



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Casco Community Center

PRESENT

Scott Avery
Eugene Connolly
Robert MacDonald
Mary Fernandes

ABSENT

Grant Plummer

Executive Session

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

The Selectboard moved to go into executive session consultation with legal counsel pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(E) at 5:30 pm. Out of executive session at 6:10 pm.

Motion made by Avery. Seconded by Fernandes
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes

2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved to approve the meeting agenda as modified (workshop moved to agenda item # 3).

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by MacDonald.
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes

Workshop

3. The Selectboard will conduct a joint workshop with the Casco Public Library Board of Directors regarding property lines, deeds, and other land-related discrepancies.

Discussion Only. No Action

Regular Meeting

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

The Selectboard moved to approve and sign all bills and open warrants.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Connolly.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes

5. Approval of Minutes: August 6, 2024

The Selectboard moved to approve minutes August 6, 2024 as presented.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes

6. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Peter Weaver spoke of his interest purchasing Town foreclosed property on Varney Road and the necessity road improvements on both the short and long term.

Eric Dibner spoke on the necessity to make Safe Streets a necessity and approve the future policy being recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee. He additionally encouraged a strong communication plan associated with prioritizing the Town's commitment to safe streets.

7. Manager's Update

A. Included in your packet is an award letter from Maine Department of Transportation relating to their culvert stream grant. The Town received an award of \$200,000 towards replacing the culverts on Edward's Road near Davis Brook Road. The \$200,000 is the maximum award provided and this will cover approximately 50% of this project. I would anticipate this project being in the FY26 budget under road capital projects.

B. I am scheduled to meet with Mike Morse of Archipelago on Thursday to discuss both the Pleasant Lake project and opportunities on Town property located on Parker Pond.

C. I am meeting with Sebago Fiber and Naples Town Manager to discuss FY 26, 27 & 28 opportunities for a municipal/private partnership relating to fiber optic internet services in the two communities. Sebago and Raymond are substantially further along in this process. Sebago already received a substantial grant for their project because of the percentage of unserved residents in their community. Raymond voters authorized approximately \$667,000 for their initial investment in this project. Future Capital Improvement Plans or strategic discussion will need to focus on the 302 corridor or Poland Springs road from the Naples to Pikes corner and then north on Meadow Road until the Community Center. Each of these projects would cost a similar amount and Sebago fiber business model would fund other portions of the circuit.

- D. Included in your packet is a Capital Improvement Plan document authored by Greater Portland Council of Governments that may assist in future goals setting discussions.
- i. Town Tax Bills will be mailed out later this week and the digital copies should be available by tomorrow, at the latest. The bills show that 59.18% of the mill rate goes towards the schools, 35.85% towards municipal service and 4.97% towards county services. In another format of this information with a mill rate of \$9.77: \$5.78 is raised for schools, \$3.50 for municipal services and \$0.49 for county services.

Old Business

8. The Selectboard will consider a request from Robert Morton to re-acquire foreclosed property located at 21 Graffam Road.

The Selectboard moved not to authorize the tax collector to accept payment from Mr. Morton or sign a quit claim deed releasing the Town's interest in the property.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes

9. The Selectboard will consider updates to the "Selectboard's Rules and Procedures" policy.

The Selectboard moved to approve the revised Selectboard Rules and Procedures along with the Code of Ethics.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes

10. The Selectboard will discuss Selectboard's goals
Tabled until 09/03/2024 meeting

New Business

11. The Selectboard will consider Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with Naples and Casco.

The Selectboard moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with Naples and Raymond.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes

12. The Selectboard will consider quotes for plowing gear for F600.

The Selectboard award the plow gear purchase to Allied Equipment in the amount of \$62,950.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes

13. Selectboard Comments

Selectboard member Fernandes commented her pleasure with the Board making smart decisions on challenging problems or questions facing the Board.

Selectboard member Avery requested that the Town Manager follow up with Central Maine Power and replace the streetlight at Pikes Corner due to safety concerns.

He additionally wanted to send kudos to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department for their increased presence and enforcement of traffic laws.

Selectboard member MacDonald commented his pleasure about the resurrection of the Pleasant Lake project and ensuring that taking care of these safety issues and making it safe for everyone.

Selectboard Chair Connolly reminded everyone that school is beginning soon, and drivers should be aware and careful of students.

He wanted to remind residents to send any concerns to the Board and advised these communications assisted the Board in problem solving

Reminded the public the upcoming meetings are August 29 @ 6:00 PM Casco Naples Transfer Station Council (Casco Community Center); August 29 @ 6:30 PM Comp Plan Implementation Committee Meeting; September 3 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting; September 9 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Meeting; September 17 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting and September 26 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

14. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes