



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

PRESENT

Scott Avery
Robert MacDonald
Mary Fernandes
Grant Plummer

ABSENT

Eugene Connolly

Regular Meeting

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard voted to approve the meeting agenda.

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

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

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

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

3. Approval of Minutes: September 5, 2023

The Selectboard moved to approve the Minutes of September 5, 2023.

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

4. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Sam Brown had some questions for the board from Open Space Commission as a follow up from his presentation at the last meeting.

Eric Dibner spoke regarding his struggles with communication and planning with the Open Space Commission. He reminded the Selectboard that it started with Conservation Committee which evolved in to the Open Space Commission.

Selectboard approved minutes on 10-03-2023

5. Manager's Update

- As previously reported, ReVision Energy received all the permits required for the installation of solar panels on the Casco Naples landfill. The site engineer for ReVision is Ashton Ireland. Some construction will occur that will minimally affect the operation of the transfer station but not the public access portions. He advised the preliminary stages on the cap will occur over the next 2 or 3 weeks. In late September or early October, the foundation baskets will arrive, and this installation takes 4-6 weeks of construction. After this is completed, no further operational disruptions should occur with this installation project.
- I will be posting several committee or board vacancies per the recently approved appointment policy. The positions being posted will be alternate for the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Veteran's Committee
- Glidden Excavation is currently working on the FY24 road projects. They have already reclaimed all roads that were scheduled for that and replaced multiple cross culverts. Two of the cross culverts (New Road and Leach Hill Road) were substantially increased in size per the engineers to meet the increasing amount of water flow during heavy rainstorms..
- Sebago Technics and GPCOG will be presenting at the Selectboard meeting about the recommendations of the COLAB (High speed internet).
- The Town completed the removal of the junkyard from 12 Harmony Road. The contracted company removed approximately 10 dump trucks and 10 1-ton trucks full of junk, as identified by the Cumberland County District Court. The property owner was visibly upset at times, but overall the process was completed without incident or conflict.
- The Winter sand RFP has been published with bids being accepted until September 29, 2023. The first delivery of sand is required by October 17, 2023. I anticipate the bids being presented to the Selectboard on October 3, 2023 for awarding of the bid. The RFP is included in your packet.
- In review, the Selectboard has not set goals for the FY24 as done in previous years. Is the Selectboard interested in this being an agenda item at a future meeting?
- The Planning Board is moving their October meeting to the 2nd instead of the 16th. This meeting will include an executive session with legal counsel, a site walk of 325 Roosevelt Trail and other agenda items to be determined at a later date.

Old Business

6. The Selectboard will consider the Septic System Replacement Program
The Selectboard voted to approve the Septic System Replacement Program.

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

7. The Selectboard will discuss the status of the Comprehensive Plan
Town Manager Tony Ward provided an update from the chair.

New Business

8. The Selectboard will consider a lease termination agreement with All the Ravan
The Selectboard voted to terminate the lease agreement with All the Ravan.
Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer
9. The Selectboard will discuss a proposed Commercial Solar Ordinance.
No action. Discussion only.
10. The Selectboard will discuss the workshop at Point Sebago
No action. Discussion only.

Workshop

11. The Selectboard will discuss roads and road repairs
No action. Discussion only.

Selectboard Comments

Selectboard Member MacDonald reported he had attended the Jensen Baird client seminar on 9/14/23 and he has concerns regarding the new laws surrounding LD 101, Sale of Tax Acquired Property.

Selectboard Member Plummer reported he attended the "Book Launch" which was held at the Magic Lantern in Bridgton on 9/18/23. The book that was "launched" contains contributions from local students (including his son). He encouraged everyone to check it out.

Selectboard Member Fernandes had no comments.

Selectboard Member Avery announced funeral services for Holly Hancock will be held September 30, 2023. He also stated it may be time to start pursuing hiring a contract deputy. He will not be in attendance for the next meeting as he will be on vacation.

Executive Session

12. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement Requests- Case 09/19/2023A

The Selectboard voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement Requests- Case 09/19/2023A at 7:39pm

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

The Selectboard came out of Executive Session at 8:05pm,

Selectboard approved minutes on 10-03-2023

13. Adjournment

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)

October 3, 2023 @ 6:00 PM Regular Selectboard Meeting

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

October 16, 2023 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Meeting

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