



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Regular Meeting

PRESENT

Scott Avery
Eugene Connolly
Robert MacDonald
Mary Fernandes
Grant Plummer

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

The Selectboard moved to approve signing and approval of all open warrants.

Motion made by Fernandes, Seconded by MacDonald.

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

2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion made by Connolly, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: October 3, 2023

Wrong minutes attached in packet. Selectboard could not approve.

4. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Phil Shane commented that the dirt roads needed grading.

Eric Dibner congratulated the board being awarded the \$50,000.00 Community Action Grant.

Sam Brown inquired about Jim Arsham's application for membership of Open Space Commission, status of 476 Poland Spring Road and picnic tables at Webbs Mills Park.

Approved by Selectboard on 11-14-2023

5. Manager's Update

A. Greater Portland Council of Governments received a CDBG grant for the studying and implementation of housing policies. The Town of Casco was a portion of this grant for the identify four (4) specific parcels for housing development and catalyzation for additional development in the area. In your packet is the award notification from Matt Panfil of GPCOG.

B. Glidden Excavation is near completion of the FY 24 road projects. I plan on providing the Selectboard proposals for FY25 and probably recommendations for FY26 and FY27. Once these projects are approved at the Selectboard level, we will post them on our web page and social media beginning the information stage for our residents.

C. The Town Office is in the process of upgrading our technology within the building. The upgrades include, but not limited to, updated phone systems at a rate less than Go Net Speed, increased internet speed, exterior cameras installed on the Town Office, installation of Town Meeting approved server, and installation of communication monitor in the front lobby.

D. The Transfer Station & Bulky Waste facility will be closing 1 hour earlier on November 5, 2023, and keep these hours during Eastern Standard Time. Beginning on November 5, the Transfer Station closes to the public at 4:30 pm and Bulky Waste at 3:45 hours. Staff will continue work their 10-hour shifts and perform other duties during the public closure time. This was approved by the Transfer Council when they changed the operation days.

E. ReVision Energy is in the process of assembling of foundation baskets (bases for the solar panels); anticipate beginning construction of racking and fencing over the next few weeks; in 2 or 3 weeks begin installation of solar panels on racks and conduct the electrical wiring most of November and December. 6 Item 5.#

F. I will be out of the office from November 1st through the 13th (at least). I will be available most of the time via e-mail or cell phone, but I will not be in the office during this time.

Old Business

6. The Selectboard will discuss the status of the Comprehensive Plan
No action taken. Discussion only.

New Business

7. The Selectboard will recognize Phil Shane for his 31 years of Service to the MSAD 61 Board of Directors
No action taken. Recognition only.
8. The Selectboard will discuss goals for FY24 and review of FY23 Goals
No action taken. Discussion only.

9. The Selectboard for discuss the Berry Property
No action taken. Discussion only.

10. The Selectboard will consider investment opportunities for unassigned funds.
No action taken. More time needed to review.

11. The Selectboard will discuss future processes or assistance for the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee.
No action taken. Discussion only.

12. The Selectboard will discuss a zoning ordinance change concerning commercial solar.
The Selectboard moved to place the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding Solar Energy Systems on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting in January.
Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

13. The Selectboard will consider a Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 7, 2023
The Selectboard moved to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 7, 2023.
Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

14. Selectboard Comments
Scott Avery reminded everyone to read voting info before casting ballot.
Mary Fernandes was happy with the discussion on the Berry Property tonight.
Grant Plummer asked Town Manager Tony Ward for updates on Hello Doggie, Mikes Autocare and the business on Rabbit Run.
Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm
Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by Fernandes.
Voting Yea: Avery, Connolly, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer