



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Members Present:

Grant Plummer, Vice-Chair

Robert Macdonald

Mary Fernandes

Scott Avery

Eugene Connolly joined late via zoom
at 6:25pm

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.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

2. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for applications 10/15/2024A & 10/15/2024B

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for applications 10/15/2024A & 10/15/2024B

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

Regular Meeting

3. 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, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

4. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Avery.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Fernandes, Plummer

5. Approval of Minutes

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the minutes from October 1, 2024 as presented.

Motion made by MacDonald, Seconded by Plummer.

Voting Yea: Avery, MacDonald, Plummer

Voting Abstaining: Fernandes

6. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

David Kimball made a presentation disputing his property lines.

Amy Brown inquired if any Selectboard goals have been finalized.

Tuan Nguyen had the same inquiry as Amy. Tuan also reminded the Selectboard of his recommendation of an ad-hoc committee consisting of the major stakeholders for the Berry property project.

Eileen Tidd questioned what the 2.5 acres of land purchase behind the town office was about mentioned in the Town Managers report at the last Selectboard meeting.

7. Manager's Update

I anticipate discussing a date for the Special Town Meeting. I anticipate recommending January 28th at 6:30 pm for the Special Town Meeting. This will be on the November 12th Selectboard agenda.

The Selectboard will be meeting on October 29th, November 12th, and November 19th. The 29th meeting will be a workshop with the Planning Board. The Selectboard will not meet on November 5th due to the election. Their regular monthly meetings will occur on November 12th and 19th.

At an all-staff meeting, we recently recognized the work anniversaries of 4 employees that reached milestones. Julie Koceika was recognized for 5 years of full time service; Beth Latsey for 20 years of service; Pam Griffin for 25 years of service and Melissa Poree for 25 years of service. I anticipate annually recognize employees at their years of service milestones (5,10,15,20,25,30,etc.).

Sebago Fiber continues working with Sebago and Raymond towards installing fiber optic internet. Naples and Casco are still in the COLAB and continue participating in the dialogue. I anticipate Sebago Fiber coming to a last 2024 or early 2025

Selectboard to discuss their plan for the area and discussing future partnerships for fiber optic internet and Town's capital commitment to this development.

The Town is currently receiving a substantial number of requests for absentee ballots for the November 5th election. As of this writing, approximately 15% of the active voters (2,690) have requested absentee ballots. The Town currently has 3,434 registered voters.

Workshop

8. Public Hearing on State of Maine General Assistance Maximums

There were no comments or questions from the public.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adopt State of Maine General Assistance Maximums as presented and adopt into the Town's Ordinances.

Selectboard Chair Gene Connolly joined the meeting via zoom.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

Old Business

9. The Selectboard will discuss discrepancies between Town and Library property lines, deeds, and other land-related discrepancies.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

10. The Selectboard will changing the Town's three (3) health plan options for employees.

The Selectboard moved and seconded to change from the POS A plan to the Acadia Plan with Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust effective January 1, 2025.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

11. The Selectboard will discuss a Senior Tax Credit ordinance

Discussion only. No action was taken.

New Business

12. The Selectboard will discuss Town fees

Discussion only. No action was taken.

13. The Selectboard will discuss a proposed strategic surveys options proposed by GPCOG

Tabled.

14. The Selectboard will consider appointing the Town Manager to Eco Main Board of Directors

The Selectboard moved and seconded to appoint Town Manager Anthony Ward as Casco's representative to the EcoMaine Board of Directors.

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by Avery.

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

15. The Selectboard will consider legal actions for Helen Allen Lane

The Selectboard moved and seconded to authorize Jensen Baird to pursue legal action against Jonathan and Angela Rogers in reference to violating Town ordinance Chapter 7, subsection 7-4.

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

16. Selectboard Comments

Robert MacDonald- asked status of Dam Advisory Committee. Wants Town Manager to provide results from the solar farm at the transfer station.

Mary Fernandes- Would like to speak at next meeting about the Berry Property and "how it all came about" and why it has taken so long to get anywhere. Also questioned where all the new vehicles and equipment we have purchased in the past few years will be stored.

Scott Avery- Inquired what the next steps will be with the Morton property.

Grant Plummer- wanted updates on Pleasant Lake Beach and Transfer Station Bulky Waste closures.

17. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adjourn.

Motion made by Avery, Seconded by Fernandes.

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

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 17 @ 6:00 PM Casco Naples Transfer Station Council

October 21 @ 6:00 PM Open Space Committee

October 21 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Meeting

October 24 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

October 29 @ 6:30 PM Selectboard Workshop with Planning Board

November 12 @ 6:30 PM Selectboard Regular

Meeting November 19 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting