



Town of Casco

Water Quality Committee Minutes

November 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Attendees

1. Tom McCarthy
2. Diane Cormier
3. Pam Edwards
4. Eileen Tidd
5. Levi Thornton
6. Jim Arsham

Public attendees

1. Pam Akers

Regular Meeting

1. **Review and approval of the meeting agenda**

Motion to Approve: Diane, Second: Levi. Unanimous approval

2. **Approval of minutes from October 15, 2025**

Motion to Approve: Levi, Second: Eileen. 5 approve, 0 reject, 1 abstain

3. **Public participation for non-agenda items**

No agenda items to discuss

Continuing Business

1. **Tom to coordinate with town staff to draft a policy change requiring pre- and post-development photos for all development within the 250' shoreland zone.**

Discussed with town—already part of existing ordinance. Eileen reports no current permit forms show post-development photos. Only instruction is word-of-mouth, and reported only to DEP.

2. **Tom to add a top-level Stakeholders section to the plan, accumulating from each section**

Completed

3. **Jim to amend section to include that, on lakes funded by the town, water quality testers provide results back to the LSM (already required), town, and lake associations.**

Included under section goals

4. Eileen to finish “Ongoing evaluation & reporting” section of shoreline section

Section added, more edits required as action item

5. Tom to replace the “Grant Programs” of the Funding section with the role of the town in assisting lake associations with grants

Carried forward as new action item

6. All section owners to add final section drafts to shared folder by Friday 10/24

Completed

7. Maggie to consolidate final section drafts into first draft of plan by Friday 11/7 and notify committee

Completed

8. All committee members to review and provide comments on first plan draft prior to next meeting

Completed

New Business

1. Review the Draft Water quality plan.

All sections reviewed

Action Items

1. Tom to meet with town to request that post-development photos be added to forms for town permits for development within 250', rather than receiving downstream from DEP
2. Tom to add a leading section framing the plan as volunteerism as opposed to government intervention
3. Pam and Jim to reformat the Water Quality Testing section for consistency with the greater plan
4. Pam to reformat Funding section for consistency with the greater plan
5. Eileen to rework Ongoing evaluation and reporting of shoreline conditions to keep new work created only for the committee
6. One member per Lake Association to reach out for the most recent annual budget as input to 2026 budget request
 - a. PLPPA - Levi
 - b. Thomas - Tom
 - c. Crescent - Diane
 - d. Thompson - Sarah

Reminders to the Attending Public: 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.

Future meeting dates (subject to change)

December 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM Water Quality Committee Meeting

January 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM Water Quality Committee Meeting

February 18 , 2025, at 6:00 PM Water Quality Committee Meeting