



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

October 03, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

PRESENT

Eugene Connolly
Robert MacDonald
Mary Fernandes
Grant Plummer

ABSENT

Scott Avery

Workshop

1. The Selectboard will conduct a workshop with GPCOG and Sebago Fiber reference the COLAB work on high speed internet

The Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to write a letter of support for the Town of Sebago on it's application for a Maine Connectivity Grant.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

The Selectboard voted to authorize GPCOG and Sebago Fiber to use approximately \$10,000.00 in grant funds for conducting a survey reference high speed internet in Casco.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

2. The Selectboard will conduct a public hearing on State of Maine General Assistance Minimums and consider adopting into ordinance

The Selectboard moved to accept the proposed General Assistance Maximums as presented and adopted into the Town's Ordinances.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Plummer.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

Approved by Selectboard on 11-14-2023

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

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

Motion made by Fernandes, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

4. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion made by Fernandes, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

5. Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2023

The Selectboard voted to approve the Minutes of September 19, 2023.

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

6. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Sam Brown wanted to follow up from last meeting regarding Open Space Commission and asked to be put on the agenda for future meeting. He also had some questions regarding Public Works as well as demolition at 475 Poland Spring Road.

7. Manager's Update

Managers Update-

A. I anticipate presenting to the Selectboard a draft policy on Town meetings within the next couple of meetings. This policy shall include the priorities previously identified by the Selectboard.

B. I anticipate posting for 30 days the changes in zoning ordinance associated to the proposed solar energy systems once approved by the Planning Board. After the 30 days are completed, the Selectboard would conduct a public hearing on the proposed changes and approved as presented or amended.

C. Hello Doggie Daycare did not submit a petition for modifying the Town's zoning related to kennels. Per the settlement agreement, she must now close the business by October 18, 2023, and reimburse the Town for attorney fees.

D. Also included in your packet is a recent newsletter received from the Murch Cemetery Association.

E. The Town will be releasing its first newsletter on or around October 15th . The newsletter will be available in both a digital and hardcopy format. The digital newsletter will be available via e-mail or on our web site. Hard Copies will be available at the Town Office, Community Center and possibly some non-Town properties.

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F. The Fire Department received a \$5,000 donation from the Selavy Foundation.

G. Included in your packet is a request from GPCOG for the Town to attend Lake Region Convening. This is similar to the meeting they conducted this spring in Naples. They are requesting who would represent the Town at this convening. I do not believe formal action is required, but just guidance for RSVPing to the event.

H. I am inquiring if the Selectboard would be willing to modify the personnel policy in the future to require direct deposit for all payroll checks. We currently issue only 4 traditional checks. If the Town required direct deposit, 7 Item 5.# we could eliminate the printing of all paper checks and deliver them via email. Trio (our accounting and payroll software) does not allow for the nonprinting of direct deposits. It is an all or nothing endeavor on the printing of payroll checks.

I. CEO Wiesemann is working with Jensen Baird to dela with the junkyard at 480 Roosevelt Trail (Mike's Auto Repair). The owner of the business has not been as responsive as needed with the cleanup.

Old Business

8. The Selectboard will discuss the Town's Application for the State of Maine Community Resilience Grant.

No action. Discussion only.

New Business

9. The Selectboard will consider awarding winter sand bid

The Selectboard voted to award the winter sand bid to Shaw Brothers Construction with a winning bid of \$20.75 per yard.

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

10. The Selectboard will discuss the Town Property at 7 Leach Hill Road.

No action. Discussion only.

11. Selectboard Comments

Selectboard Member Fernandes would like to speak at next meeting regarding the Berry Property and Selectboard goals for the year.

Selectboard Member Plummer spoke regarding his concern about the Planning Board and what appears to be a lot of miscommunication between the Board and staff.

Selectboard Member Connolly wanted to express his appreciation for volunteers.

12. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved to adjourn at 7:47 pm.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Connolly, 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.

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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)

October 16, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Open Space Commission

October 17, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Regular Selectboard Meeting

November 7, 2023 @ 6:00 pm Regular Selectboard Meeting

November 13, 2023 @ 6:30 pm Regular Planning Board Meeting