



Town of Casco

Water Quality Committee Minutes

September 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Casco Public Library

Attendees

- Tom McCarthy
- Levi Thornton
- Maggie Daigle
- Eileen Tidd
- Pam Edwards
- Jim Arsham
- Sarah Monarch
- Diane Cormier

Regular Meeting

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda
2. Approval of minutes from August 20, 2025
3. Public participation for non-agenda items

Continuing Business

1. Maggie Daigle: Exploration of funding opportunities for education

Continuing to leave messages to Maggie Shannon fund but received no response

2. Maggie Daigle: Addition of action steps and priorities for executing education and outreach within the plan

Covered below under New Business

3. Eileen Tidd: Discussion with John Weismann about using drone footage to document shoreline conditions, including requiring before-and-after photos for permitted construction within the shoreland zone

Casco has updated the ordinances that pre- and post-construction photographs should be included with development plans, however the permit application has not yet been updated to reflect this requirement. Eileen will continue to work with the planning department to ensure the permit gets updated.

Tom notes there are recent cases where applicants affected shoreland zones prior to taking pre-development photos, so permit process alone is fallible.

New Business

1. Review the Drafts for each section of the Casco Water Quality Plan:
 - a. Pam: Land Use Ordinances
 - b. Diane: Watershed Stewardship
 - c. Jim: Water testing and tracking

— *After this line to be carried forward to next meeting*

- d. Sarah: Boat Inspections
- e. Eileen: Shoreline Documentation
- f. Maggie: Education and Outreach
- g. Tom: Funding
- h. All: Plan Overview / Introduction

Action Items

1. Eileen to follow up with planning department regarding the addition of pre- and post-development photos to permits
2. Tom to add a top-level Stakeholders section to the plan, accumulating from each section
3. Tom and Pam to communicate with selectboard for guidance on the appropriateness of an extra review in permitting for shoreland development
4. Diane to amend section to explain that Casco would be responsible for sharing and maintaining a “How to do a Watershed survey” document, rather than organizing the surveys themselves
5. Jim to amend section to include that, on lakes funded by the town, water quality testers provide results back to the LSM (already required), town, and lake associations.
6. Sarah to consolidate CBI and water quality testing sections

Reminders to the Attending Public: Water Quality Committee meetings are open to the public, but the public may not speak unless recognized by the Committee 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.

Future meeting dates (subject to change)

October 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM Water Quality Committee Meeting

November 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM Water Quality Committee Meeting

December 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM Water Quality Committee Meeting