



Town of Casco

Selectboard Minutes

July 11, 2023

Selectboard Members Present: Scott Avery (Chair), Eugene Connolly (Vice-Chair), Mary Fernandes, Robert MacDonald & Grant Plummer.

Selectboard Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Tony Ward, Fire Chief Brian Cole, Public Work Foreman Michael Genest

Public: Tiffany Payton, Michelle Williams, Matt Hesser, Dave Fowler, Carol Drew, Dawn DeBrusk and Ryan McAllister.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

- 1 Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda.
The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Connolly) to approve the agenda as amended: 5 in favor .
- 2 Approval of Bills and Signing and Approval of All Open Warrants.
The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) to approve bills and sign and approve all open warrants: 5 in favor
- 3 Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2023 minutes
The Selectboard moved (MacDonald), seconded (Fernandes) to approve the minutes as amended: 5 in favor .
Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2023 minutes
- 4 Public Participation:
Matt Hesser, Point Sebago General Manager, invited the Selectboard to come to their facility for an open house.

Michelle Williams requested to clarify the synopsis of her resume and interest in the Planning Board. She believes that the synopsis did not accurately reflect her interview with the Selectboard.

Dave Fowler spoke about the necessity to expedite the completion of the commercial solar ordinance because the moratorium is unduly affecting him and other community members. He additionally sought timeline clarifications.

5 Managers' Report:

- Included in your packet is a flier that was placed on our web site relating to inspection of properties for the revaluation. This flier identifies the Vision Government Solution that is inspecting the properties on tax map 1 and 2. The lone person, to date is Larry Chayer, and this flier provides residents with his picture and the vehicles he may be operating. As additional personnel are added, we will do similar fliers for each Vision employee. In addition, Vision has already sent notification letters to all the property owners within these two (2) taxes maps about the revaluation.
- Ben McCall is working with the Planning Board on ordinance updates to comply with LD2003 and completing the commercial solar ordinance. Both should be available for the future Special Town Meeting. I would anticipate also having ordinances relating to water availability for subdivisions and cemeteries within our community for the special Town Meeting also.
- The Town recently hired Eric Patino as a scale operator at the Casco Naples Bulky Waste Facility and we have a tentative job offer for a fulltime Fire Fighter/Paramedic. Eric started on July 5th and the tentative offer fire fighter is expected to start in August. This means that only one full time fire fighter position is open and the recently advertised Communication Coordinator
- Included in your packet is a Notice of Violation and Order to Correct for the property located at 480 Roosevelt Trail. CEO Wiesemann tried to informally resolve the junkyard problem at this property, but the owner only continued collecting more junk. If the owner fails to rectify the problem, staff and I will request the Selectboard authorize court action towards the junkyard.
- We submitted the Town's Resiliency Grant application to the Governor's Office on Innovation and technology on July 7th. We hope to hear the results of the application within the next few months.

Old Business

- 6. The Selectboard will discuss Committee, Board, Commission and Council appointment policy..**

No Action. Discussion Only

- 7. The Selectboard will discuss the status of the Comprehensive Plan.**

Removed from agenda based on above amendment

- 8. The Selectboard will consider Employee Technology and Social Media Policy..**

The Selectboard moved (MacDonald), seconded (Fernandes) to approve the Employee Technology and Social Media Policy as presented. 5 in favor

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9. The Selectboard will consider Board and Committee Member Use of Social Media Policy & Guidelines

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) to approve the Board and Committee Member Social Media Policy & Guidelines as presented. 5 in favor

New Business

10. The Selectboard will consider a liquor application from Point Sebago.

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) to approve the Liquor License renewal of Point Sebago and forward the application to State of Maine Bureau of Liquor for final approval. 4-0-1 (MacDonald Abstained) In Favor.

11. The Selectboard will discuss the boat docks on Town Properties.

No Action. Discussion Only

12. The Selectboard will discuss the status of the Fire Department

No Action. Discussion Only

13. The Selectboard will consider contracting for removal of junk from 12 Harmony Road.

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (Connolly) to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer and Town Manager to contract with a vendor for the removal of junk at 12 Harmony Road as outlined in Cumberland County District Court order dated April 10, 2023. 5 in favor

14. The Selectboard will consider the purchase of a backhoe for Public Works.

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (Fernandes) to authorize the Public Works Foreman and Town Manager to begin the purchasing process of the John Deere Model 310 SL and equipment in the amount \$178,300 based on the quotes received from the vendors. 5 in favor.

15. Selectboard Comments

Selectboard Member Plummer requested that funds associated with the Tenney Hill remediation project be added to the next agenda for discussion about future ditching projects. He also requested that staff examine the boat parking by Pleasant Lake because of a potential hazard to swim lesson participants. He believed additional signage may be needed

Selectboard Member Connolly also wanted to recognize all the volunteers associated with Casco Days and recognize their planning efforts.

Selectboard Member Avery advised that members of the Casco Day Fair Association met with Town officials and Cumberland County Sheriff's office to discuss upgrading security and safety with Casco Days. Believe the meeting provided enhanced security for the event. He also advised the details of the Casco Day events.

15, & 16. Executive Session

The Selectboard moved (Connolly), seconded (MacDonald) to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A.405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement Requests- Case 07/11/2023A and relating personnel issue discussions pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S. § 405-A at 7:26 pm. 5-0 in favor.

18. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (MacDonald) to adjourn at 8:26 pm. 5-0 in favor.