



Town of Casco

Water Quality Committee Minutes

June 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Attendees

- Tom McCarthy
- Jim Arsham
- Levi Thornton
- Diane Cormier
- Pam Edwards
- Maggie Daigle (Remote)
- Eileen Tidd

Regular Meeting

1. Establish Quorum

All attending

2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

Moved to approve updated agenda: Pam

Second: Levi

Approved: Unanimous

3. Discussion of updates from Lake Conference

- Tom attended, about 500 attendees total
- Global warming leading to changes in precipitation. We get more annually, but consolidated in spring and less in winter. More runoff, less snowpack. Therefore, we should pay special attention to stormwater runoff
- Drought conditions. We are not technically in a drought, but expecting a "flash drought" in summer. Expect lower lake levels in the later summer.
- Potential for collaboration with Rome, who are focused on ordinance updates regarding stormwater runoff and septic

4. Updates from recent Selectboard meeting

- Remote Meeting Policy - Workshop
- Advertising for new members
- Staggered terms

5. Public participation for non-agenda items

None

Continuing Business

1. Review the completed plan in the new layout and format
 - a. Land Use Ordinances
 - b. Watershed Stewardship
 - c. Testing and Inspections
 - d. Shoreline Conditions and Documentation
 - e. Education and Outreach
 - f. Funding

Feedback recorded.

After receiving edits, Tom will send to the committee for 7-day comment period. No comment is considered approval.

New Business

1. Overview of the CBI initiative (Diane Cormier)

Moved to next meeting

Action Items

1. Tom to set up a working session between CWQC and the village zoning working group
2. Jim to contact Maine Geological Survey (MGS) find a subject matter expert to brief CWQC on aquifer concerns
3. Tom to add to next agenda: discussing committee term lengths and staggering
4. Jim to research best practices for monitoring Chlorophyll a. To be formatted as Device, Frequency, Form.
 - a. Note: LSM recommendation is every 2 weeks
5. Maggie to create Sebago Lake Watershed graphic for inclusion in plan
6. Levi to send plan feedback to Courtney

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)

July 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM Casco Community Center

August 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM Casco Community Center