



Town of Casco

Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

October 01, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

Selectboard Members present-

Eugene Connolly, Grant Plummer and Robert MacDonald. Scott Avery and Mary Fernandes were absent.

Regular Meeting

Old Business

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

2. 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 Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

3. Approval of Minutes:

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the minutes from September 3, 2024 as presented.

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

4. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Tuan Nguyen expressed his disappointment that the Selectboard meeting for September 17, 2024 was cancelled. Also reminded the Selectboard that they had not addressed a citizen's concern regarding Town Office hours.

Approved by Selectboard on 10-15-2024 4-0-1(Fernandes abstained)

Jennifer Morton informed the Selectboard she has recently been to the Board of Directors for Regional Transportation Program.

Amy Brown acknowledged the Planning Board and Selectboard are both volunteer positions and appreciates the time they dedicate to serving on these boards. However she is concerned about the outcome of the Planning Board meeting regarding the Pikes Corner project that was held on September 23, 2024.

David Kimball stated his disagreement with his property lines to the board and feels that the town did not record items correctly.

5. Manager's Update

A. On behalf of the Town, I forward a letter of intent to purchase 2.5 Acres to the rear of the Town Office. This letter only commits the Town to purchasing the land at a special Town Meeting being held in January. This will be an obvious agenda item prior to Town Meeting, but this is an opportunity to voice this intended acquisition in a public forum.

B. Surplus Action raised \$2,467.50 from the sale of the 2005 GMC Sierra, Pressure Washer, Airco Welder and Coats tire changer. All these funds can be placed into the unassigned funds or placed into a capital account based on the Selectboard's preference.

C. The FY 25 and FY26 winter road maintenance agreement remains consistent for these two years. Future growth in plowing is scheduled FY27, but that obviously depends on the future direction of public works. Included in your packet, is a copy of the FY25 plow routes. The routes in gray and red are being plowed by Town staff and the remaining routes being plowed by C Pond Plowing. The Town is also responsible for plowing Town properties. Each of these plow routes is approximately 10 miles in length.

D. The first scheduled November Selectboard meeting is scheduled for November 5th. Staff and I would like to determine if the Selectboard would prefer to conduct this meeting on October 29th instead because it is two weeks from the 15th's meeting or keep this meeting date.

E. The Transfer Station project is moving forward as expected. The only modification to the plan is including a railing at the hopper to comply with Maine Bureau of Labor standards (OSHA). To date, no unexpected delays have occurred.

F. The State of Maine accepted our Comprehensive Plan submission and considered it complete. Included in your packets is a copy of the acceptance letter the Town received.

G. The Selectboard should begin discussing a date for a special Town Meeting to be held in

January 2025. I anticipate multiple items being on a warrant that will be included, but not limited to:

- Overlay district for library
- Approval of Maine State Retirement (Maine PERS) plan 3c for full time fire fighters
- Approval of purchasing land with capital funds
- Any approved ordinances under review

H. Recent research into the boat launch by Thompson Lake Marina determine this ramp is currently owned by Thompson Lake Marina. The current owner is willing to transfer the ownership of this boat launch to the Town. I am speaking with legal

counsel about the process necessary for obtaining ownership. This may or may not be warrant article on the January special Town Meeting Warrant.

I. Routine road maintenance is occurring over the next two (2) weeks. 6 roads are receiving crack sealing treatment as part of the operational road maintenance budget. The roads receiving this treatment are Brown Avenue, Johnson Hill Road, Leach Hill Road, Libby Road, Overlook Road and Point Sebago Road.

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

Discussion only. No action was taken.

New Business

7. The Selectboard will discuss a Senior Tax Credit ordinance

Discussion only. No action was taken.

8. The Selectboard will discuss FY26 and FY27 road repair plans

Discussion only. No action was taken.

9. The Selectboard will discuss with status of the Fire Department with Chief Cole

Discussion only. No action was taken.

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

This item was tabled.

11. The Selectboard will consider changing Michelle Williams appointment from an alternate to full voting member of the Planning Board.

The Selectboard will moved and seconded to change Michelle Williams' appointment from an alternate to full voting member of the Planning Board.

12. The Selectboard will discuss the status of the new planner position

Discussion only. No action was taken.

13. The Selectboard will discuss storage of supplies by a non-Town organization in garage.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

14. Selectboard Comments

Bob McDonald shared that the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee meeting was really good. He learned how many volunteers the town has and feels we need to recognize them. He feels there will be a lot of new ordinances being presented from this committee. Bob also wanted to share his disappointment that the September 17, 2024 was cancelled. He feels we need to stick to the regularly scheduled meeting times of the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Grant Plummer apologized for his comments to Gorrill and Palmer. He feels we need to have policy and procedures in place for when both Selectboard members are not able to attend the Selectboard's agenda setting meeting. He also commented that water access is important so we should take up the offer from the landowner where the Pleasant Lake boat ramp is. Work is needed on Pleasant Lake Beach.

Gene Connolly apologized for cancelling the last meeting and updated the citizens of meeting dates as well as Bulky Waste temporary hours.

Executive Session

15. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement Requests- Case 10/01/2024A

The Selectboard moved and seconded to enter Executive Session at 8:24pm pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.405(6)(F) Poverty Abatement Requests- Case 10/01/2024A

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

The Selectboard moved and seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:32pm

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

16. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:33pm

Motion made by Plummer, Seconded by MacDonald.

Voting Yea: Connolly, MacDonald, Plummer

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 15 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting

October 17 @ 6:00 PM Casco Naples Transfer Station Council

October 21 @ 6:00 PM Open Space Committee