



Town of Casco

Water Quality Committee Minutes

May 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Casco Public Library

Committee Members Present

- Tom McCarthy
- Levi Thornton
- Jim Arsham (Zoom)
- Eileen Tidd
- Diane Cormier
- Maggie Daigle
- Pam Edwards

Regular Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order

Committee members present:

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- Levi Thornton
- Jim Arsham (Zoom)
- Eileen Tidd
- Diane Cormier
- Maggie Daigle
- Pam Edwards

2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

Approved

3. Approval of Minutes: April 2, 2025

Approved

4. Public Participation for non-agenda items

No public attendees

Old Business

6. Review Action Items from the last meeting

A Google Shared Drive has been set up for the CWQC, where all educational materials, work products, and contact information can be uploaded. Of particular focus was the map labeling all Casco water bodies, and an accompanying spreadsheet tying those water bodies to association representatives and points of contact on the

committee. All committee members shared their interest in specific focus areas on the plan. Each focus area was assigned 2-3 committee members who will be responsible for an initial draft.

7. Review town policy on boards and committees

Policy uploaded to Shared Drive. Reviewed by committee members with no discussion

8. Casco Lake Association's points of contact

The committee reviewed a spreadsheet covering each body of water in Casco, and filled in Association contacts for each. Committee members were assigned to retrieve contact details for water bodies with no listed representative: Coffee Pond, and Dumping Pond. The three undeveloped water bodies—Hog Meadow Pond, Owl Pond, and Mill Pond—were left with no representative.

9. Review map of Casco's lakes and ponds and establish the list of lakes and ponds to be addressed by the committee

Combined with previous agenda item

New Business

10. Discuss focus areas and assign members to the focus areas

Each focus area was assigned 2-3 committee members, and each committee member is assigned to 2-3 focus areas. Each focus area has a distinct "primary" committee member, responsible for arranging the first draft.

11. Develop goals for each focus area

Each group of committee members was tasked with drafting an outline of their respective focus areas by the next committee meeting.

12. Discuss information and data currently available

Reviewed the Raymond Waterways Water Quality Report as of particular interest to use as a guide and inspiration.

13. Discuss and establish timelines for each focus area to provide a draft for the focus area's portion of the water quality plan

The committee established a shared goal across all focus areas to provide a draft plan to the Casco Selectboard by their first meeting in December 2025.

Action Items

1. **Action Item:** solicit road associations and camps on Coffee Pond for contacts
 - i. Jim: Jeff Hacker for Camp Cedar
 - ii. Sarah may do follow-up research for Road associations if Jim is unsuccessful in turning up contacts
 - o **Action Item (Pam):** Establish Doug Webster as contact for Dumping Pond
 - o **Action Item (Tom):** Reach out to John Weisemann for Road associations in Casco
 - o **Action Item (Levi):** Consolidate the associations and organizations spreadsheets
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2. **Action item:** Each topic area should have an outline of what will be included in the plan, including which supporting data should be gathered

Adjournment

Reminders to the Attending Public: The Water Quality Committee meetings are open to the public, but the public may not speak unless recognized by the Committee 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)

June 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM – Water Quality Committee Meeting