12/2024B

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for applications 11/12/2024A & 11/12/2024B

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

Regular Meeting

3. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

4. Approval of bills and signing and approval of all open warrants

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve all bills and signing of all open warrants.

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

5. Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2024

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the minutes from October 15, 2024 as presented.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Plummer.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

6. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Sue Witonis- Voiced her disappointment regarding the lack of a ceremony for Veteran's Day.

Eileen Tidd- Concerned about private business signs attached to utility poles and sign poles. Also looking for more information regarding the potential purchase of 2.5 acres of land behind the town office as mentioned in the Town Manager's report from the Selectboard meeting on 10/1/24.

7. Manager's Update

A. Included in your packet are two (2) thank you letters from the Lake Stewards Program and Thompson Lake Environmental Association (TLEA) for donations received through the FY25 budgetary process. Not every organization sends a thank you letter, and we wanted to ensure that you were aware of letters that we receive related to Town donations.

B. Moody's rating recently released that increased the Town's rating from Aa3 to Aa2. This increase reflects the Town's commitment to sound financial practices and limited long-term debt. Included in your packet are copies of Moody's press release and credit opinion.

C. The November 5th election occurred without a hitch. I must recognize Town staff and community volunteers for their exceptional efforts. Penny Bean, Melissa Poree, Laurie Kidd, and Devin Langadas worked and excelled in the polling region for almost 18 hours. Mike Genest, Jason Wallingford, and Ethan Carras worked a similar period moving the required equipment and assisting in the parking of voters. Julie Koceika provided varied assistance during this period ranging from assisting the Public Works crew to assisting in the polling area. Their efforts along with the volunteers made our polling station the most efficient polling site in the area. While neighboring Towns were experiencing lengthy delays in the voting process, our staff expediated voters through the process with little or no delays.

D. The preliminary research into a Parker Pond carry in boat launch identified possible challenges in the short term. This project would require the Town develop a Stormwater plan and design that must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). I am in the process of obtaining pricing quotes from an engineering firm for the costs associated with the development of a stormwater design and plan.

E. The Transfer Station portion of the construction project has been completed. Included in your package are photographs of the upgraded Transfer Station. These upgrades include improved drainage to the facility, removal of obstructive vegetation, meeting Bureau of Labor safety requirements, improved traffic flow and leveling and

paving of the lot. Also included in your packet are photos of upgrades to Bulky Waste. The most visible improvements are the drastically improved water control and drainage throughout Bulky Waste. All retention pools have been cleaned, examined, and repaired if necessary. Additional drainage was added between the retention ponds and other drainage devices. These upgrades will meet all DEP requirements that we previously were substandard on design and plan.

Old Business

8. The Selectboard will discuss potential contract zoning for Casco Public Library
Discussion only. No action was taken.
9. The Selectboard will discuss a proposed strategic surveys options proposed by GPCOG
This item was tabled.

New Business

10. The Selectboard will discuss of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and the proposed Complete Streets Policy.
Discussion only. No action was taken.
11. The Selectboard will discuss the status of Thomas Pond Dam with the the Thomas Pond Dam Association
Discussion only. No action was taken.
12. The Selectboard will discuss Bulky Waste Coupons at the Transfer Station Council request
Discussion only. No action was taken.
13. The Selectboard will consider January 28, 2025 as a date for a Special Town Meeting
The Selectboard moved and seconded to set January 28, 2025 as a date for a Special Town Meeting
Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer
14. The Selectboard will discuss year to date financials.
Discussion only. No action was taken.
15. Selectboard Comments
Scott Avery -Reminded everyone not to burn. There have been at least 20 fires this weekend from here to Augusta. It is extremely dry.
Mary Fernandes -Thanked all for coming.
Bob MacDonald -Inquired as to the progress of the sand/salt shed and "Broadcast Center" at the meeting space.

Grant Plummer- Stated he would like to see us get on a better municipal schedule for maintenance. Examples that he gave were painting roads six months too late and some roads not getting mowed.

Gene Connolly- Thanked everyone who worked at the election on November 5th. Advised to be careful of leaves when they get wet on the roads as that makes it slippery.

16. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

Reminders to the Attending Public: Selectboard meetings are open to the public, but the public may not speak unless recognized by the Board Chair or Vice Chair in their absence. Except during a public hearing, comment time is limited to 2 minutes per speaker during public participation or on agenda items. Matters related to personnel will not be heard.

Future meeting dates (subject to change)

November 14 @ 6:00 PM Casco Naples Transfer Station Council

November 18 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Meeting

November 19 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting

November 21 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

December 3 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting

December 9 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Meeting

December 12 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

December 17 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting