

**TOWN OF CASCO**  
**Annual Town Meeting Minutes**  
**June 3, 2026**  
***Fiscal Year 7/1/2026-6/30/2027***

**Article 1.** Jason Moen was elected moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2.** The results of the secret ballot election on June 9, 2026 are as follows:

**Selectperson/Overseer of the Poor (Vote for 2)**

DeMartin, Joseph- 463  
MacDonald Jr., Robert- 546  
Write-Ins- 18  
Blanks- 785

**MSAD #61 Board of Directors Member (Vote for 1)**

Kemp, Courtney- 487  
Shane, Philip- 280  
Blanks- 128  
Write-ins- 11

**Open Space Commission Member (Vote for 1)**

Dibner, Eric- 687  
Blanks- 199  
Write-Ins\* 20

**Transfer Station Council Member (Vote for 1)**

Blanks 820  
Write-ins

**Article 3.** It was moved, seconded and voted to permit municipal administrators or staff, and elected State officials, who are not registered voters of Casco, to speak as appropriate when recognized by the moderator.

**Proposed FY 2026-2027 Operational Budget**

**Article 4.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$966,752** to fund **ADMINISTRATION** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Payroll	\$592,486
Services	\$169,080
Supplies/Equipment	\$ 25,750
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 13,500
Training/Travel	\$ 16,400
Assessing	\$109,536
<u>Legal Service</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$966,752</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 75 YES 5 NO)**

**Article 5.** It was moved, seconded and voted to appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** from Unassigned Fund Balance to fund **Contingency** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

**(FINAL VOTE 71 YES 5 NO 1 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 6.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$152,605** to fund **CODE ENFORCEMENT** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Code Enforcement	\$152,605
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$152,605</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 64 YES 17 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 7.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$82,975** to fund **PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, COMP PLAN IMPLEMENTATION and PLANNING SERVICES** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Planning Board/ZBA	\$ 5,475
Comprehensive Planning Implementation	\$ 17,500
Planning Services	\$ 60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 82,975</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 68 YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 8.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$361,480** to fund **RECREATION, PARKS & BEACHES, FACILITIES, & CEMETERIES** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Recreation	\$217,815
Parks & Beaches	\$ 29,000
Facilities-CCC, Access Building	\$109,665
Cemeteries	\$ 5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$361,480</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 72 YES 9 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 9.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$43,500** to fund **OPEN SPACE COMMISSION, VETERANS COMMITTEE, SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Open Space Commission	\$ 15,500
Veterans Committee	\$ 1,000
Safe Streets Committee	\$ 12,000
Water Quality Committee	\$ 15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,500</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 53 YES 27 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 10.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$87,950** to fund **GENERAL ASSISTANCE and DONATIONS** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Assistance	\$ 42,350
Northern Light Health	\$ 0
Through These Doors (Family Crisis)	\$ 0
Opportunity Alliance	\$ 0
Casco Naples Meal Site	\$ 3,500
Bridgton Chamber of Commerce	\$ 0
Sebago Lakes Region Chamber	\$ 0
Lake Region Bus Service	\$ 13,000
Casco Raymond Historical Society	\$ 2,000
Life Flight	\$ 0
Crescent Lake Watershed	\$ 1,500
Lake Monitoring Program	\$ 3,000
Thompson Lake Environ. Assoc.	\$ 2,500
Lake Environ. Assoc. Milfoil Project	\$ 5,000
Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond Assoc.	\$ 4,000
Maine Public Radio	\$ 0
Local Food Pantries	\$ 3,600
Crooked River Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,000
Other	\$ 0
Lake Region ATV	\$ 2,500
<u>Social Service Allocation (RTP)</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 87,950</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 72 YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 11.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise, appropriate and donate the sum of **\$94,210** to the **Casco Public Library** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<u>Casco Public Library</u>	<u>\$ 94,210</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,210</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 59 YES 25 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 12.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,344,575** to fund the **FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	<b>Amount</b>
Payroll	\$1,022,550
Services	\$ 135,925
Supplies/Equipment	\$ 83,250
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 81,700
<u>Training/Travel</u>	<u>\$ 21,150</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,344,575</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 66 YES 19 NO 2 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,705 to fund **ANIMAL CONTROL & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	<b>Account</b>
Animal Control	\$104,305
Emergency Management	<u>\$ 1,400</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$105,705</b>

It was moved, seconded and voted to amend the amount of this article to \$40,000.00

**MOTION FAILED - FINAL VOTE 31 YES 50 NO 2 ABSTAIN**

It was moved, seconded and voted to amend the amount of this article to \$93,000.00

**MOTION FAILED - FINAL VOTE 34 YES 50 NO 1 ABSTAIN**

After the two amendments failed it was moved, seconded and voted to vote on the original amount  
of \$105,705

