



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Regular Meeting

PRESENT

Scott Avery
Eugene Connolly
Robert MacDonald
Mary Fernandes
Grant Plummer

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved and seconded to amend the meeting agenda by moving item #9 (Casco Village Zoning) to the first item of "Ongoing Business"

Motion made by Connolly, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, 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 Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

3. Approval of Minutes: March 3, 2026

The Selectboard moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the March 3, 2026 meeting as presented.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Connolly.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

4. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Rae Anne Nguyen provided an update from the Safe Streets Committee. The committee would like to move forward with signage and paint on Quaker Ridge Road at an estimated cost of \$3,600.00. The board gave the Town Manager approval to give directives on this.

Sam Brown promoted the Bike Rodeo to be held on May 2nd at the Crooked River Elementary School. Sam is also looking for volunteers.

David Kimball presented points to the Selectboard regarding his property line dispute with the town.

5. Manager's Update

- A. The Selectboard, Finance Committee, and Town staff continue reviewing the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 operating and capital budget. I anticipate that the two groups will finalize a recommended budget in the near future. Once the recommended budget is finalized, Town staff will share the final recommendation with the public.

The Finance Committee and Selectboard have conducted four joint public workshops and consulted with Town staff regarding their recommendations. All joint workshop agendas and supporting documents have been posted on the Town's website under "Meeting Agendas." Additionally, the proposed overall budget was posted on our website on March 9th.

- B. All documents related to the easement agreement, contract zoning agreement, and release deed between the Town of Casco and the Casco Public Library have been completed and forwarded to Drummond Woodsum for filing with the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds. It is anticipated that these documents will be filed by the date of the meeting.
- C. Due to a critical time constraint, I was unable to officially announce the opportunity to request federal funding under FY27 Congressional Direct Spending (earmarks) through Senator Susan Collins' office. The Towns of Casco, Bridgton, Naples, Windham, Sebago, and Gorham have each requested funds for communication upgrades for their respective fire departments. The Town of Casco is officially submitting the request on behalf of all six communities. The six Towns will be request approximately \$2.57 million with Casco's portion being just under \$600,000. This collaborative effort originated from a Cumberland County Managers/GPCOG monthly meeting.
- D. The recently approved Level Two electric vehicle chargers were installed at both the Casco Community Center and the Brown Avenue parking lot on March 18, 2026, and are now operational.
- E. The FY27 Road Preservation Request For Proposals (RFP) is being released and bids are due by April 2, 2026. The advertising of the RFP started on March 12th.
- F. The Safe Street's Committee requested that I forward the following message to the Selectboard.

GPCOG has released their VISION ZERO RURAL INTERSECTION SAFETY STUDY (linked here: <https://gpcog.org/DocumentCenter/View/4231/Vision-Zero-Rural-Intersection-Safety-Study>).

This study evaluated eight rural intersections, three of which were in Casco, and recommended short, medium, and long-term strategies communities could use to improve the safety of these intersections. This study alone provides great insight to improving safety in our town.

Subsequently, GPCOG received a Safe Streets for All Demonstration Grant , to help implement some quick-build projects at intersections in three of these communities - one being Casco. The work and planning is starting and in order to ensure Casco gets in at the beginning of the process and can take full advantage of funds available for projects in our community, we request approval and support from the board to engage in discussions with GPCOG, MDOT, and others, as necessary. This does not require any monetary contribution from the town, it is simply support to move ahead, and we will provide more details as things progress.

While GPCOG is the recipient of the grant, they are excited about our enthusiasm to move this forward! As always, we will keep the board updated on progress and engage the community as often as possible!

On-Going Business

6. The Selectboard will discuss Casco Village Zoning with Resilience Planning, LLC.
Discussion only. No action was taken.
7. The Selectboard will discuss the willingness in naming the Roosevelt Trail bridge over Crooked River for veteran's.
Discussion only. No action was taken.
8. The Selectboard will consider a request from the ad hoc water quality committee
Discussion only. No action was taken.
9. The Selectboard will receive updates on the installation of municipal fiber.
Discussion only. No action was taken.

New Business

10. The Selectboard will consider awarding the mowing bid for 2026 thru 2028.
This item was tabled.
11. The Selectboard will consider approving the Recycler License Renewal approval for Colonial Auto.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the Recycler License Renewal for Colonial Auto.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer
12. The Selectboard will consider an overlimit agreement with Maine for Route 302 large culvert replacement.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to sign the overlimit weight agreement with Maine for Route 302 large culvert replacement.

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

13. The Selectboard will consider the appointment of Linda Allen, Joe Armenti, Alexis DeFillipo, Nancy Dunbar, Sandra Fredricks, Laurie Kidd, Julie Koceika, Devin Langadas, Jennifer Morton, Melissa Poree, Mary Strain, & Janet Ver Planck as election clerks.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to appointment Linda Allen, Joe Armenti, Alexis DeFillipo, Nancy Dunbar, Sandra Fredricks, Laurie Kidd, Julie Koceika, Devin Langadas, Jennifer Morton, Melissa Poree, Mary Strain, & Janet Ver Planck as election clerks.

Motion made by Connolly, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

14. Selectboard Comments

Gene Connolly thanked Tony for getting the new electric car chargers and running so quickly. He also wanted to remind everyone that it is Spring- remember to share the road.

Scott Avery inquired if power was ever installed to Webbs Mills Park gazebo. Scott also wanted to remind everyone of the Spring road conditions.

Mary Fernandes wanted to let everyone know she appreciated being chosen to represent Casco at GPCOG's Annual Meeting.

Bob MacDonald wanted to encourage community involvement.

Grant Plummer wanted to extend his thanks to the Finance Committee and appreciates the Board's commitment during this year's budget season. Grant also thanked Tony and staff. He also wanted to remind everyone of the Spring road conditions.

Executive Session

15. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for application 03/24/2026A, 03/24/2026B & 03/24/2026C.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for Concealed Weapon applications application 03/24/2026A, 03/24/2026B and 03/24/2026C at 7:33pm.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

The Selectboard moved and seconded to exit Executive Session at 7:33pm.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

16. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(E) Consultation with legal counsel.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(E) Consultation with legal counsel at 7:36pm

Motion made by Connolly, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

The Selectboard moved and seconded to exit Executive Session at 7:45pm

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Connolly.

Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

Approved by Selectboard on April 7, 2026 4-0 Vote

17. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:46pm.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, 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. 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)

March 25, 2026 @ 5:30 PM Joint Budget Workshop between Selectboard and Finance Committee (If needed)

March 25, 2026 @ 6:00 PM Casco Naples Transfer Station Council (Naples Town Office)

March 26, 2026 @ 5:30 Finance Committee Meeting (If needed)

March 26, 2026 @ 6:00 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

April 2, 2026 @ 5:30 PM Veteran's Committee

April 6, 2026 @ 6:00 PM Open Space Commission

April 7, 2026 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting