



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Regular Meeting

PRESENT

Scott Avery
Robert MacDonald
Mary Fernandes
Grant Plummer

ABSENT

Eugene Connolly

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by MacDonald

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

Motion to move item # 15 up in the agenda to be inserted between item #s 8 and 9.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

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

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve all bills and signing of all open warrants.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

3. Approval of Minutes: April 29, 2025

The Selectboard moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the April 29, 2025 meeting as presented.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

4. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Sam Brown- Urged Board to continue the work with Berry property.

Kevin Geary- Would like to request to be on the agenda for an upcoming meeting regarding his dock issues at Kettle Cove. He would like to know why he is denied access to the public right of way that they all share.

Pam Edwards- Wanted to make sure she could still speak for library even though the item has been recommended to be tabled.

5. Manager's Update

A. The Town is continuing its actions towards the business occurring at Rabbit Run. The Town has not approved a home business permit and outlined the shortcomings in the application. The Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Chief conducted a voluntary inspection of the property and notified the owner of their concerns. In addition, we forwarded information to the Fire Marshall's Office, and they are following up on their required application process.

B. The Town recently received a survey related to the Thompson Lake Boat Ramp and Thompson Lake Marina. The survey shows the boat ramp is clearly in the Town's right of way. Prior to this meeting, I am discussing the survey conducted with Drummond Woodsum to determine the proper method in ensuring the Town's ownership of the ramp. While preliminary discussions have occurred with Drummond Woodsum, I anticipate a more specific discussion occurring at a future Selectboard meeting as an agenda item. I have included a copy of the survey in your packet.

C. The Town recently released three (3) RFPs. The RFPs were for gravel work to be done at Bulky Waste (on behalf of the Transfer Station Council), planning services for the Open Space Commission and real estate S\services for the sale of foreclosed properties. We received 5 bids related to gravel work at Bulky Waste and the bids ranged from \$108,195 to \$176,577. These bids will be presented to the Transfer Station Council at their June 5th meeting. We received 5 bids for planning services for the Open Space Commission. All the bids received were similar in the funding amounts. A member of the Open Space Commission, Matt Markot and I will be reviewing these proposals and making a recommendation to the Selectboard at your June 3rd meeting. 7 Item 5.# The Town received three bids for realtor services. I anticipate providing these bids to the Selectboard on June 3rd .

D. The Capital Improvement survey is scheduled to go out at the end of May or first of June and run for 4-6 weeks with a completion of mid-July. GPCOG will need time to compile and analyze the results, so we are probably not looking at a community forum until September.

E. The May 20th Selectboard will primarily consist of a public hearing on Lake Region Brewing's liquor license request and a workshop with the planner about zoning and ordinance priorities. At the request of the planner, the Planning Board was invited to the workshop and participate in this dialogue.

F. Naples held their Town Meeting on May 10th. Two articles approved directly or indirectly impact the Casco. Naples approved funding a Naples employee to perform animal control duties. Thus, Naples will be ceasing their involvement in the interlocal agreement between Casco, Naples, and Raymond for ACO services. Casco and Raymond shall maintain the interlocal agreement for FY26.

G. Pleasant Lake beach is closed due to damage to the retaining wall caused by the recent storm. Additionally, the adjacent boat ramp is closed due to weakening of base beneath the ramp and disconnection of the ramp structure. These closures are in place for public safety and will remain effective until repairs are completed and the areas are deemed safe for use. Once the timelines for repairs are identified, staff will share with the Selectboard and residents.

H. I am on vacation from Friday May 16th to Monday May 26th. I will be unavailable during this period due to an unknown cell service coverage. Pm Griffin will handle any emergency duties during my absence.

Old Business

6. The Selectboard will discuss Selectboard goals for FY25.
Since FY26 is so close, this item is a moot point.
7. The Selectboard will discuss contract zoning with Casco Public Library.
See item #11.

New Business

8. The Selectboard will discuss the use of grant funds for a regional "paramedic go car" for the communities of Casco, Raymond, Windham and Gray.
Discussion only. No action was taken.
9. The Selectboard will consider usage of Town buildings on recognized holidays.
Discussion only. No action was taken.
10. The Selectboard will consider a liquor license renewal by Webbs Mills Eats
The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the liquor license renewal for Webbs Mills Eats and forward to Maine Bureau of Liquor for final approval.
Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer
11. The Selectboard will discuss Easement Agreement with Casco Public Library.
Item was tabled.
12. The Selectboard will consider the terms of the newly appointed Safe Street Committee members.
The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the appointed terms of the Safe Streets Committee as presented.
Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.
Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer
13. The Selectboard will discuss the draft Town Meeting warrant.
The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the Town Meeting Warrant as presented.
Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.
Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer
14. The Selectboard will consider the status of all committees
Discussion only. No action was taken.
15. The Selectboard will consider a request to redeem foreclosed property located map 4, lot 0001E by the previous owner.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the sale of foreclosed property located map 4, lot 0001E to Hope Chapman (previous owner) for all back taxes, interest and fees.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

16. The Selectboard will consider a Spirit of America nomination for 2025.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

17. The Selectboard will discuss the quote for upgrading the meeting house.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

18. Selectboard Comments

Bob MacDonald- very high chance he will not be at the June 3rd meeting.

Grant Plummer- Attended the School Board District Budget meeting and there was "very little activity". He does not support Question 2. He added to pay attention on Route 11.

Executive Session

19. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for application 05/13/2025A

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for application 05/13/2025A at 7:35pm.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Plummer.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

The Selectboard moved and seconded to exit Executive Session at 7:51pm.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

20. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:51pm.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

Reminders to the Attending Public: Selectboard meetings are open to the public, but the public may not speak unless recognized by the Board 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. Matters related to personnel will not be heard.

Future meeting dates (subject to change)

May 14, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee

May 19, 2025 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Regular Meeting

May 20, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard and Planning Board Planning/ Zoning Workshop

May 22, 2025 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

Approved by Selectboard on June 3, 2025 4-0 vote

May 28, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Safe Street Committee Meeting
May 31, 2025 @ 9:00 AM Open Space Planning Workshop
June 3, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting
June 4, 2025 @ 6:30 PM Casco Annual Town Meeting