**FINAL VOTE 49 YES 36 NO 2 ABSTAIN**

**Article 14.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,107,463** to fund **PUBLIC WORKS/ROADS AND DAMS** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Payroll	\$194,287
Services	\$668,576
Supplies/Equipment	\$209,000
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 28,000
Training/Travel	<u>\$ 1,100</u>
<b>Subtotal Public Works:</b>	<b>\$1,100,963</b>
 Dams	 <u>\$ 6,500</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,107,463</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 73 YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 15.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,043,413** to fund **MUNICIPAL BENEFITS/INSURANCE AND UTILITIES** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Benefits & Insurance	\$905,413
Utilities	<u>\$138,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,043,413</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 71 YES 9 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 16.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$516,314** to fund the **TRANSFER STATION AND BULKY WASTE FACILITY** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Interlocal Agreement	\$393,314
Professional Services	\$123,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$516,314</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 71 YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 17.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$346,776** for **DEBT SERVICE** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Debt Services	\$346,776
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$346,776</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 72 YES 9 NO 2 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 18.** It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Selectboard to receive and appropriate non-property tax revenues, not otherwise dedicated for specific purposes, to reduce the property tax commitment for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Anticipated non-property tax revenues for fiscal year beginning July 01, 2026, include the following approximation of State and Town Revenues:

	<b>Amount</b>
I. Excise Tax	\$ 1,000,000
II. Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 475,000
III. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 150,000
IV. BETE Reimbursement	\$ 65,000
V. Other Non-Property Taxes	\$ 677,270
<b>Total ESTIMATED Non-Property Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,367,270</b>

**(FINAL VOTE 77 YES 6 NO 1 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 19.** It was moved, seconded and voted, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 505(2), to set the dates that FY 2026-2027 real and personal property taxes are due, as follows: first half shall be due Wednesday October 07, 2026 or 45 days after commitment, whichever date is later, and second half shall be due Wednesday, March 3, 2027, and to charge interest starting seven (7) days after each due date.

**(FINAL VOTE 74 YES 4 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 20.** It was moved, seconded and voted, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 505(4), that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by the dates established in Article 19 and that interest, at the rate of 4.0% per annum, shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes.

**(FINAL VOTE 70 YES 4 NO 1 ABSTAIN)**

**\*\*IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO VOTE THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES 21-28 AS A BLOCK VOTE\*\***

***THESE ARTICLES PASSED WITH A VOTE OF 72-YES 8-NO AND 0-ABSTAIN***

- Article 21.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the overpayment at the annual rate of 4.0%.
- Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year's taxes, and to set the interest at 0% APR for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506.
- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept and expend state and federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations, donations and other revenue on behalf of the town for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants and contracts documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, so long as those conditions do not require the expenditure of matching funds by the town in excess of approved budgets, and to appropriate grant funds or such other donations and other revenues for authorized purposes, as the Selectboard deems in the best interest of the Town during the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
- Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to retain, sell or dispose of, by such means and upon such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems advisable, any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and to execute such contracts, deeds and other instruments, and to take such other actions as may in the Selectboard's judgment be advisable to effect the sale of such property, or, if the property is residential property and is occupied by the immediate former owner(s), the Selectboard may convey the property to the immediate former owner(s) upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town within 90 days of notice to the immediate former owner(s) of the repurchase opportunity; provided, however, that the Selectboard shall comply with the requirements of 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if it chooses to retain the property or sell the property to anyone other than the former owner(s).
- Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage by recording a waiver of foreclosure at the Registry of Deeds in which the tax lien certificate is recorded prior to expiration of the right of redemption pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 944 upon a finding by the Selectboard that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.
- Article 26.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept and expend gifts, donations, or any other funds meant to support the municipal function, operation, or improvement of the Town during the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to sell and/or dispose of town-owned personal property determined to be obsolete or surplus to the Town's needs, with a value of \$100,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies necessary for the payment of any tax abatements, including interest, approved by the Assessor from the property tax overlay, or if necessary, from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

**Article 29.** It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the continued plowing and sanding of certain private roads for which the Town has obtained public easements and which meet the criteria approved in a Regular Town Meeting June 9, 2021, or any subsequent criteria or standards, and authorize the Selectboard to discontinue the plowing of certain private roads that no longer meet criteria approved in a Regular Town Meeting June 9, 2021, or any subsequent criteria or standards, or where the public easement has been withdrawn or denied.

**(FINAL VOTE 52 YES 25 NO 1 ABSTAIN)**

### **Proposed FY 2026-2027 Capital Improvement/Equipment Budget**

**Article 30.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for the purpose of purchasing laptops and related equipment for municipal use, including but not limited to computers, necessary software, and accessories.

**(FINAL VOTE 60 YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 31.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$53,000** for the purpose of repairs and improvements to the Central Fire Station, including but not limited to the replacement of garage doors and the installation of a new boiler.

**(FINAL VOTE 63 YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 32.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** for the purpose of purchasing public safety equipment, including but not limited to a gear dryer, a cardiac monitor, and air tanks.

**(FINAL VOTE 59 YES 15 NO 1 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 33.** It was moved, seconded and voted to appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** from Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of repairing the roofs of the Community Center and the Town-owned Post Office building.

**(FINAL VOTE 68 YES 7 NO 1 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 34.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,000** for the purpose of purchasing and installing a replacement generator for the Brown Avenue Public Works and Fire Department building.

**(FINAL VOTE 61 YES 16 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 35.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,000** for the purpose of repairing the roof of the Brown Avenue Public Works and Fire Department building.

**(FINAL VOTE 62 YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for the purpose of repairing the Town sand and salt storage shed.

**(FINAL VOTE 63 YES 13 NO 2 ABSTAIN)**

**Article 37.** It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$880,000** and to appropriate the sum of **\$120,000** from Unassigned Fund Balance, for a total appropriation of **\$1,000,000**, for Fiscal Year 2027 pavement preservation and road repair projects.

**(FINAL VOTE 70 YES 5 NO 1 ABSTAIN)**

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 8:27pm