



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

August 05, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Selectboard Members

Present:

Grant Plummer

Robert MacDonald

Mary Fernandes

Scott Avery

Eugene Connolly (late)

Executive Session

1. 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 5:00pm.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer (Connolly absent for vote-late)

The Selectboard moved and seconded to exit Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(E) Consultation with legal counsel at 6:05pm.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

2. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement Requests- Case 08/05/2025A & 08/05/2025B.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement Requests- Case 08/05/2025A & 08/05/2025B at 6:06pm

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.

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

The Selectboard moved and seconded to exit Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement Requests- Case 08/05/2025A & 08/05/2025B at 6:14pm

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by MacDonald.

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

3. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for application 08/05/2025A .

This item was tabled due to time constraints.

Regular Meeting

4. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard called the Regular meeting to order at 6:15pm as well as moved and seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by MacDonald.

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

5. 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 Fernandes.

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

6. Approval of Minutes: July 1, 2025

The Selectboard moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the July 1, 2025 meeting as presented.

Motion made by Fernandes, Seconded by Avery.

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

7. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Tom Mulkern spoke regarding concerns and questions regarding 131 Tenney Hill Road (this is an item that is on the agenda)

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

Eric Dibner pointed out the Town needs to be mindful of ADA requirements for all new construction they are considering.

8. Manager's Update

A. Included in your packet is the State Valuation for the Town of Casco for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. The Town's value in 2024 increased to \$1,183,350 (or \$218,450 from 2023); 2025 increased to \$1,306,450 (\$123,100 increase) and estimated to be \$1,342,1000 (\$36,500 increase). These values specifically influence county taxes and the school funding formula.

B. As requested by the Selectboard, property line pins have been placed at the boundaries of the Casco Public Library. Additionally, stakes have been installed in the area to provide a clearer visual reference for the public.

In relation to this property, I have also included previous Selectboard meeting minutes concerning the development of the Village Green in this packet.

C. An RFP for the supply of winter sand has been issued, with bids due by August 8, 2025. The RFP was sent directly to potential bidders, posted on the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) website, and shared on the Town's website and Facebook page to maximize outreach. Winter salt purchases will be made through a cooperative purchasing agreement facilitated by the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG).

D. Included in your packet is a letter from Maine DOT information about replacing a large culvert .10 miles north of Bramble Hill Road. The project is scheduled for bids in February 2026 with construction occurring in the summer months of 2026.

In addition, I spoke with a representative from Maine DOT, and they advised Route 121 is scheduled for a shim and overlay for the summer of 2026. They have no plans for complete rehabilitation due to costs associated with a rehabilitation project.

- E. Include in your packet from Portland Water District. The letter is a public notice regarding a proposed shoreline stabilization project at Songo Beach in Sebago Lake State Park, aimed at addressing severe erosion and protecting water quality.
- F. Public access to the Capital Improvement survey ended on June 20, 2025. GPCOG is currently analyzing the 322 responses. Once the in-depth analysis is completed, GPCOG will meet with the ad hoc committee to share the data and plan future public engagement events related to gathering additional perspectives relating to capital improvement projects.
- G. RN Willey is scheduled to begin the installation of a box culvert near Davis Brook Road in early August. As a result, this section of Edwards Road will be closed to all traffic for up to two weeks. The Town has provided advance notice to the public through multiple channels, including the Town website, social media accounts, the monthly newsletter, posted construction signage along Edwards Road, and direct mailings to abutting property owners. Once construction dates are finalized the public will be notified.
- H. The Town received the proposed contract from Sebago Fiber for the installation of fiber optic lines approved at the Town Meeting. Drummond Woodsum is currently reviewing the document and will make recommendations to the Selectboard related to this contract. I do not anticipate substantial changes in the contract since Drummond Woodsum previously reviewed the contract between Naples and Sebago Fiber for similar services.
- I. On July 29th, a meeting was held with Mary Matthews and Steve Greely of the Maine Department of Labor to discuss a potential penalty settlement. The discussions were incredibly positive, and we anticipate a reduction in the assessed penalties. While we had expected to receive the final settlement resolution prior to this writing, it has not yet been provided.

Old Business

- 9. The Selectboard will discuss an easement with Casco Public Library
Discussion only. No action was taken.
- 10. The Selectboard will consider which Selectboard members will be assigned to various committees, boards or working groups.
The following Selectboard members were assigned as liaisons to the following groups:
Berry Property Ad Hoc Committee- Mary Fernandes
Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee- Robert MacDonald
Planning Board- Grant Plummer and Gene Connolly
Transfer Station Council- Robert MacDonald
Veteran's Committee- Eugene Connolly
Water Quality Committee- Scott Avery

New Business

11. The Selectboard will consider legal actions against the owner of 131 Tenney Hill Road for ordinance violations.

Four residents voiced their concerns and frustrations regarding this issue. After much discussion it was agreed that our camper ordinance needs to be reviewed.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to authorize legal counsel to proceed with court action against the owners of 131 Tenney Hill Road.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

12. The Selectboard will discuss tax overlay and commitment.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

13. The Selectboard will discuss Animal Control.

14. The Selectboard will consider potential carry-in/carry-out boat launch options.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to transfer this discussion the Berry Property work group for discussion in comprehensive planning.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.

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

15. The Selectboard will consider voting for recommended members to Maine Municipal Executive Committee.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to vote in favor of the slated Executive Committee of Maine Municipal Association.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

16. Selectboard Comments

Scott Avery welcomed the new business in town, Casco Gas & Convenience. He is excited and happy to have them here and hopes to see more growth like this in the future.

Mary Fernandes had some questions regarding the Berry Property Ad Hoc Committee.

Bob MacDonald- would like to hear from department heads on a regular basis.

Grant Plummer- inquired when we will get survey results from GPCOG. Grant also would like to speak to DOT to address many road issues in town. He also asked to have some photos posted on the website of the culvert project on Edwards Road.

17. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:41pm.

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)

August 7, 2025 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee

August 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Water Quality Committee

August 18, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Open Space Commission

August 19, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting