



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

PRESENT

Eugene Connolly
Scott Avery
Robert MacDonald
Grant Plummer

ABSENT

Mary Fernandes

Regular Meeting

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended adding the library to old business.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

2. 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 MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

3. Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2025 and April 15, 2025

The Selectboard moved to approve minutes April 1, 2025 and April 15, 2025, as presented

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

4. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

No public Participation

5. Manager's Update

A. The last of the road postings on gravel roads were removed on April 22nd.

- B. The Selectboard and the Finance Committee finalized the FY 26 budget last week. This budget has a reduction in the operating budget and a slight increase in total spending (operating, capital, debt payments and special revenue expenses). Exact numbers will be provided at this meeting.
- C. The Town recently inspected by the Maine Bureau of Labor (OSHA). They inspected our 300 reporting logs for the past 5 years, Public Works, Fire Department, Transfer Station/Bulky Waste and the Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond dam. Overall, the inspection went well, but some shortcomings were identified. Once we receive the final report, I will share with the Selectboard and public. I anticipate receiving the report in 6 to 8 weeks. The majority of our shortcomings were documentation of training. The largest structure discussion will be related to a lack of safety rails around the spillway of the dam and the non-water side of the dam. We anticipate rectifying any training documentation within the next few week and we are already obtaining quotes for the installation of railings on the dam.

Old Business

- 6. The Selectboard will discuss a proposed Senior Tax Credit Ordinance.

The Selectboard moved to table the ordinance discussion until further financial implications are determined.

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

- 7. The Selectboard will discuss Selectboard goals for FY25.

Discussion Only

- 8. The Selectboard will discuss the necessity for contractor bonding for Maine Department of Transportation project #026228.00 (Crooked River Bridge Rehabilitation).

The Selectboard moved to approve an over limit permit for Maine Department of Transportation project #026228.00 .

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Plummer.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

- 9. The Selectboard will consider appointing Carolyn Drew to the Planning Board as an Alternate; Courtney Walsh to the Open Space Commission; Joe Armenti to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Timothy Walsh to the Veterans Committee.

The Selectboard moved to appoint Carolyn Drew to the Planning Board as an Alternate; Courtney Walsh to the Open Space Commission; Joe Armenti to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Timothy Walsh to the Veterans Committee.

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

10. The Selectboard will consider legal services for the remainder of 2025 due to Jensen Baird's elimination of Municipal Law division of firm.

The Selectboard moved to transfer legal service from Jensen Baird to Drummond Woodsum.

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

New Business

11. The Selectboard will consider awarding the bid for recent Request for Proposal for replacement ambulance

The Selectboard moved to award the ambulance bid to Autotronics LL for a 2025 Ford 550 7.3L gas Braun ambulance, pending financial approval at Town Meeting.

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

12. Selectboard Comments

Selectperson Avery commented about the roadwork occurring on Route 11 by MeDOT and drivers should be aware. He additionally noted route 121 should be a greater priority.

Selectperson MacDonald reported progress on the Comp Plan and the necessity to follow the plan. The Selectboard needs to be committed to the plan and the implementation matrix. He additionally commented about the necessity to find more residents to volunteer and continue the increases in public participation.

Selectperson Plummer requested information related future roadwork being conducted by either Public Workers or subcontractors(i.e. striping, ditching, roadwork).

Selectperson Connolly reminded everyone with the improving weather, the amount of people walking or bicycling is increasing. Drivers must pay attention for these individuals.

Executive Session

13. Adjournment at 7:34 PM

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

Approved by Selectboard on May 13, 2025 4-0 vote

Future meeting dates (subject to change)

Month DD, YYYYT at HH:MM PM Meeting Name

April 30, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Safe Streets Committee

May 3, 2025 @ 8:00 AM Safe Street Bicycle Rodeo

May 6, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting