



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Regular Meeting

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion made by Connolly, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

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

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve and bills and open warrants.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: April 2, 2024

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting.

Motion made by Connolly, Seconded by Plummer.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, Fernandes, Plummer

Voting Abstaining: MacDonald

4. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

There was no public participation.

5. Manager's Update

A. The installation of LED lights in the Town Office and Community Center was completed. These new lights were paid for with ARPA funding and grant funding. Thus, no property tax dollars were utilized in this upgrade

B. We are in the process of trying to obtain an intern for a road inventory and documentation of all road facts. We are working with the Margeret Chase Smith School of Public Policy in identifying candidates for this project. In addition, the Town received a \$3,500 grant from Maine Municipal Association to assist in

paying for this intern.

C. The Town's Public Works crew and local contracted services are still in the process of removing tree debris from Town easements and properties. The April 4th storm substantially damaged multiple trees throughout our community.

D. The ever-changing weather is causing havoc with local roads. This is a friendly reminder that Town is responsible for only Town owned roads. Maine Department of Transportation is responsible for repairs of road damage or potholes on Meadow Road, Poland Spring Road, Roosevelt Trail, and State Park Road. Road Associations are responsible for the repairs to any private roads

E. The Town received several applications for the vacated truck driver/laborer position. I anticipate conducting interviews within the next couple weeks.

Old Business

6. The Selectboard will consider the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

After some discussion, the Selectboard decided to raise and appropriate on the town warrant for road projects.

New Business

7. The Selectboard will discuss an update on MSAD # 61 Budget Warrant

MSAD # 61 Superintendent Al Smith presented modifications to the School's Budget warrant and the potential effects of the changes to the warrant. The changes are based on feedback from public hearings about the budget and relate to the School Resource Officer.

Discussion only. No action taken.

8. The Selectboard will consider members on the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

The Selectboard interviewed the following candidates: Robert Williamson, Tiffany Payton, Pam Edwards, Tom McCarthy, Halsey Snow, RaeAnn Nguyen, Deb Fogg and Michele Williams.

Discussion only. No action taken.

9. The Selectboard will consider a lease with the US Postal Service

The Selectboard moved and seconded to authorize the Town Manager to sign a 5-year lease extension with the United States Postal Service through 3/31/2031 under the details presented.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

10. The Selectboard will discuss the necessity for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for FY25 thru FY29 plowing services.

No action. Discussion only.

11. The Selectboard will consider the appointment of 11 election clerks through May 1, 2026, as required by Maine law.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the following Election Clerks through May 1, 2026 as required by Maine Law: Nancy Dunbar, Janet VerPlanck, Julie Kocieka, Sandra Fredricks, Donna Jones, Thomas Jones, Arlene Jacques, Jennifer Morton, Melissa Poree, Devin Langadas, Laurie Kidd.

Motion made by Connolly, Seconded by Plummer.

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

12. Selectboard Comments

Grant inquired if we would be having a Public Hearing on the Budget, if the roads are still posted and pointed out the need to get together with Maine Design Works to begin the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Mary would like Tony to post about the unassigned fund balance.

Gene wanted to thank the staff of the Middle Scholl for putting together the warming center during the latest storm. He also commended the Fire Department and Public Works on a job well done.

Scott announced future meeting dates.

Workshop

13. The Selectboard will conduct a workshop related to a property line dispute.

The Selectboard listened to David Kimball's presentation regarding a long term property dispute. They offered the services of a third party to come in and help resolve these issues, splitting the cost with the town. Mr. Kimball was agreeable to that.

Executive Session

14. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for applications 04/16/2024A and pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(A) Personnel Discussion. at 8:00p.m.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for application 04/16/2024A and pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(A) Personnel Discussion. at 8:00p.m.

Motion made by Connolly, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

The Selectboard moved and seconded to exit Executive Session at 8:11pm

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Connolly.

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

15. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:12 pm

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Connolly.

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

Future meeting dates (subject to change)

Month DD, YYYY at HH:MM PM Meeting Name

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.

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